

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING**APRIL 28, 2022**

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Clint Woods
Judge Ransom "Duce" Jones
Judge Craig Lively
Pat Knauth
Valencia Simpson
Becky Bertrand
Charlie Hallmark
Keith Day
Glenda Segura
Rhonda Brode
Tom Roebuck
Dustin Galmor
Chief John Shauberger
Al Reed
Haylee Fournier

12:32 1 JUDGE WOODS: Call the April 28th bail bond
2 meeting to order.
3 Number one, review the minutes from last
4 month's meeting. I think those were posted. Do I have a motion
5 to approve those minutes?
6 JUDGE JONES: So moved.
7 CAPTAIN SHAUBERGER: Second.
8 JUDGE WOODS: Those will be approved. All in
9 favor say "aye."
10 (RESPONSES MADE)
11 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed? All right.
12 Report from the DA's office.
13 MS. BERTRAND: They didn't submit one.
14 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. No report.
15 Moving on, consideration and approval of
16 applications for bondsmen.
12:33 17 MS. BERTRAND: We don't have any.
18 JUDGE WOODS: That's good.
19 Any complaints on bondsmen?
20 MS. SEGURA: No.
21 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Everybody has the report
22 from the treasurer's office. Any discussion on that report?
23 Okay. Hearing none, moving on.
24 Release of any property, CDs, cash or cashier's
25 checks?

1 MS. SEGURA: No.

2 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Report from the auditor's
3 office.

4 MS. BRODE: Yes, sir. I distributed. We are
12:33 5 working on Mr. Reed's bonding limit.

6 Al, if you can be of any assistance, I don't
7 know where your 15-million-dollar bonding limit came from. All
8 of the collateral that we have shows a different dollar amount;
9 so maybe after the meeting we can discuss it.

10 MS. SEGURA: Uh-huh.

11 MR. REED: What now?

12:34 12 MS. BRODE: We don't know where you got the
13 15-million-dollar bonding limit. We don't know where that
14 number came from. The collateral that we have is a different
15 dollar amount; so if we can all huddle after the meeting just to
16 look at it and see if you can give us any insight.

17 MR. REED: Well, yeah, I saw that. Well, Lisa
18 gave me that the other day so okay. Okay.

12:34 19 MS. BRODE: Thank you. And I'm sorry. I
20 wasn't here last month.

21 MR. LIVELY: There goes your record.

22 MS. BRODE: Sorry. Sorry. The no bonding
23 limits documentation, I didn't know if the new procedures had
24 been put in place for the out of county bondsmen that are going
25 to the jail, if they're actually putting the bondsman's name in

1 at the jail.

2 CAPTAIN SHAUBERGER: They should be.

12:35 3 MS. BRODE: They should be.

4 MS. BERTRAND: Don't ask me.

5 MS. BRODE: Well, I would like to discuss that
6 on one-on-one with you, also, because Orange County and out of
7 counties are still increasing and I'm expecting these to
8 decrease and go away and they're still increasing. We have got
9 to get this fixed before we go to Tyler.

10 MS. BERTRAND: I think the last time me and
12:36 11 Mary Ann spoke in our Odyssey meetings was currently Odyssey
12 doesn't have a way for us to do that now, but we are trying to
13 work on it going forward. We don't know if we are going to be
14 able to get it done before we go live. It may be something that
15 we have to do after we go live. Because she is a part of the
12:36 16 jail management team out there --

17 MS. BRODE: Uh-huh.

18 MS. BERTRAND: But, like I said, me, Mary Helm
19 and I think Jeff was there, too, was discussing specifically
20 this issue.

21 MS. BRODE: The reason I'm pushing this is once
22 we get to Odyssey, Mary Ann --

23 MS. BERTRAND: Will go away.

24 MS. BRODE: -- is retiring.

25 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, yes.

