

1 BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

2 JANUARY 19TH, 2023

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4 THOSE PRESENT: Judge Raquel West

5 Judge Clint Woods

6 Judge Ransom "Duce" Jones

7 Valencia Simpson

8 Becky Bertrand

9 Tim Funchess

10 Keith Day

11 Kellie Holmes

12 Glenda Segura

13 Rhonda Brode

14 Chief John Shauberger

15 Al Reed

16 Captain Lewis

17 Ada Christy

18 Valencia Fontenot

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1 JUDGE WEST: We'll call the meeting to
2 order. And so Ada is still trying to learn everyone's
3 name. And so if you speak, please say your name first
4 today and possibly another time. We're trying to make
5 sure that she gets everyone down and learns everyone's
6 name.

7 So the first thing is, do we have minutes
8 from last month's meeting?

9 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.

10 JUDGE WOODS: We didn't have one.

11 JUDGE WEST: Oh there was no meeting. Are
12 we caught up on the other -- all the other minutes yet
13 or no?

14 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.

15 JUDGE WEST: What are we missing?

16 MS. HOLMES: Well, I don't know. Becky,
17 what do we know?

18 MS. BERTRAND: I don't know.

19 JUDGE WEST: No, I can't calculate this
20 either.

21 (Talking over each other.)

22 JUDGE WEST: Hold on. Everybody -- Ada is
23 trying to take everything down. You helped out in
24 November, when we were down the hall when Judge Woods
25 wasn't available and I was in trial. That was November

1 that you helped out with that meeting and then December.

2 JUDGE JONES: Did I get paid for that? No.

3 MS. FONTENOT: State your name.

4 JUDGE WEST: Are we still missing some
5 minutes?

6 MS. SEGURA: If we are, I think maybe two.

7 JUDGE WEST: If y'all can let me know which
8 ones we're missing after the meeting and who did those,
9 and I will personally get on figuring out how to get
10 those done quickly. All right.

11 Second, report from the D.A.'s office
12 regarding status on collections. Everybody should have
13 the copy of that. Any questions or concerns about that?

14 MS. BERTRAND: What everyone should have is
15 the month of November, December, and the yearly recap.

16 JUDGE WEST: No questions? Okay. Any
17 applications or renewals?

18 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

19 JUDGE WEST: Any complaints?

20 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.

21 JUDGE WEST: Report from the treasurer.
22 Welcome.

23 MR. FUNCHESS: Tim Funchess.

24 JUDGE WEST: Welcome, Mr. Funchess.

25 JUDGE WOODS: Welcome back.

1 MR. FUNCHESS: Thank you. Glad to be back.
2 I have passed out the collateral report. I guess I have
3 of last month. Y'all look it over, make sure everything
4 looks square. I move for approval or however you do
5 that.

6 JUDGE WEST: I think it's just a
7 consideration -- I mean, just for review and if anybody
8 has any questions about it. Does anybody have any
9 issues or questions? Okay.

10 MR. DAY: I do, Keith Day. I have one
11 question.

12 JUDGE WEST: Yes.

13 MR. DAY: How much does James Milo still
14 have out as far as collateral?

15 MS. BRODE: It's on there.

16 MR. DAY: Well, no. I mean, how much --
17 never mind. I saw Becky's eyes when I asked that. So
18 we'll -- I'll find out from her. Never mind. Moving
19 on.

20 JUDGE WEST: Thank you. Any requests for
21 release of properties, CDs, cash, anything like that?
22 Do we need to -- let's see. We have a request --

23 MS. SEGURA: And everything checks out.
24 His compliance with --

25 JUDGE WEST: From Keith Day to release 12

1 cashier checks in an amount totaling \$280,000.
2 Everything would still be in line with regard to his
3 ability to cover what he's got. We'll need a motion and
4 a vote on that.

5 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion to approve.

6 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll second.

7 Shauberger, second.

8 JUDGE WEST: A motion and second. Anymore
9 discussion on that? All in favor?

10 (RESPONSES MADE IN FAVOR.)

11 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

12 All right. That passes. It has both of
13 our names. Does he need to sign to?

14 MS. SEGURA: No. Just if one of y'all are
15 missing.

16 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Next report from the
17 auditor's office.

18 MS. BRODE: I've distributed. Rhonda,
19 sorry. I've distributed the report. And I have no
20 comments.

21 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Anybody have any
22 comments or questions?

23 MS. BRODE: Maybe? No. I like it.

24 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Good. Then let's go
25 ahead and get this over with again, for the hundredth

1 time on bonds being transferred on reindicted cases. So
2 it came to our attention again -- or my attention again.
3 Now it's probably been 4 or 5 months ago because I've
4 had some issue -- family issues where I wasn't here a
5 couple of times. But I met with Cory Kneeland at the
6 district attorney's office and met also with -- who did
7 I meet with him with? Was it somebody from the jail?

8 Anyway, I can't remember. But we went
9 through again the law that has to do with if someone has
10 already made a bond on a case and what that means and
11 what happens if that case is reindicted, whether it's
12 reindicted up or down -- I know in the past we have made
13 kind of some oral policies on if it goes up, it doesn't
14 go with it. If it goes down, the bond does go with it.

15 There is really issues both ways for the
16 bondsmen. And legally, the person is not to make
17 another bond if it is a case coming out of the same
18 crime or arrest.

19 JUDGE WOODS: Episode.

20 JUDGE WEST: Whether it's up or down,
21 levelwise, the bond should go with it. The recourse
22 that I see for the bondsmen is to -- two things, contact
23 the client and say this isn't what we had expected when
24 we signed the contract for you and bonded you out, we're
25 either going to file an AFRS or a surrender, whatever

1 you guys need to do because it's not adequate or it's
2 too much because that's not fair, either, if it goes
3 down. And they either agree to negotiate a contract
4 with you or you come to us, judges; and we're going to
5 be willing to sign off on whatever you need to. That's
6 the only way I think legally we follow the law.

7 Does anybody disagree with my reading and
8 Cory's reading -- and I think, Judge Woods has looked at
9 it. We've talked about it. Yes.

