

1 BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

2 JULY 20th, 2023

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4 THOSE PRESENT: Judge Raquel West

5 Judge Clint Woods

6 Judge Craig Lively

7 Valencia Simpson

8 Becky Bertrand

9 Keith Day

10 Kellie Holmes

11 Glenda Segura

12 Rhonda Brode

13 Quentin Price

14 Haylee Fournier

15 Tim Funchess

16 Valencia Fontenot

17 Sandra Mott

18 Al Reed

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1 JUDGE WEST: Call the meeting to order.
2 I'm calling the meeting to order. I'm calling the
3 meeting to order for the third time. There you go. All
4 right. So thank you-all for being here. Do we have --
12:33PM 5 did we get the minutes sent to us? Everybody has got
6 those --

7 MS. HOLMES: Yes.

8 JUDGE WEST: -- from June?

9 MS. SEGURA: I did.

12:34PM 10 JUDGE WEST: That's E-mailed I believe.
11 We'll need a motion and a --

12 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion to approve
13 the minutes.

14 MR. PRICE: Second.

12:34PM 15 JUDGE WEST: Motion by Judge Woods; second
16 by Quentin Price. Any other discussion by the minutes?
17 All those in favor?

18 (All responded.)

19 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

12:34PM 20 All right. That passes. Report from
21 D.A.'s office. Do we --

22 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

23 JUDGE WEST: We don't have one? We're just
24 going to skip that still for a while?

12:34PM 25 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

1 JUDGE LIVELY: Well, we can transcribe
2 the --

3 JUDGE WEST: Any applications for agents or
4 renewals?

12:34PM 5 MS. BERTRAND: Yes. I'm pretty confident,
6 80 percent that I E-mailed it out to everyone.

7 JUDGE WEST: You did. I remember.

8 MS. BERTRAND: Patsy Mason filed for her
9 renewal. Everything is in order and just needs
10 approval.

11 | JUDGE WEST: Okay.

12 JUDGE WOODS: I make a motion to approve
13 the application.

14 MS. FOURNIER: Second.

12:35PM 15 JUDGE WEST: Got a motion and a second.

16 | Any other discussion? All those in favor?

17 (ALL RESPONDED.)

18 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

19 All right. That passes. Any complaints?

12:35PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

21 JUDGE WEST: Treasurer's report.

22 MR. FUNCHESS: I passed it out. Anybody
23 have any questions let me know.

24 JUDGE WEST: Any issues with that that we
12:35PM 25 need to talk about? Okay. Any releases?

1 MS. BERTRAND: There is a release for
2 property. I put it next to you. It's for Shirley Lane.
3 She wants to sell the piece of property. And then what
4 she's going to do is re- -- when she gets -- when the
12:35PM 5 sale goes through, she'll take that cash and repledge
6 the cash for a 1 to 1 ratio back up with us.

7 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

8 MS. BERTRAND: But it will be in the form
9 of cash.

12:35PM 10 JUDGE WEST: All right. So we'll need a
11 motion on that. It looks like a -- something on Bluet
12 Road.

13 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

14 MS. BRODE: Motion.

12:36PM 15 JUDGE WOODS: I make --

16 JUDGE WEST: We got a motion and a second.

17 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

18 JUDGE WEST: Oh, sorry. I thought you
19 already said that. Any other discussion about that?
12:36PM 20 All those in favor?

21 (ALL RESPONDED.)

22 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. I
23 will sign that. Auditor's office report?

24 MS. BRODE: I'm still way behind. I have
12:36PM 25 handed it out. I apologize. We're four months behind

1 on bail bond fees. And I calculated we average \$3,500 a
2 month going to the State. So we're about \$14,000 behind
3 paying the State. So this is something that I feel that
4 Becky and I really need to focus on.

12:36PM 5 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. This is all just
6 because of the new system and trying to get that worked
7 out.

8 MS. BRODE: I mean, we only get -- we would
9 only get ten percent. So \$1400. So it's not effecting
12:37PM 10 us nearly as bad as it is the State.

11 JUDGE WEST: Have we received any new ones?

12 MS. BRODE: No one has voluntarily made a
13 payment.

14 JUDGE WEST: Haven't been alerted.

12:37PM 15 MS. BRODE: But...