1 MS. BRODE: And do we need to discuss that
12:37 2 other business?

3 MS. BERTRAND: On the holidays or the act? I
4 was going to do that at the end.

5 MS. BRODE: That's it.

6 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. No more discussion.
7 Moving on.

8 Number 8, discuss who is notifying defendants
9 about drug patches and how someone gets on the list.

10 MS. BERTRAND: I wasn't here last month.

11 JUDGE WOODS: I wasn't either.

12 MR. DAY: I thought we took care of that last
13 month.

12:37 14 MR. LIVELY: I thought Judge West addressed it.

15 MR. DAY: Yeah, I thought we addressed that
16 last month and took care of that. I could be wrong. You might
17 want to push that out another month. I thought we discussed
18 that.

19 JUDGE LIVELY: We did.

20 MS. SEGURA: I don't think we had a resolution.
21 I don't think we resolved that. That's why it is back on. I'll
22 get with Judge West and Kellie after the meeting.

23 MR. DAY: Because Kellie had put together the
24 list and I thought she was going to be the -- as far as how you
12:37 25 got on the list --

1 MS. BERTRAND: I think that was the last
2 discussion I had with her outside the meeting that Kellie would
3 be the go-to person.

4 JUDGE WOODS: We will carry that to the next
5 month.

6 MR. GALMOR: Could I? I've got a question
7 related to that.

8 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

9 MR. GALMOR: I had a situation -- kind of a
10 variety of situations have popped up more recently because of
11 drug patches and GPS devices and interlock devices and what-not.
12 Generally if somebody is on probation and probation takes care
13 of it. Usually if I have a case that's dismissed, I -- my
12:38 14 client will bring it up to me and I'll call the court or get a
15 form from the court because there is no probation department
16 involved. But I've got a situation with refused cases, where
17 they were never even filed or maybe a pro se person. I'm just
18 curious do the bondsmen have a way to get that form or go to the
19 right person to get that released? Because I've seen -- I think
20 I've seen situations where that's gone on for quite some time
21 after the fact after a case is over or something like that.

22 JUDGE WOODS: So in that situation, a
23 magistrate's ordered them to get --

24 MR. GALMOR: Probably a magistrate has ordered
25 them, yeah, and then --

12:38 1 JUDGE WOODS: Then I would go back to that
2 magistrate because it's his order. You'll have to go back to
3 the magistrate.

4 MR. GALMOR: So the bondsman has to go back to
5 the magistrate?

6 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah.

7 MR. GALMOR: Because there's no attorney
8 involved. The bondsman would have to do it, I guess.

9 JUDGE WOODS: I guess.

10 MS. BERTRAND: Well, the bonds stay out at the
11 jail until a case is filed with the magistrates.

12 MR. GALMOR: What if it's filed?

13 MS. BERTRAND: So the way it works is the bonds
14 stay out there until a case is filed. Once a case is filed,
15 then reports and communications sent to the jail to say, "Hey,
12:39 16 this case is filed. You should have a bond. Pull that bond.
17 Put the case number on it and send it over."

18 But they also have a way of communicating if
19 the case was refused, the same information will go straight from
20 the DA's office out of the jail. Then if it's refused, they
21 would pull it and if it's a surety bond, they would send it back
22 to the bondsman. If it's cash, I don't necessarily know how
23 they handle that but --

12:39 24 CAPTAIN SHAUBERGER: We return it to the person
25 that posted it.

1 MS. BERTRAND: Right, if you can find them. If
2 it's a good contact number, good address, right?

3 MR. GALMOR: I think - I think one of the
4 issues, though, is especially if a lawyer hasn't got involved
5 yet and the case refused, I don't know how that's really
6 occurring and people are getting the devices taken off, unless
7 the bondsman does it for them because there is nobody else
8 involved.

9 MS. FOURNIER: But what if it's a cash bond?

10 MR. GALMOR: Well, then if it's a cash bond,
11 then they're not even notified of a refusal maybe for some time.
12:40 12 So I don't know. I think it's kind of a weird gray area where
13 there is not really any mechanism in place for somebody to do
14 that.