10 MR. DAY: I don't disagree, but I want to
11 ask a question. So in that circumstance, can the judge
12 go back -- well, I mean, I'm sure you can. But can
13 y'all go back and change the bond amount? If it's
14 reindicted, even though the person has already posted
15 bond and...

16 JUDGE WOODS: My response is you need to
17 get their lawyer to set it for a bond hearing to address
18 the bond.

19 MR. DAY: Okay. That would be the route to
20 go?

21 JUDGE WEST: Yes.

22 JUDGE WOODS: Yes. Just to have a bond
23 hearing.

24 JUDGE WEST: And it may be that the lawyer
25 for the defendant wants to have a bond hearing because

1 it got raised or -- you know, or it may be that D.A.'s
2 office is going to step in and file some things first to
3 reconsider bond because a level of an offense gets
4 raised. So it really could go both ways. And so I
5 think for you guys, as far as the bondsmen goes, it
6 would just mean contacting either the court if you
7 cannot get it negotiated out with your client or then
8 maybe get with the D.A. or defense attorney and get them
9 to file something. And we can have a hearing quickly on
10 it. And I think all of the judges will be -- hopefully
11 on the same page understanding that.

12 MR. DAY: I don't have the -- I'm sorry.
13 Keith Day. I don't have the law -- Chris, you might be
14 able to help me with this one.

15 The bond having a different charge on it
16 than what was actually -- what was -- it actually posted
17 for. Is that an issue on -- on the bond?

18 MR. ROMANO: The only times that I've ever
19 seen the transfer is when the degree changes. If it's
20 still the same, then we've always stayed on the bond
21 everywhere we've done business with. If it goes to like
22 an assault family violence felony, 20,000, then all of
23 sudden it gets reduced to a Class A, well, that's
24 totally different. And at that point, we've always had
25 a deal with the judges that called and ask if we want to

1 stay on it or not. And then they would issue an warrant
2 for that bond without the proper bond if that's --
3 because, I mean, if you go from a first degree felony to
4 a Class A or a Class A to a first degree, there is a
5 huge risk difference there.

6 JUDGE WEST: Right. And that's why I'm
7 saying it -- it has to be -- but if it's the same
8 incident.

9 MR. DAY: Yeah.

10 JUDGE WEST: I mean, he hit the same
11 person. He just didn't hit her as hard as they said or
12 whatever. Then it's still the same incident, and the
13 bond legally is supposed to still follow it. And so
14 that is what creates the problem riskwise one way or the
15 other for you guys. Either you've got too much money on
16 the books if it goes down, you know. Or you may not
17 have what we think and so --

18 MR. DAY: Well, I think my question was --
19 Chris, let's say, that this situation happens. And then
20 that person forfeits on the bond. Does the bondsman
21 have an argument in the case of a forfeiture because
22 it's a different charge that was on the original bond
23 based off of -- that was my question.

24 JUDGE WEST: I don't think so. So another
25 thing I now remember who else I met with -- and it was

1 Mary Helms who is working on our switch over to Odyssey.
2 One of the things that's going to happen that will make
3 this better -- when we had our meeting -- that they're
4 going to do and that they have the ability to do on
5 reindicted or refiled cases, just things that were this
6 really just kind of something was a level or something
7 like that, they're actually going to be able to keep the
8 same cause number. And it's not going to be reindicted
9 into -- so right now we have two paper folders. And so
10 we're physically taking a bond and sticking it somewhere
11 else. And then it looks like it wasn't where it was
12 supposed to be and all of those things. So from our
13 standpoint here in the court system and for y'all, it's
14 going to automatically do some things within that file
15 that helps out, I think, the bondsmen and us because
16 it's going to -- the new system is going to take care of
17 some of those issues that we have now.

18 MS. BERTRAND: Can I ask a question?

19 Becky.

20 JUDGE WEST: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. BERTRAND: And if that happens where
22 the bond now is going from a felony to a misdemeanor or
23 whatever the circumstance is, can the bondsmen request a
24 bond hearing because of the difference and then the risk
25 factor and all that? I mean, if they want to get off

1 the bond or if they want to --

2 JUDGE WEST: I mean, if they -- the way for
3 them to do that would be to do an AFRS and then we
4 either sign off on it or part of that is to say, I'm not
5 going to sign off on it, let's set a hearing. But then
6 it's the court saying -- most of the time those are
7 going to be automatic. I think most of us judges --

8 JUDGE WOODS: Anybody get in this
9 situation, you're practicing law without a license. You
10 don't want to get --

11 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. No. They can't ask
12 for -- you can ask to get off of it. And if we don't
13 let you off of it, you're entitled to a hearing.

14 MS. BERTRAND: Okay. That's what I --

15 JUDGE WEST: If we do, it's done.

16 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah. That's why I say reach
17 out to the defense attorney.

18 JUDGE WEST: Stop. I knew you were going
19 to go there. I knew it. He said it this time. All
20 right. So is everybody kind of on the same page then?
21 And obviously, once we actually get that Odyssey system,
22 there may be some hiccups along the way. For the
23 bondsmen, I would say just contact the judges. And
24 we'll make it work. It's not something that happens all
25 the time. So we'll help along the way. Okay. All

1 right. Done on that, maybe for another couple of years,
2 we'll see.

3 Accusations, why is that on here again?

4 MS. HOLMES: Dustin --

5 MS. SEGURA: Dustin Galmore wanted that on
6 there, and he is not here.

7 MR. DAY: And I have something that kind of
8 goes into accusations. I don't know if it's the same
9 thing. Well, I know it's not the same thing Dustin
10 wanted to talk about it.

11 So when we go to the new system, accusation
12 bonds are now going to be on our liability. So for
13 anybody -- maybe people here that don't understand that,
14 we get -- the bondsmen, we get a printout every morning
15 that shows every bond that we've posted in Jefferson
16 County. And it takes off of our liability for each
17 bond. Accusations up to this point have never shown up
18 on liability, so they don't count against our liability.
19 But with the new system, they will.

20 So our question is with these accusations
21 showing up on here, if we go to file a release of surety
22 on these accusations, right now if there is a case --
23 like if it was at Judge Woods' case and I filed a
24 release of surety and I want it taken off my
25 liability, I would go to your coordinator and say I need

1 this one taken off. And they would look. Kelly for
2 Judge West or whatnot. But in a situation where there
3 is no case, it's an accusation. And it's on our
4 liability and we file the release of surety on it, who
5 do we contact about taking that case off of our
6 liability?