16 JUDGE WEST: Yeah. This is something we
17 need to get done, I think, too. All right. Anything
18 else from auditor's issues?

19 MS. BRODE: No, ma'am.

12:37PM 20 JUDGE WEST: So it looks like we're still
21 going to talk about extending grace period on bondsmen
22 liability or -- where are we on all of that because I
23 missed last month?

24 MS. BERTRAND: I think we still need to
12:37PM 25 extend it. Even recently, I can tell you in my office

1 that we're getting forfeitures down very late. And so
2 when the warrant goes out effectively that the clock --
3 when the Nisi is filed is running way behind from when
4 the forfeiture happened. That's something that Quentin
12:38PM 5 will need to address one on one when these issues come
6 up. And I guess the bondsmen will be aware of that case
7 to tell you about it. That's all I have about that.
8 But we do need to -- until our reporting can get
9 corrected, we need to extend again.

12:38PM 10 JUDGE WEST: Where are we on that? How
11 are --

12 MS. BERTRAND: Well, our update that we
13 were supposed to have at the end of June got extended to
14 the beginning of July. Beginning of July was extended
12:38PM 15 to end of July. Now they pushed it back to September.

16 JUDGE WEST: And that's the update that's
17 going to help supposedly a whole lot of things?

18 MS. BERTRAND: Uh-huh.

19 JUDGE WEST: All right. So I think we
12:38PM 20 probably need a motion on that, and that's to extend for
21 another 30 days from today is how we've been doing it;
22 right? From --

23 MR. DAY: To next, yeah.

24 JUDGE WEST: -- the day of meeting. Not
12:39PM 25 necessarily 30 days but till whatever the next meeting

1 is is what we've been doing.

2 JUDGE LIVELY: I'll make a motion, Lively.

3 JUDGE WEST: Judge Lively made a motion.

4 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

12:39PM 5 JUDGE WEST: Second. All -- any other
6 discussions about that? All those in favor?

7 (ALL RESPONDED.)

8 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
9 passes.

12:39PM 10 MR. DAY: Is the meeting next month going
11 to on the 24th, Glenda; is that right?

12 JUDGE WEST: Is that the third?

13 MR. DAY: Is it third Thursday or the 4th
14 Thursday?

12:39PM 15 JUDGE WEST: It's the third Wednesday.

16 MS. SEGURA: Thursday on the 17th unless --

17 JUDGE WEST: It should be on the 17th.

18 MR. DAY: All right.

19 JUDGE WEST: Unless something changes for
12:39PM 20 some reason, but it's the third Thursday. And then I
21 have on here warrant status on forfeitures.

22 MS. BERTRAND: Which I think is what I kind
23 touched on earlier. There is a -- at times a
24 significant difference from when the warrants going out
12:39PM 25 and when the forfeiture actually occurred. So again

1 that's something that I've briefly talked to Quentin
2 about after last month's meeting.

3 MR. PRICE: In all fairness, Becky, I've
4 slept since then. I have no idea what she's talking
12:40PM 5 about.

6 JUDGE WEST: Okay. If you will -- is that
7 something -- that's an issue with who, I guess?

8 MS. BERTRAND: I only know misdemeanor
9 courts.

12:40PM 10 JUDGE WEST: I mean who puts those in? I
11 guess who is running behind? I'm not pointing fingers
12 or blaming it's just necessarily that the courts --

13 MS. BERTRAND: So the issue is when there
14 is an error in it, when it gets sent down to us, we know
12:40PM 15 that there is an error in the Nisi part of it and we
16 send it back up for corrections. Those corrections
17 aren't coming back down to us for the ones we just got
18 back for over two months.

19 JUDGE WEST: Sending them up to where? To
12:40PM 20 the courts?

21 MS. BERTRAND: Uh-huh.

22 JUDGE WEST: Okay. So we need to talk
23 about that, the judges. We need to talk to the other
24 judges and staff about the importance of that; right?

12:40PM 25 MS. BERTRAND: Uh-huh.