15 MR. DAY: We notify our clients if -- when
16 their -- if their case is refused.

17 MR. GALMOR: So then is your company then
18 contacting the court for a form to release the GPS or release
19 the interlock?

20 MR. DAY: Well, I mean, what court do we --

21 JUDGE WOODS: It would be the magistrate.

22 MS. BERTRAND: It would be magistrate at the
23 jail.

12:40 24 MR. DAY: I don't know. I would have to find
25 out from the office in that situation.

1 Deedee, what do y'all do?

2 MS. BERTRAND: Well, Dustin, I know with the
3 new system -- and, Chief, correct me if I'm wrong -- we are
4 actually going to be taking in like e-mail addresses, something
5 we probably previously have never done before and that's a way
6 that we can have a way of communication because most people
7 don't change their e-mail addresses. They'll change phone
12:41 8 numbers, you know, and addresses all the time; but with our new
9 system that's coming up, that's an additional piece of
10 information that we could look at in the jail management that if
11 the jail is notified that the case is refused, that possibly a
12 communication could be sent to that person and, "Oh, by the way,
13 if you have this, it could be undone."

14 I'm just throwing an idea out there.

15 MR. DAY: Well, if -- to me the simplest
16 solution to that would be just have it sent directly to the
12:41 17 monitoring company rather than the bondsman because that way
18 everything is going to one or two people, whoever is monitoring,
19 instead of every bondsman, plus you have cash bonds. So instead
20 of notifying the defendant, it would seem me that the ankle
21 monitoring company or the GPS monitoring company would be the
22 best place.

23 MS. BERTRAND: That's certainly an idea to --

24 MR. GALMOR: Because they won't take an order
25 from anyone else, right? I mean, if they were court ordered to

1 have an interlock or GPS, they're not just going take a lawyer's
12:42 2 word or the bondsman's word for it but somebody has to get that
3 paperwork from the court or the magistrate or whatever.

4 JUDGE WOODS: Uh-huh.

5 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah. Certainly something for
6 us to look at in our upcoming meeting.

7 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: But for right now, they need
8 to contact the magistrate that set the bond condition.

12:43 9 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. No more discussion on
10 Number 8.

11 Number 9, consider and approve changes to
12 remove Covid holiday from misdemeanor bond forfeiture nisi.

13 MS. BERTRAND: Okay. That was something
14 Quentin and the DA's office had asked to put on the agenda.
15 He's unable to make it today because he's out doing mental
16 hearings. But what he's saying is the Covid holiday for
12:43 17 misdemeanors is now over. So the same -- it's going back to
18 normal, the way it was before, with the re-arrest and all of
19 that information.

20 JUDGE JONES: To the jail?

21 MS. BERTRAND: No, no, no. It was a bondsman's
22 deal about sometimes the bondsman would know and call for
23 someone to be arrested from a bond forfeiture and come have them
24 picked up, but they wouldn't pick them up because of the issues
25 at the jail with the Covid and the overcrowding and all of that.

12:43 1 So they couldn't get any relief on the interest accrual on their
2 bond forfeitures on the nisis. So now that everyone is being
3 arrested again and the jail is back open and running like it was
4 before.

5 JUDGE JONES: That's my question: Is the jail
6 back open? Misdemeanors are taken?

7 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Uh-huh.

8 JUDGE JONES: Okay. I need to --

9 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: We are not normal. We're
10 not back to normal.

11 JUDGE JONES: Somebody told me that --

12:44 12 MR. REED: Can we start that like June 1st?

13 JUDGE JONES: So he needs to go.

14 MS. BERTRAND: Quentin said it would be
15 May 1st.

16 MR. REED: I meant May 1st.

17 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, May 1st.