7 JUDGE WEST: Judge Woods.

8 JUDGE WOODS: Well, I'm confused on that
9 because if you're an accusation -- if they're out on
10 accusation, they're not out on a bond. They're out on
11 accusation.

12 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: They're --

13 MR. DAY: I'm sorry. We post the
14 accusation bond. I'm sorry we --

15 JUDGE WOODS: What does that mean post
16 accusation bond?

17 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: So if the defendant
18 charged -- if the defendant comes in, he is arrested,
19 and they contact Keith and make bond before the case is
20 filed.

21 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

22 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Their case has never
23 been filed.

24 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

25 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: They're out on bond.

1 JUDGE WEST: But if the case doesn't get
2 filed.

3 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: If they would have
4 stayed the 3 days, 72 hours, they would have been
5 released anyway.

6 JUDGE WOODS: I think it goes back to what
7 we were just talking about you can't force a person to
8 bond twice, so your recourse is just to get off the case
9 if that's what you want to do.

10 MS. HOLMES: The question is who is he
11 going to ask to sign off?

12 MR. DAY: Yeah. That has to be taken off
13 my liability. Once I ask for release like --

14 JUDGE WOODS: You go back to the
15 magistrate, whoever magistrated it.

16 MR. DAY: So it would be the magistrate,
17 whoever magistrate it that's who we go to about?

18 JUDGE WOODS: Right. Whoever magistrate
19 them that's the judge you would bring it to.

20 JUDGE WEST: And it may be that even
21 though -- that may be something we can talk to Mark
22 Derouen about because he is now doing -- primarily doing
23 those at least on the weekdays -- that he may be the one
24 that can do it on -- for all of them instead of having
25 to find someone else.

1 MR. DAY: Well, yeah. Because some of the
2 magistrates --

3 JUDGE WEST: He has an office. He's now
4 available.

5 MR. DAY: Yeah. Well, I was going to say
6 some of them in the past haven't had an office.

7 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

8 MR. DAY: Along time Judge Giblin, his
9 office was the golf course.

10 JUDGE WEST: Now that we have Mark Derouen
11 out there doing that with an office, that's his job. He
12 is probably who I would say that you guys -- and we need
13 to talk to him to explain to him that -- what you're
14 going to be coming to him and asking. But I think he is
15 probably the one.

16 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

17 JUDGE WEST: Since he's kind of in charge
18 of that.

19 MR. DAY: But, Judge, you understand what
20 I'm talking about, though, as far as they go --

21 JUDGE WOODS: We're calling it an
22 accusation bond, but they're not out on an accusation.
23 They've made a bond.

24 MR. DAY: Yeah. In the past with the old
25 system, they didn't show up on our liability, but now

1 they are. So everything is going to pop up on there
2 now, so if we do something, we have to have it taken
3 off.

4 MS. BERTRAND: We're going to talk about
5 this in our -- in other discussions, so...

6 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: That's the other thing.

7 MR. DAY: I apologize.

8 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: We probably need to
9 discuss as well because what he is talking about is if
10 he releases that bond because the case hasn't been filed
11 when that case is filed or they're indicted on the case,
12 then there is going to be a warrant.

13 JUDGE JONES: Set another bond.

14 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: And we're going to have
15 to rearrest and set another bond where now they don't.
16 If they're out on bond and the case is filed, they stay
17 out on bond.

18 JUDGE WOODS: But they signed a release so
19 that's -- that's not making a bond twice because they've
20 gotten off of the bond situation. Is that what your
21 question is?

22 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Yeah. I mean, that's
23 part of it. That's --

24 JUDGE WEST: I think they --

25 MR. DAY: He's saying --

1 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: -- the step in the
2 process.

3 MR. DAY: -- they would have to post
4 another bond. If I -- if I would issue a bond --

5 JUDGE WOODS: I would direct you to talk to
6 the D.A.'s office because that -- y'all's deal, the
7 accusation thing. I mean, that's not the judge's
8 decision on whether we have an accusation or not.
9 That's between the D.A.s, the sheriff department and all
10 arresting agencies, not the judges.

11 JUDGE WEST: So is there -- I mean -- and
12 it is, you are going back to that same issue, though,
13 somebody having to make a bond twice on the same
14 allegation -- on the same incident.

15 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah. But they are saying
16 they filed an ARFS to get off of it.

17 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: But normally they
18 file --

19 JUDGE WOODS: And then they file the case
20 so then the warrant goes out but they've already gotten
21 off of the bond.

22 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: If they filed an ARFS
23 with a warrant issued, picked back up.

24 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

25 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: This case it wouldn't be

1 because there is not a case.

2 JUDGE WOODS: Right.

3 MS. BERTRAND: I think the exception is
4 because it's under a court order that it's being order
5 that surety is off, if I remember correctly.

6 MR. DAY: But are they actually being
7 arrested on the same case if there never was a case to
8 start with.

9 JUDGE JONES: Yes. You set the bond twice.

10 MS. BERTRAND: Because the TRN is going to
11 be the same.

12 MR. DAY: It's the same thing.

13 MS. BERTRAND: The TRN was never attached
14 to begin with and that's the Texas reporting number with
15 the arrest number that tracks that arrest all through
16 the process. That TRN number, which was never assigned
17 at that time when the case gets filed, it's now going to
18 be assigned and attached to that case. So you are
19 making a bond twice.

20 JUDGE JONES: Twice.

21 MS. BERTRAND: But I want to say I read
22 something about --

23 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: They're released --

24 MS. BERTRAND: -- the judge discharged that
25 original bond.

1 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: And they're released to
2 the surety on a case that hasn't been filed.

3 JUDGE WEST: I don't know the answer to
4 that because of the problem is it's not something that
5 other jurisdiction -- I mean, this is all an issue that
6 stems from our accusation issue, so something we'll just
7 have to maybe do more research on and look and --
8 talking about a different point later. Yes, ma'am.