1 JUDGE WEST: You know who you're in charge
2 of, and I'll take the other one.

3 JUDGE WOODS: Uh-huh.

4 JUDGE WEST: All right.

12:41PM 5 MS. BERTRAND: So it -- and it all deals
6 with the time clock already kicking on.

7 JUDGE WEST: Right.

8 MS. BERTRAND: The warrant goes out but the
9 Nisi hasn't been filed and...

12:41PM 10 MR. PRICE: Well, the Nisi runs from the
11 date of the docket call or whatever it's called.

12 MS. BERTRAND: Forfeiture date.

13 MR. PRICE: Forfeiture date, so that's
14 where the time -- that's when the clock starts running
12:41PM 15 for the full amount of the bond versus the reduced
16 amount.

17 JUDGE WEST: Right.

18 MS. BERTRAND: But then the bondsmen are at
19 a disadvantage because they can't go get that person
12:41PM 20 because that the warrant hasn't been issued. That's
21 what the issue is.

22 MS. SIMPSON: I have a lot from drug court.
23 I talked to Sandra today and what I'm going to do.

24 JUDGE WEST: Okay. I'll talk to them as
12:41PM 25 well.

1 MR. DAY: We've only seen it on misdemeanor
2 side. It hasn't been an issue on a felony. I haven't
3 had an issue on the felony side so far.

4 JUDGE WEST: So when the -- trying -- I
12:42PM 5 want to make sure I have the right words to tell them
6 when I call. When the Nisi come back or when the
7 forfeiture come back to the court, what are they looking
8 for? What are we looking --

9 MS. BERTRAND: We're not doing it the same
12:42PM 10 way in our courts right now.

11 MS. HOLMES: The misdemeanor are different
12 from those. I do the warrants and the Nisi at the same
13 time.

14 JUDGE WEST: So you can help me with drug
12:42PM 15 court and explain all that.

16 MS. HOLMES: Yeah.

17 JUDGE WEST: Perfect. Okay. Anything else
18 on that? Any other business that -- or anything we need
19 talk about? That's not --

12:42PM 20 MR. DAY: I wanted to discuss -- we don't
21 have representative from the jail here today. I want to
22 discuss -- well, I think it needed to be discussed
23 with -- the issue in the past -- I know I've brought
24 this up before and Becky knows a little bit about it.
12:42PM 25 In the past, the bondsmen have been able to go to the

1 jail and get a report of all the people who have been
2 released from custody each day. It showed the day they
3 come in and the day if they bonded out, who the bondsmen
4 was and we can do a report that way. I think, according
12:43PM 5 to Mary, Odyssey will allow them to do a report and for
6 us to get a report without even having to go to jail to
7 do that now. But they're stating they need the okay
8 from the jail to do that. My understanding was is that
9 it's public information, so I don't know if -- if the
12:43PM 10 jail has to approve that or where the approval needs to
11 come from. That would definitely help -- that report
12 would definitely help with the bond assessment stuff for
13 the bondsmen, us, to be able to -- you know, to get
14 those and do reports and the county as well. And that
12:43PM 15 would definitely help with the bond assessment doing --
16 if they can get that report. But for some reason, it's
17 kind of getting held up right now. And I'm not sure why
18 the approval has to come from the jail. It's not really
19 a bail bond issue, but I guess an issue that -- with
12:44PM 20 Odyssey and we're talking a lot about Odyssey. And I
21 just need to find out if -- if that approval does need
22 to come from the sheriff department or if we can get
23 that information, if Mary can get us a report like that
24 or --

12:44PM 25 JUDGE WEST: Do you want to call -- do you

1 want to talk to Shauberger and ask him first?

2 MR. DAY: Yeah, I can ask him.

3 JUDGE WEST: Okay. If you'll ask him or if
4 you need me to call him, I can ask him and see if that
12:44PM 5 just clears that up maybe easily that way. And if not,
6 then we can talk to Mary about another way for y'all to
7 get it.

8 MR. DAY: Okay.

9 JUDGE WEST: All right. Anything else? Is
12:44PM 10 there a motion to adjourn?

11 MR. DAY: I make the motion.

12 JUDGE WEST: All right.

13 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

14 JUDGE WEST: We're adjourned.

12:44PM 15 (Adjourned.)

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