18 MR. REED: May 1st. That's what I meant.

19 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah.

20 JUDGE WOODS: So does somebody need to make a
21 motion to remove it?

22 MR. DAY: I don't think. That's a board issue.
23 It was notification.

24 JUDGE WOODS: You're just putting them on
25 notice that's going to end May 1st.

12:45 1 Okay. Everybody get that? It's going to end
2 May 1st.

3 MR. DAY: Well, four of us did.

4 MS. BERTRAND: As the representative, go tell
5 all your bonding company friends.

6 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah.

7 MS. BERTRAND: Go do your job.

8 JUDGE JONES: Do bail bondsmen have friends?

9 MR. DAY: I'm trying to see if anybody writes
10 bonds besides the four of us.

11 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Any more new
12 business?

13 MS. BERTRAND: Not new business but something I
12:45 14 would also like to add is to inform the bonding companies that
15 when we do go live in October -- it will be October 3rd -- any
16 bond that y'all have on accusation will be applied to your
17 liability. Okay. So y'all might want to start looking up the
18 bonds you've written that are still on accusation and run that
19 total and apply it to what you have and see if you need to have
12:45 20 more collateral put up there. Okay. So I'm putting -- you got
21 a few months' notice.

22 MS. BRODE: If you need to clean it up, I mean,
23 if there is something out there that needs to be cleaned --

24 MR. DAY: When is the plan to go live?

25 MS. BERTRAND: October 3rd.

1 MR. DAY: What about the other issue that you
2 and I discussed on the --

3 MS. BERTRAND: That's something I'm still
4 working on the side, getting y'all access to the information
5 that y'all need without having to hound the releases department.
12:46 6 We did it years ago before where they had like a limited
7 information on the person that was in custody; what the charge
8 is, if there is a bond amount. For them to look at instead of
9 calling your releases department, the defendant, the inmate,
10 calls three or four bonding companies to price check and then
11 all of them are calling, tying up your people in releases on the
12 phone.

13 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Uh-huh.

14 MS. BERTRAND: So we had talked about
12:46 15 potentially allowing them to have some type of access, whether
16 it be through Odyssey or not, for a limited -- and that was
17 going to be a discussion that was going to be upcoming.

18 MR. DAY: And, yeah, Becky on that, whenever
19 y'all get to the point where y'all are still working on that, if
20 we can -- as bondsmen, I know that there was some issues that
21 came up before.

22 I think, Tom, if you remember, that they were
23 going through every case -- every time the person had been in
12:47 24 jail and you said there was a legal issue with that. Do you
25 remember that? We had that discussion a couple of years ago?

1 Oh, your memory. Any discussion we had a couple of years ago --

2 MR. ROEBUCK: (Gesturing)

3 MR. DAY: That was the issue we had before, we
4 could go back and see every time that person had been arrested
5 in Jefferson County and there was some sort of legal issue --
6 Chris, do you remember what that?

7 Chris Chris: I remember the issue was that --
8 I don't remember that being the issue. The other issue was we
9 had got -- there was too much information there. Like on family
10 violences, it had victim's phone numbers and that kind of issue.

11 MR. DAY: Yeah. That was one issue and the
12 reason it got taken away was hold notes basically, the
13 information that was in the hold notes about victims and stuff.
14 I think some of the information had been leaked to a defendant
15 about a victim or something. I'm not sure exactly what
16 happened. But some of the information that we would like to
17 get, if we could, is if the bond that the defendant currently
18 has is -- used to we could find out if it was a bond forfeiture
19 or if it was a release of surety basically by another bondsman.
20 So that way we could contact, you know, if it's a bond
21 forfeiture, we know that they've already failed to appear once,
22 we could go back and --

23 MS. BERTRAND: It's a risk factor.

24 MR. DAY: It's a risk factor; and if it's a
25 release of surety, we can contact the bondsman that had them on

12:48 1 bond and say: Okay. Why did y'all get off this bond? Did he
2 go back to jail? He wasn't paying you? Did he move? Wasn't
3 checking in anymore? So we could kind of find out and assess
4 the risk at that point. So if we could get that information
5 when the time comes.