9 MS. BRODE: I'm going to bring up --
10 Rhonda. I'm going to bring up the question of yes, if
11 they decide to go to the magistrate to get released, who
12 is the administrator that's going to touch that?
13 Because we have very limited people who can reduce the
14 bonds? Who -- or increase -- I mean, who is going to
15 take that off? How is the bond going to come off of his
16 limit? Who going to do that?

17 MS. BERTRAND: Because that's a permission
18 thing through the program who would be allowed
19 permission.

20 MS. HELM: Mary, if there is no case. This
21 jail manager side not with --

22 JUDGE WEST: She can't hear you.

23 THE REPORTER: You're going to have to -- I
24 can't hear you.

25 MS. HELM: If there is no case on that

1 charge, then that would only live in the jail manager
2 portion, so it would have to be someone from the jail
3 that would have to get the administrative right to be
4 able to remove that bond from that --

5 JUDGE WEST: So is that something that Mark
6 Derouen can get -- be able to do and have access?

7 MS. HELM: Probably so.

8 JUDGE WEST: Just give it to you?

9 MS. HELM: And I think the jail has one
10 that can work with the warrants so...

11 JUDGE WEST: I mean, I guess it would be up
12 to the -- I mean --

13 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Judge Derouen doesn't
14 have a clerk right now. So he's doing everything on his
15 own.

16 MS. HELM: I thought he did.

17 JUDGE WEST: And that's -- he'll just have
18 to figure out how to do that. That would be part of his
19 job, you know. Yeah. Okay.

20 MR. DAY: What is the date that this will
21 begin?

22 MS. BERTRAND: March 6th.

23 MR. DAY: March 6th. So maybe by
24 March 6th, he'll have somebody maybe?

25 JUDGE WEST: No. He is not going to have a

1 clerk. But part of his job description is to take care
2 of -- he does the magistration in the morning. He
3 inputs all of that information that needs to be inputted
4 from that.

5 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I guess we need to
6 figure the process of where that release of surety is
7 going to go, if he authorizes.

8 JUDGE WEST: Does he then do it?

9 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Does he then do it or
10 does it go back to the jail to go in the file there?

11 JUDGE WEST: I think that probably is
12 something that the jail needs to -- the jail needs to
13 probably agree -- before you as the jail give Derouen
14 permission to do it on your behalf, I would think that's
15 a question that y'all need to talk about. Do y'all want
16 someone at the jail that's a jail staff to do it, or do
17 you want us to get Mark trained to do it and he can do?

18 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'm trying to think of
19 the process now because we don't touch anything to do
20 with the -- when it's a surety.

21 MS. HELM: Can I ask a question? So if
22 someone, in this instance, was out on an accusation bond
23 and the bondsman wants off the bond, the person has been
24 out of jail on a charge with no bond, what happens? Do
25 they need a warrant? The jail can't issue warrants.

1 MS. BERTRAND: No. Currently what happens
2 is the bondsmen will bring to the magistrate the
3 paperwork to get off the bond if the case isn't filed.
4 The magistrate will say yea or nay, sign the order if
5 they're agreeing to it, and at that time the information
6 is given back to the jail staff to void that bond in the
7 system. So they know that he is actually in jail on
8 that charge -- well, he maybe on another charge, but
9 that current bond would be voided.

10 MS. HELM: But if he is out on bond and
11 they get off his bond but then he is out of jail without
12 a bond, correct? So what's going to happen?

13 JUDGE WEST: There is no case. Nothing is
14 happening.

15 MS. HELM: He stays out of jail with no
16 bond, and they don't carry the bond.

17 MS. BERTRAND: Two things can happen.

18 MS. HELM: Till they file the case?

19 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah. They can never file
20 the case ever or they'll come back and file the case and
21 the order is made to issue a warrant.

22 MR. DAY: Where would the original bond go
23 on those accusations? Where do they go?

24 CAPTAIN LEWIS: Captain Lewis. Currently
25 we mail them back to the bail bondsmen.

1 MR. DAY: Now --

2 CAPTAIN LEWIS: The original gets mailed
3 back once the -- is filed on an accusation. We mail it
4 back. We update it on the computer that the bond has
5 been voided, and we mail it back.

6 MS. BERTRAND: Just like a refusal.

7 MR. DAY: Judge West, can I -- can Tamara,
8 please, stand. I can't hear. She's trying to ask a
9 question.

10 TAMARA: My question that he did not read
11 properly. Tamara, thank you. Is once -- like if the
12 jail is not going to do a release, like Mark Derouen is
13 going to do it, would he have the original bond? That's
14 a big deal for us to get those original bonds back.
15 Will the jail continue to send them back? He can have
16 one paper. The jail is going to have --

17 MS. BERTRAND: That's a procedural issue
18 that would have to be worked out.

19 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. That's just something
20 that we'll have to make sure if he -- between the -- to
21 me it's between the jail and Mark on who is going to do
22 that.

23 TAMARA: Okay.

24 JUDGE WEST: And if Mark is going to do it,
25 then he either then gives it to the jail to mail back or

1 that become part of his process is to also get it mailed
2 back. So that's something we can talk about later, I
3 guess with the jail and us and Mark to figure it out.

4 MS. SEGURA: Do you want to keep it on here
5 and we just get the people that we really need to talk
6 to the next time or just take --

7 JUDGE WEST: No. Leave it off for now, and
8 then we'll take off the meeting, Shauberger and Derouen
9 and maybe Judge Woods and I can talk about that process
10 and Ms. Lewis and who wants to do that.

11 MS. SEGURA: Okay.

12 JUDGE WEST: I don't know. I can't tell
13 y'all. I can't tell the jail to let Mark do it. I
14 can't make Mark do it if it's a jail standards -- or
15 jail side that's in Odyssey. So obviously other
16 people -- we've got to figure that out. Okay. So
17 that's on the release.

18 MS. HOLMES: I have no doubt that the
19 bondsmen will be very patient with us figuring out the
20 new system.

21 MR. DAY: Y'all never hear from me anyway.

22 JUDGE WEST: Okay. So next, I have on here
23 voluntary surrenders, but I feel like we just talked
24 about that.

25 MS. SEGURA: We did.

1 JUDGE WEST: Thank goodness.

2 MR. DAY: Yeah. I don't know. Well
3 voluntary -- well voluntary surrenders might be
4 something different. I didn't look at the agenda.

