

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

APRIL 18TH, 2024

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Raquel West
Valencia Simpson
Becky Bertrand
Keith Day
Glenda Segura
Tom Roebuck
Haylee Fournier
Leslie Hughes
Captain Morris
Sandra Mott
Al Reed
Chief Shauberger

1 JUDGE WEST: All right. I'm calling the
2 meeting to order, please. And Glenda went to go get the
3 sign-in sheet. She'll be right back with it to make
4 sure when she gets back, we'll pass that around for
5 signatures.

12:30PM

6 The first thing on the agenda is to review
7 the minutes for both the February and March meetings.
8 Those were sent out by e-mail. Everyone, we would need
9 to approve both of those.

12:31PM

10 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I make a motion.

11 MR. DAY: A second.

12 JUDGE WEST: Got a motion and a second. Is
13 there any discussions about either sets of those
14 minutes? All right. All in favor of approving them?

12:31PM

15 (ALL RESPONDED.)

16 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

17 Hold on a second before we go any further,
18 how many people do we have here that are actually on the
19 voting members?

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20 MS. BERTRAND: Six.

21 JUDGE WEST: Okay. We're good. All right.
22 It was just quiet when everybody said aye.

23 Any opposed?

24 All right. So that passes. Do we have a
25 report from the D.A.? I don't see --

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1 MS. MOTT: Not a report. But -- I mean,
2 collections are coming in. We're still working on the
3 report. We were just discussing it.

4 JUDGE WEST: Great. Hopefully that's
12:31PM 5 coming soon as well.

6 Consideration and approval of application
7 for bondsmen and -- for renewals, I think, we have two;
8 correct?

9 MS. BERTRAND: We do have two. The first
12:32PM 10 one is David Freige, from Bail America. It was E-mailed
11 out to all of the voting members, and everything is in
12 order.

13 JUDGE WEST: Okay. We would need a motion
14 on that one.

12:32PM 15 MR. DAY: I second it.

16 JUDGE WEST: Who made the motion? I'm
17 sorry.

18 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Haylee.

19 JUDGE WEST: I got a motion and a second to
12:32PM 20 approve David Friege. Is there any discussions? All in
21 favor?

22 (ALL RESPONDED.)

23 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

24 All right. That one passes. Then we've
12:32PM 25 got --

1 MS. BERTRAND: The second one we have is
2 for Keith Day. And again that was E-mailed out to all
3 the voting members and everything is in order with him.

4 JUDGE WEST: All right.

12:32PM

5 MS. FOURNIER: I make a motion.

6 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll second.

7 JUDGE WEST: A motion and second. Glad
8 y'all are here today. Any discussion on Keith Day? All
9 in favor?

12:32PM

10 (ALL RESPONDED.)

11 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

12 All right. That passes. Congratulations,
13 you get to keep working.

14 MR. DAY: Keep representing.

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15 JUDGE WEST: Complaints against bondsmen.
16 I don't think we have any; correct?

17 MS. BERTRAND: Don't have any.

18 JUDGE WEST: Okay. We have a report from
19 the treasurer. We don't have representative, do we?

12:33PM

20 Okay. Well, we will --

21 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: They're at a conference
22 this week.

23 JUDGE WEST: They are at a conference,
24 okay.

12:33PM

25 Do we have any request for release of

1 property or CDs or anything like that?

2 MS. BERTRAND: No.

3 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Auditor's office
4 report.

12:33PM 5 MS. BERTRAND: She's at a conference.

6 JUDGE WEST: They're all gone. That's
7 where they're going -- well, obviously, they are both
8 there. And then we have the last thing is to discuss
9 and possibly vote on a new release of bond assessment
10 fee form. Becky, if you want to discuss what that is.

11 MS. BERTRAND: So, we came up with a form
12 that will allow the bondsmen to submit for a refund due
13 to them paying the \$15 fee. But the case could have
14 been refused by the D.A., no bill, the statute of
15 limitations ran, or maybe some other kind of underlying
16 circumstances. It's been formed out. There is up to
17 two that you can put on page for the defendant because
18 that's the max y'all paid is for two. You do have to
19 fill out everything that's on here including the reason
20 why. The most important part about this form is right
21 under where the surety is going to sign this form. You
22 need to put the month and year that that money was paid,
23 that you paid your \$15 and/or the receipt number.
24 Because Ms. Haylee here is going to be the one refunding
12:34PM 25 money to you. And so we have to be able to go back to

1 that receipt that we took it in to go back and refund
2 the money to you on. This is only going to be going
3 from here forward. So the fees that we're currently
4 invoicing you for that you just received invoices for,
12:35PM 5 these are the ones we can refund you on from that going
6 further. We can't go back because it's -- you have to
7 pay it in order for us to refund it. Does that make
8 sense?