6 MS. BERTRAND: Well, I will tell you this: We
7 have got so much other stuff that we have to get done for go
8 live, I cannot promise you that we will be anywhere near that
9 for October 3rd.

10 MR. DAY: Well, and that's fine.

11 MS. BERTRAND: We have got -- there is a huge
12 amount on our plates right now that no one could fathom what
13 goes on behind the scenes to get us to get into this program. I
12:49 14 mean, I come in at 6 and I leave at 6 on Tuesday and Wednesdays.

15 MR. DAY: Well, is it possible whenever after
16 y'all go live and y'all start working on this part of it --

17 MS. BERTRAND: Certainly.

18 MR. DAY: -- that maybe myself or somebody
19 could sit in with y'all that way we can maybe we can get a
20 handle on --

21 MS. BERTRAND: We can always have a discussion,
22 yes. And then we will have a better understanding if it's
23 possible. I mean, we certainly want this for you because it
24 lessens us from having to do all the work and the repetitive
25 work, you know.

12:49 1 MR. DAY: Well, I know the jail would want us
2 to us have it because, like she said, I mean, five different
3 bondsmen are called, they're going to be calling your, you know,
4 the clerks and having to go through the information each time
5 and I know that's bound to get aggravating after a while
6 especially on a Friday night when you got people coming in left
7 and right so --

8 MS. BERTRAND: I mean, like I said, it's
9 certainly open for discussion. I've kind of mentioned it a few
12:50 10 times. They're giving me kind of some positive feedback but
11 they need more information but right now I don't know if I'm
12 going to have our -- many more indepth conversations about this
13 because literally our hands are full trying to do this new
14 program stuff and our daily work. It's -- it's a lot.

15 MS. FOURNIER: It would be a process meeting
16 that we would have to --

17 MS. BERTRAND: A business process.

18 MS. FOURNIER: -- a business process meeting
12:50 19 that we would have to set up and request for and we have so many
20 already in queue that it may not.

21 MS. BERTRAND: Right now a lot of our stuff may
22 not be ready for go live that will have to wait for afterwards
23 and that's just our daily stuff.

24 MR. DAY: We have been without it for a few
25 years now; waiting a few more months is not going to hurt

1 anything.

2 MS. BERTRAND: Thank you. So, yes, I mean, we
3 hear you. I hear you. I hear what the need is, but it
12:51 4 certainly is something we want to give you because it does help
5 us in the end because we get the phone calls, too. But it will
6 probably not -- and I can probably 99.9 percent positive it will
7 not be in October -- but hopefully after the first of the year
8 when everything settles out -- because you got to understand,
9 our entire county's financials are switching over. We are
10 ending in one system and we are starting in another. Our entire
12:51 11 court system is changing. Jail is changing. I mean, everything
12 is changing.

13 JUDGE JONES: Something is changing?

14 MS. BERTRAND: You can stroke that fiddle all
15 you want. I'm just telling you, we have a lot on our plate; but
16 we hear you.

17 JUDGE WOODS: Any more new discussions?

18 MS. BRODE: I would just like to express the
19 importance of you sharing the information about the accusation
20 bonds because I'm going to say when we go live, they're all
21 going to be added and there is going to be some people locked
22 down.

12:52 23 MS. FOURNIER: They are going to be in
24 automatic default before you even go live October 3rd, I mean,
25 just like that (snapping).

1 MS. BRODE: That's what I'm trying to keep from
2 happening.

3 JUDGE WOODS: Any more discussion on old
4 business?

5 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

6 MS. FOURNIER: So moved.

7 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Second.

8 JUDGE WOODS: All right. Adjourned.

9 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:52 P.M.)
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