5 JUDGE WEST: I don't know why -- does
6 anybody recall why that one is on there?

7 JUDGE JONES: Voluntary surrenders.

8 MR. DAY: Yeah.

9 JUDGE WEST: Other than what we've
10 discussed about today voluntary surrenders, does anybody
11 else have an issue with voluntary surrenders that we
12 didn't talk about?

13 MR. DAY: That was something different, but
14 I don't know why it was on there.

15 JUDGE WEST: We'll take that off. Last
16 bondsmen distributing money to the jail or sheriff
17 office to cover shortage of bonding limit. I've got a
18 call -- yeah. So I can't recall exactly but I -- I went
19 to the jail, so we had a bondsman take money to the
20 jail. And the jail took the money --

21 MS. SEGURA: Yes.

22 JUDGE WEST: -- to raise his bonding or to
23 cover a bond --

24 MS. SEGURA: Yes, to cover a bond.

25 JUDGE WEST: -- limit. So obviously

1 everybody is looking like this is a bad thing that
2 shouldn't have happened, so we probably don't need to
3 talk about it much but other than maybe making sure the
4 people at jail know not to do that. And obviously the
5 bondsmen, I think everybody typically knows that's not
6 where you go to bring money to raise your -- to raise
7 your limit.

8 JUDGE JONES: You can bring it to me.

9 MS. SEGURA: Correct.

10 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. So other than that we
11 need to discuss that more?

12 JUDGE JONES: Naw, they know not to do it.

15 MS. BERTRAND: Yes. I have Mary, the
16 assistant director of IT, step up on Mary, so we can
17 hear you loud and clear. We want to kind of give a
18 heads up to the bondsmen that are here today about some
19 changes that are coming with this new system, and make
20 sure we're all on the same page kind of going forward
21 when we do go live and transition to Odyssey. Mary, do
22 you want take the first one?

23 MS. HELM: So we -- can everybody hear me
24 okay? We, of course, I know you probably all know we've
25 been working on this transition to this new system for

1 almost three years now. But it's really going to happen
2 here in about seven weeks. So one thing I just want to
3 say is everyone just really be patient with us. Because
4 you know, of course, I know a lot of the bondsmen
5 probably deal with Mary Ann. You probably all know Mary
6 Anne. Mary Anne will be retiring in March, so she will
7 no longer be here as of the last day of March. And our
8 400 will no longer be here. So a lot of things that we
9 do currently that we're able to do for people is because
10 our system was in-house. And we had in-house programers
11 that could write the programs to do what we needed them
12 to do. So in a lot of our meetings, of course, Becky,
13 is involved in a lot of our meetings and Rhonda so that
14 helps they are on this board. They have brought up some
15 things and there is some processes along the way that
16 we've been looking at that we possibly will have to
17 change because of the system working differently.

18 And I know we probably reached out and
19 asked a few of you questions about how things work in
20 other counties. I know that a lot of other counties use
21 Odyssey. So you may already be familiar with this
22 system of how things work. But one area that we're
23 trying to work out and we think we will be able to work
24 it out for you but it just may take us a little bit of
25 time is those daily reports that you get. We did not

1 think we were going to be able to get those for you.
2 But a meeting that we had yesterday with the jail, the
3 head of the jail conversion, he did help us find a
4 report that we think will work for you that we may be
5 able to set up to E-mail to you daily. But I can't
6 promise that we'll have that done and go live just
7 because our to-do list to go live is very long. We will
8 keep you informed on where we are on that. And it may
9 very possibly be that we just can't promise that yet.

10 The other thing that we've kind of been
11 talking about doing for you is getting you to register
12 for the portal. There is an online portal that will be
13 available for public. It's very limited to what the
14 public has access to, but it's also available for
15 attorneys or other agencies to register. And we can
16 give you certain access to certain things, so Becky
17 mentioned that she thought that might be a great idea
18 for us to have an option for the bonding companies to
19 register for the portal so that you would be able to log
20 in and you would be able to look at case records and
21 documents, and things like that on cases.

22 It's probably something better than what
23 you have currently on our system.

24 MS. BERTRAND: Which mean -- could have --
25 you will no longer need to call the jail to get

1 information. You will be able to see everything. Jill
2 and I have agreed to open up our images. Of course,
3 when we do this and when you register, we will probably
4 have to get y'all to sign a confidentiality agreement
5 because -- and our records are sensitive information.
6 It will also be included to all the employees you
7 currently have and will be hiring in the future.

8 MS. HELM: We're going to come up with some
9 kind of a registration form, basically, that you would
10 have fill out. It's going to have a confidentiality
11 agreement, you know, there. But then you would register
12 with your E-mail address, and then you will be able to
13 log in and look at -- the nice thing about Odyssey is
14 that all the cases live in one system. So no matter if
15 that person has a family case or a civil case or a
16 criminal case, no matter if it's a felony, misdemeanor,
17 or what -- even a JP case, so if you have someone that
18 you had bonds on and then they had some other criminal
19 JP cases, you will be able to see that. Or if you write
20 bonds for JP cases, you would be able to see that in one
21 portal instead of right now our stuff is all separated
22 from county, district, and JPs. So that will be
23 something really nice.

24 Like I said Mary Ann -- I know a lot of
25 people contact us when the reports aren't working. A

1 lot of people contact Mary Ann directly, so that will be
2 something kind of deal with transition wide. Our
3 department is going to have a lot of transition because
4 we have a lot of people retiring in the next few months
5 and we're going to be hiring new people which they're
6 going to have to be trained and learn the system that we
7 don't fully understand yet but -- so just be patient
8 with us. The other thing that we have is the \$15
9 bonding fee that you pay per bond that we currently bill
10 you for.

11 And Chief, I'm not sure if we made a
12 decision yet on how we're going to handle that. But
13 obviously Odyssey does not -- because AS400 the program
14 we have written to basically calculate how much you owe
15 every month is -- you know, there is calculations in
16 there because you only have to pay for up to two charges
17 per person. And there is a whole program behind that
18 that calculates. And basically, the sheriff department
19 just prints that out and sends you your bill, where
20 Odyssey does not have that ability to invoice basically.
21 I think we did reach out to some bondsmen and ask and I
22 think we were told we're really the only county that
23 does that.