9 MR. REED: We've been paying the \$15.

12:35PM 10 JUDGE WEST: We're not going to go back
11 because it would be an absolute nightmare, I think to do
12 it.

13 MS. BERTRAND: With the financials involved
14 in it.

12:35PM 15 MR. REED: Okay. All right.

16 MS. BERTRAND: It would have to go through
17 commissioners court, the treasurer, the auditor. It's
18 nightmare. So with this new invoice that y'all received
19 today, yesterday, once you pay that money, it's all
12:35PM 20 cases from that receipt on that you could get a refund
21 for.

22 MS. FOURNIER: Then it will be refunded at
23 the end of the month.

24 MS. BERTRAND: Yes. And it will be
12:36PM 25 refunded at the beginning of the month for the previous

1 month.

2 UNKNOWN FEMALE: And that will be mailed
3 out. Either mail out or just pick it up.

4 MS. FOURNIER: Either one. Per your
12:36PM 5 request on the form, you can --

6 UNKNOWN FEMALE: Whatever you want to do.

7 MS. BERTRAND: So if you like to come into
8 our office and pick it up, you can do that just let
9 Haylee know on the form, write it on there if you want
12:36PM 10 to mailed to you. Just let us know somewhere on the
11 form how you want to receive your payment back. So this
12 will be -- once the board approves it, it will be posted
13 on our forms page.

14 JUDGE WEST: If y'all want to take a look
12:36PM 15 at the form, you're welcome to pass it around. I mean,
16 the reimbursement is not something necessarily that
17 we're voting on. That's happening. This is just a vote
18 on the form itself that we're going to use for it. We
19 would need a --

12:37PM 20 MS. FOURNIER: And it's required to attach
21 to it whatever refusal or whatever they're supporting
22 documentation is so that we can have it approved by
23 treasury and auditing before the refund is issued.

24 UNKNOWN FEMALE: What's the rule -- because
12:37PM 25 I don't want -- I know I don't want to kind -- I don't

1 know about everybody else. But we don't want to send
2 cannot be refunded. So is there a time frame on the --
3 like, for -- like say they refuse two months, is there a
4 time frame?

12:37PM 5 MR. DAY: By law, we have -- you know, it's
6 covered in the chapter --

7 MS. BERTRAND: Two years.

8 MR. DAY: No.

9 UNKNOWN FEMALE: From refusal date?

12:37PM 10 MR. DAY: 181st day, yeah, after the due
11 date, six months to prosecute. We have 181 days after
12 the dismal or --

13 JUDGE WEST: Refusal or whatever it is.

14 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah. Please attach your
12:38PM 15 documentation to the form, so we can, of course, verify
16 it. And then we won't have any problems pushing it
17 through. And I'll E-mail all this out to y'all.

18 JUDGE WEST: All right. We would need a
19 motion and vote to approve that, if anybody --

12:38PM 20 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll make a motion.

21 JUDGE WEST: Thank you, Chief. We've got a
22 motion.

23 MS. FOURNIER: I'll second.

24 JUDGE WEST: And a second. Again, thank
12:38PM 25 you both for being here. Any other discussion about

1 approval of the form to be used for the reimbursement of
2 the bond assessment fee? All in favor?

3 (ALL RESPONDED.)

4 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

12:38PM

5 All right. That passes. That's all I have
6 on my agenda. Not today, sorry.

7 MR. DAY: I missed last month, so I was
8 wondering if we have the form for the release of
9 liability for the out of county.

12:39PM

10 JUDGE WEST: Yes. That was approved last
11 month.

12 MR. DAY: It was. I need to get it out
13 to --

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14 JUDGE WEST: And we had discussed being
15 able to put, you know, if you already had a whole lot of
16 them printed, use what you have, just write it in or put
17 a sticky, kind of like we did before on the old forms
18 for something else. Some of you guys made stickers to
19 put on top of it. But we do have new forms and those
20 were approved.

12:39PM

21 Is there any other business that we need to
22 discuss? Do I have a motion to adjourn?

23 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll make the motion to
24 adjourn.

12:39PM

25 JUDGE WEST: Done. Thank y'all.