24 MR. DAY: We found out since that most of
25 the bigger counties do bill.

1 MS. HELM: They do.

2 MR. DAY: They do. It's just the smaller
3 counties that just force you to --

4 MS. HELM: Pay as you go.

5 MR. DAY: Pay as you go.

6 MS. HELM: We're not a hundred percent sure
7 yet how we want to handle that. I know that kind of
8 been -- of course, we don't want to make your life any
9 harder. We don't want to make the general bondsman any
10 harder either. My concern from the standpoint of
11 someone at the sheriff department would have to print
12 this report and then manually look through it basically
13 and say, okay, this person has four charges. I'm only
14 supposed to charge them \$30. Where AS400 just
15 automatically creates the bill and says, okay, only had
16 two charges, this \$30 for this -- you know, instead of
17 four.

18 So we're not really sure yet. I know,
19 Chief, we've had some discussions about that. We wanted
20 to just kind of --

21 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: One of the things that I
22 wanted to do and I've talked to Mary about it is bring
23 it to the bail bond board to figure if it was going to
24 be -- I guess the proper way to do it is to pay as you
25 go or if we try to come up with some archaic way of

1 billing that puts extra burden on a bunch of people
2 because the software doesn't do it.

3 JUDGE WEST: I mean, is that something,
4 though, that the board has any say so over -- I mean, I
5 don't think the bail bonds board would be able to govern
6 and say you need to do -- and I mean, we can discuss it.
7 But as far as saying, let's do it this way or let's do
8 it that way and vote on that, that's not --

9 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I don't think I was
10 looking for a vote on it. It's just to make you aware
11 of it because the bail bonds board sets the fees or the
12 law sets the fee. I mean, that's something that we need
13 to discuss.

14 MR. DAY: Is there no way that this program
15 can have it written into it or anything, no other
16 option?

17 MS. HELM: The only thing that we can do is
18 run query. But it's kind of -- it's really difficult to
19 run an query and then do a lot of programming behind
20 that query to say calculate this and calculate. It's
21 not to say that eventually we may could figure it out.
22 Our person that's writing on the customers reports right
23 now has a whole list of reports that we're trying to get
24 done before go live. You know, it's not to say that we
25 may be able to do something different along the way.

1 CAPTAIN LEWIS: Ryan suggested -- I'm
2 sorry -- Rick -- that some of the counties use tokens,
3 you know, like the bondsmen purchase X amount of tokens
4 for the month or whatever. And each bond you turn in,
5 they turn in one of the tokens. It's like the prepaid
6 system that they use.

7 MS. HELM: Yeah. He did tell us that some
8 counties do, that they basically -- you know, sell, you
9 know, almost like a little coupon book that you pay so
10 many -- you buy however you want. Then you go out to
11 the jail and post a bond. You basically bring a coupon
12 and then you know -- pretty much you know if you're
13 bonding someone out on four charges, you only owe for
14 two. So but...

15 MS. BRODE: Odyssey does all the
16 connections.

17 MS. HELM: Anyway it's really kind of up in
18 the air on how we'll exactly handle that. We thought
19 maybe if y'all give your input.

20 MR. ROMANO: So the tokens in Nacogdoches
21 County, and that is a nightmare so.

22 MS. HELM: We're trying to get on your good
23 side.

24 MR. ROMANO: Another place -- a county
25 north of there, what we do there is we -- it's like we

1 have a savings account at the jail. So every month we
2 put X amount of dollars on our books -- call our books.
3 And the jail just mathematically takes it off. We keep
4 reopen for the revolving door. Now that the smaller
5 counties with the money orders or the cash, I don't know
6 how many money orders have been lost. We've had to go
7 back and get new money orders. I mean, there is just --
8 that's a nightmare.

15 MS. HELM: It wouldn't be a big deal if you
16 pay per bond, you know. If you -- you know, posted 20
17 bonds a month and it was \$15 a bond. I mean, anybody
18 could calculate that. But the problem is the limit.
19 Because when we run those reports, we have a report that
20 will run the report of what the bondsmen posted, every
21 bond they posted and what \$15 they owed. But it will
22 not calculate what they don't owe for these.

23 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Somebody is arrested on
24 three charges. We post three bonds. You're only
25 charged for two.

1 MS. HELM: Yeah. So somebody is physically
2 going to have to --

3 MS. BRODE: So I see do --

4 MS. HELM: -- either going to be a large
5 project for someone at the jail on a monthly basis or
6 take a receipt every time there is a bond. That's --
7 that's the two options, I see.

8 CAPTAIN LEWIS: The next -- the fees are
9 broken down, right, you said Becky?

10 MS. BERTRAND: That's on -- at the month
11 end through the treasurer's office.

12 CAPTAIN LEWIS: The treasurer's office
13 would still be responsible for dispersing the fees that
14 we collect to the state to the local.

15 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah, they do that now.

16 CAPTAIN LEWIS: That's what we were --

17 MS. HELM: So where does the bondsmen pay
18 that monthly invoice?

19 MR. DAY: To the sheriff department.

20 MS. HELM: I think that was another
21 question. Because the sheriff is not going take the
22 money anymore. So yeah, it's going to either be the
23 jail or --

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25 MS. BRODE: Or the jail, of the two.

1 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Or Rhonda's office.

2 CAPTAIN LEWIS: It ends our auditing. It
3 should start in Odyssey.

4 JUDGE WEST: John is just going to stand
5 outside in the parking lot as the bondsmen come in.

6 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Bring it on.

7 JUDGE WEST: If you guys -- if y'all need
8 between now and the February meeting we can obviously
9 put this same -- we can add this to the agenda for the
10 February meeting and discuss it again. Or if y'all want
11 me to help facilitate some other meeting with whoever
12 needs to be there not necessarily a bail bond board
13 meeting. I know I have lots of time.

14 MS. HOLMES: We have meetings --

15 JUDGE WEST: Kellie would be glad for me to
16 take some extra time. That was fun. We can help. And
17 y'all can use the courtroom if I'm not here and things
18 like that, so...

19 MS. BERTRAND: Here's one more thing I
20 wanted to kind of bring up -- and again just kind of put
21 it out there is the accusation bonds. So going forward,
22 yes, they're going to be noted on your liability. But
23 we still have the situation with the previous ones. So
24 we haven't really had that discussion whether we're
25 going to go back on those paper ones that you still have

1 that the cases haven't been filed on your part.

2 MS. HELM: Those should be in Odyssey
3 because that's what we looked at yesterday. If they
4 posted a bond in the jail, that's in the jail, so...

5 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: It's going to be day one
6 show March 7th, Keith is going to have a bunch of
7 liability because --

8 MS. HELM: Yes.

9 MR. DAY: Decipher between depose --

10 MS. BERTRAND: That was kind of leading
11 into my next kind of -- part of this. When these
12 accusation bonds start hitting their accounts because
13 this is something the bondsmen have never experienced
14 before in this county, is the board or can the board
15 give them time to either get that additional collateral
16 out there and get it pledged? Because it's -- there is
17 going to be some drastic increases.

18 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: When they hit their
19 limit, they can't bond.

20 JUDGE WEST: Right.

21 MS. BRODE: Is there a chance we can get a
22 list of who has --

23 JUDGE WEST: That would be my question
24 first is -- I mean, I think we all want to work together
25 to make it where our bondsmen can still make bonds on

1 March 8th, so I think -- yes, ma'am.

2 MS. FONTENOT: No. Go ahead. Because I
3 had a question to --

4 JUDGE WEST: So I think we can put that on
5 the agenda also in February, and it would be nice to
6 have the bondsmen or whoever has access to that who has
7 how much, kind of what numbers we're looking at. So
8 that we can then talk about in February kind of either
9 some -- ascending or descending, some kind of months or
10 how long and how much before --

11 MS. FONTENOT: That's what I was going to
12 ask is there something that you can start from then on
13 and kind of leave the accusation bonds that I carry now
14 just like they are.

15 MS. HELM: I don't think --

16 CAPTAIN LEWIS: They're already --

17 MS. FONTENOT: Oh.

18 MS. BERTRAND: The only thing that we could
19 look at on those bonds is if the time limit has expired
20 to prosecute. That information would need to be, of
21 course, relayed to the D.A.'s office and they refuse the
22 case. And you can get rid of the bond. So there is
23 that small portion.

24 MS. HELM: Now we worked late last night
25 with our jail team working through some of this and

1 Looking at reports, looking at specifically some
2 information on bonds that we were trying to balance
3 between our conversion and looking at these reports.
4 And Becky worked with us. We -- we pulled some reports
5 because we really had to kind of almost start over
6 scratch and how we put you into the system, how the bond
7 companies are put into the system. It works totally
8 different. So we were testing some of those reports and
9 testing to make sure, Chief, that things was as easy as
10 possible for the jail team to be entering the
11 information when someone is bonding out.

12 JUDGE WEST: I think we have -- I'm sorry.
13 I think we have made decisions before on timelines,
14 like, during COVID and things like that, where we
15 extended certain things. And if we have the
16 authority -- so let's say we have the authority in
17 February to make that vote and say, we give them
18 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, whatever can then that be
19 done in the computer?

20 MS. HELM: The only -- what you would have
21 to do in the computer is change their liability.
22 Because Odyssey, basically, if they're out of liability,
23 it stops them from writing. There is no way to
24 overwrite that --

25 JUDGE WEST: So we have to know each

1 bondsman --

2 MS. HELM: -- to overwrite.

3 JUDGE WEST: -- and how much it's going to
4 be. And then we would say, okay, this as of this day
5 this is your amount. And so we would need to have each
6 one -- someone keeping up with, okay, you have 30 days
7 for this amount or 60 days and this is your amount on
8 every single one, in order for it to work in the
9 computer system make.

10 MS. BERTRAND: In the bondsmen favor.

11 JUDGE WEST: Right.

12 MS. BERTRAND: Still active.

13 JUDGE WEST: So we need -- between now and
14 February for those who aren't here, y'all need to get
15 the word out that we need y'all to get all that
16 information. Y'all should have those, right? I mean,
17 you have the --

18 MR. DAY: So --

19 JUDGE WEST: -- those bonds?

20 MR. DAY: So I think that goes back to the
21 centralized magistrate idea because if this is going to
22 happen in all these cases -- I mean, there may be cases
23 that are -- could be 2, 3 years old that -- you know,
24 these people --

25 JUDGE WEST: The easier thing to do is get

1 off of it.

2 MR. DAY: Right. But --

3 JUDGE WEST: Right.

4 MR. DAY: -- we need to make sure before
5 then that Judge --

6 JUDGE WEST: Derouen.

7 MR. DAY: -- Derouen or whatever.

8 JUDGE WEST: We'll talk to him.

9 MR. DAY: Understands what's going on.

10 Yeah.

11 JUDGE WEST: What's about to happen.

12 MS. HELM: Well, I haven't had a chance to
13 meet with Judge Derouen since he started to magistrate.
14 I've had some E-mail communications with him we're
15 trying to help him with. We really probably do need to
16 have a sit down meeting with him and discuss thing that
17 concern a lot of different areas, so...

18 JUDGE WEST: Maybe we can set that up for
19 next week or two with us, Shauberger, y'all maybe just a
20 small group.

21 MS. HELM: -- yesterday. We've got to do a
22 couple of -- a little bit of work on how those are --

23 JUDGE WEST: He is going to be in charge.
24 Y'all make it a week when I'm not here. Judge Woods
25 will take care of that.

1 MS. BRODE: Judge --

2 JUDGE WEST: When do we vote again who is
3 chairperson? Yes, sir. It's Al Reed.

4 MR. REED: We're having that much problem
5 on the fee of these -- the state offers the bondsmen if
6 the case is not indicted or dismissed that they get
7 their fee back. Not all bondsmen ask for it. But it is
8 a consideration that the bondsmen can get their fee
9 back. They're having that much problem how -- they're
10 going to have to have somebody that keeps up with all
11 the cases that haven't been indicted or has been
12 dismissed.

13 MR. DAY: We've never done that in this
14 county. The bondsmen haven't done that.

15 MR. REED: Need decide to that in your
16 talks, okay.

17 MR. DAY: Right. So, definitely something
18 that we need to discuss for sure.

19 MS. HELM: So you're saying that \$15 bond
20 fee that you pay if the case is dismissed or is not
21 indicted, we owe you the money back?

22 MR. DAY: Right. A lot of county fee.
23 Fortunately --

24 MS. BERTRAND: A portion of it does.

25 MR. DAY: Come back the monies.

1 JUDGE WEST: That just needs to be added
2 into that whole discussion then.

3 JUDGE WOODS: Everything goes back to the
4 D.A.'s office and they're not here.

5 MR. DAY: But that's what we're saying.
6 There is no record keeping. Then there is the problem.

7 MS. BRODE: I have a question about the
8 accusation bonds. Are the bondsmen tracking their own
9 accusations bonds?

10 MR. DAY: Should be.

11 MR. REED: Yes, we are.

12 MR. DAY: We can't speak for everyone.

13 MR. REED: We just haven't done the \$15
14 reversal because all of this has been so easy. But if
15 it's getting a little bit more difficult on the bondsmen
16 and the jail has not keep -- can't keep up with those
17 records -- you know, we may want to do this.

18 MS. BRODE: I wasn't specifically talking
19 about fees. What I was talking about is the accusation
20 bonds that haven't gone against your liability, that
21 will go against your liability on March 6th. Do you
22 know how much free bonding you have -- that you have
23 right now currently?

24 MR. REED: Yes, I do. But a lot of
25 bondsmen don't.

1 MR. DAY: Well, I would hope that most
2 bondsmen -- I think every bondsmen here for sure has a
3 program that does that. I can't speak for other people.

4 JUDGE WOODS: Does anybody know how many
5 accusations are out there? Cases? What I mean they're
6 just --

7 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: How do you --

8 JUDGE WOODS: Are you serious?

9 MS. FONTENOT: There is the hundreds.

10 JUDGE WEST: I mean, I -- my thought is if
11 the bondsmen want us to consider a time frame to get
12 everything together and get that liability, then they
13 need to be in charge of getting to us which ones they
14 are and how much they are. And if they don't do that,
15 then I think our vote needs to be pretty specific on
16 what we do. And if they don't have that information to
17 us and we don't have some way to track it, then on
18 March 7th those don't have that information to us, their
19 limits are going to be messed up. And they're not going
20 to be able to bond. So that information I think, Keith,
21 needs to get out to all the bondsmen that they need to
22 start working on that. I mean, it's January. They've
23 got a month and a half. But for sure by that 7th date
24 but we need to have a good idea at our February date
25 what everybody has if they want that consideration.

1 MS. BERTRAND: Well, it also gives them
2 some time to pledge additional collateral, too.

3 JUDGE WEST: Right. Right. So I don't
4 want us to vote on it in February and the bondsmen not
5 know. So I mean everyone needs to know as soon as
6 possible, all the bondsmen what they're going to be
7 expected to have to us our February meeting if they want
8 that consideration.

9 MR. DAY: Can we revote for Tim to just
10 keep my money?

11 JUDGE WEST: Do you want it back?

12 MS. HELM: And we can try to see what kind
13 of reports we can give. Like I said, we just worked
14 last night in working on looking at reports that we can
15 pull and trying to make sure what's -- what's being
16 counted and --

17 MR. DAY: Well, if you said that other
18 bigger counties are using this Odyssey program and
19 you're saying that the other bigger counties are doing a
20 report, is there a way to find out how those other
21 counties might?

22 MR. ROMANO: Yeah. I looked into that
23 until yesterday, even about the \$15 assessment fee. I'm
24 going to have to go back (inaudible) answers.

25 MS. HELM: Yeah. If you find another

1 county that uses Odyssey that is billing you, if you
2 want to send me an E-mail, my E-mail address is on our
3 MIS web page. If you want to send me an E-mail of what
4 counties are, if you have any contact information, I can
5 contact them.

6 MR. ROMANO: Okay.

7 MS. HELM: And find out how they're doing
8 it, if they're using some other software or what they're
9 doing. And like I said, this is not to say -- we're
10 going to try to work the best that we can. It's just
11 we're very shorthanded in our office with people
12 retiring. We have a limited number of staff trying to
13 write all these reports. And we're revamping our entire
14 system for our entire county, basically, at one time.
15 So...

16 TAMARA: I have a question. Tamara. I
17 know you were talking about our daily reports or a
18 docket we get E-mailed, you say that it may not be able
19 to be sent to us every day. Is that going to be like a
20 once a week thing?

21 MS. HELM: Well, it's not that. We just
22 don't know if we'll have it ready for you at go live.

23 TAMARA: Okay.

24 MS. HELM: Now one thing I did -- I forgot
25 to mention on the actual portal that y'all are going to

1 have access to, there is a way to look at every court's
2 docket for the day. And it's live information. So like
3 right now the courts post their web page but they may
4 post it -- you know, Wednesday for next week. And then
5 they may reset people or things may change. If you go
6 out to the portal, you can search hearings for every
7 court. And you will see live information. So you
8 technically could go out to the portal and there will be
9 a link to it on our website too. But you'll be able to
10 go out to the portal search for that court, look at all
11 their hearings for that day. I may even be -- we're
12 still doing some testing on it. You may even be able to
13 search for a certain person and see what their hearings
14 are that they're going to have coming up. I think once
15 you're going to be able to get off of that is going to
16 be a lot -- what you were able to get from them. I
17 mean, because there maybe some things more beneficial to
18 you that -- than getting that daily report. We didn't
19 think that we were going to be able to do y'all's daily
20 report. But we found that yesterday. We just --
21 something we have to set up for each bonding company
22 so...

23 MR. DAY: I have got a couple of more
24 questions but I don't think it's bail bond board
25 related.

1 JUDGE WEST: Okay. I was about to say. A
2 lot of this -- some discussions that's not. So what I'm
3 going to go ahead and let's adjourn the meeting. And if
4 y'all want to -- whoever needs to visit about certain
5 thing. I've got your message we need to visit, but we
6 can do that. But whoever needs to go, can go. Is there
7 a motion to adjourn?

8 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Second.

11 (Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.)

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