

1 BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

2 SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

3
4 THOSE PRESENT: JUDGE CLINT WOODS

5 QUENTIN PRICE

6 DUSTIN GALMOR

7 GLENDA SEGURA

8 TOM ROEBUCK

9 KELLIE HOLMES

10 BECKY BERTRAND

11 CARINA SAVOIE

12 RHONDA BRODE

13 AL REED

14 LESLIE HUGHES

15 ZENDORA KIGHT

16 HAYLEE FOURNIER

17 VALENCIA SIMPSON

18 JANA HAWKINS

19 CHRIS ROMANO

20 STELLINA REED

21 DEDE ROJAS

22 CINDY CRUMPLER

23 LISA MARTIN

24 KIMBERLY BROUSSARD

1 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. We now call to order the
2 September 19, 2024, bail bond meeting to order. No. 1 on the
3 agenda, review the minutes from last month. I don't think
4 that's been posted; is that correct? Or is it?

5 MS. SEGURA: They haven't been posted yet.

6 MS. HOLMES: I sent them out this morning. I
7 didn't get them till this morning.

8 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. So...

9 MS. SEGURA: If we approve them, I'll post them.

12:33PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Do I have a motion to
11 approve last month's minutes?

12 MS. FOURNIER: I make a motion.

13 MR. PRICE: I second.

14 JUDGE WOODS: Approved and seconded. All in
15 favor, say aye.

16 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

17 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

18 (NO RESPONSE.)

19 JUDGE WOODS: Then that will pass. We'll post
12:33PM 20 those.

21 Report from the DA's office, any questions or
22 comments?

23 MR. PRICE: According to Sandra, we're supposed
24 to be getting this very soon -- maybe even by next month we may
25 have reports -- but no reports at this time, your Honor.

1 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

2 MS. FOURNIER: We did talk about it with MIS, and
3 we're working on that report.

4 MR. PRICE: Yeah. I think we're making progress.

5 MS. BRODE: So, it will be both district and
6 county side?

7 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

8 MS. BRODE: Promise --

9 MR. PRICE: You actually --

12:34PM 10 MS. BRODE: -- that report next month.

11 MR. PRICE: -- use that report?

12 MS. BRODE: I do.

13 MR. PRICE: Well, good. I didn't know anybody
14 looked at it.

15 JUDGE WOODS: No. 3, renewals or approvals of
16 applications. I know we have Chris Romano's renewal.
17 Everything seems to be in order, correct?

18 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, sir.

19 JUDGE WOODS: Do I have a motion to approve his
12:34PM 20 renewal?

21 MR. PRICE: I make that motion.

22 JUDGE WOODS: Second? Motion by --

23 MR. GALMOR: I second.

24 JUDGE WOODS: -- Dustin, second by --

25 MR. PRICE: Second.

1 JUDGE WOODS: All in favor?

2 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

3 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 JUDGE WOODS: All right. That will pass. Any
6 other renewals or applications?

7 MS. BERTRAND: No, sir.

8 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Any complaints, No. 4?

9 MS. HOLMES: No, sir.

12:35PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Report from the treasurer's
11 office, No. 5.

12 MS. BRODE: The treasurer is not present. He's
13 in training this week. I disbursed the report, and it agrees
14 with all of my reports.

15 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. And, No. 6, we have release
16 of properties, C.D.s, and cash.

17 MS. SEGURA: Yes.

18 JUDGE WOODS: First one I have in hand, this is
19 Keith Day. He's asking to have a property released. It's my
12:35PM 20 understanding he'll be in good standing even after this is
21 released.

22 MS. SEGURA: That's correct.

23 JUDGE WOODS: Do I have a motion to approve?

24 MS. BRODE: May I know how much he's releasing?

25 JUDGE WOODS: It says his property is \$125,126.

1 MS. SEGURA: Uh-huh.
2 MS. BRODE: Okay.
3 MR. GALMOR: If he's still in good standing, I'll
4 make a motion to approve.

5 MS. FOURNIER: Second, county clerk.

6 JUDGE WOODS: All in favor?

7 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

8 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE.)

12:36PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Then that will pass.

11 Okay. The next up, we have Shirley Laine's
12 asking for release of a property worth \$192,000. It's my
13 understanding she will still also be in good standing.

14 MS. SEGURA: She will.

15 MR. PRICE: I'll make that motion to release it.

16 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Second?

17 MS. FOURNIER: Second.

18 JUDGE WOODS: All in favor?

19 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

12:36PM 20 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE.)

22 JUDGE WOODS: Hearing none, it'll pass.

23 Next up, we have a cashier's check, \$50,000, for
24 Al Reed's office. It's my understanding after release of this
25 cashier's check, he will still also be in good standing,

1 correct.

2 MS. SEGURA: He will.

3 MR. GALMOR: I'll make a motion to approve.

4 MR. PRICE: Second.

5 JUDGE WOODS: All in favor?

6 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

7 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

8 (NO RESPONSE.)

9 JUDGE WOODS: That will pass.

12:36PM 10 Next up, also Al Reed's office.

11 MS. BERTRAND: This is actually Stellina.

12 JUDGE WOODS: Huh?

13 MS. BERTRAND: Stellina.

14 JUDGE WOODS: I'm sorry. L'Italiano Family
15 Partnership, LLC, it's a release of property for -- worth
16 \$134,670. It's my understanding they will also still be in good
17 standing after the release of this property.

18 MS. SEGURA: Yes.

19 MS. BERTRAND: Correct.

12:37PM 20 JUDGE WOODS: I have a motion to release this
21 property?

22 MR. GALMOR: I make a motion to release the
23 property.

24 MS. FOURNIER: Second, county clerk.

25 JUDGE WOODS: All in favor?

1 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

2 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 JUDGE WOODS: That will be pass.

5 Also, L'Italiano Family Partnership, another
6 piece of property worth \$177,163. It's also my understanding
7 they will be in good standing after release of this property.

8 MS. SEGURA: He will.

9 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Do I have a motion?

12:37PM 10 MR. PRICE: I'll make that motion.

11 JUDGE WOODS: Second?

12 MR. GALMOR: Who was that for again?

13 JUDGE WOODS: Same.

14 MR. GALMOR: I'll second.

15 JUDGE WOODS: Second by Mr. Galmor. All in
16 favor?

17 (AYE RESPONSES GIVEN.)

18 JUDGE WOODS: Any opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE.)

12:37PM 20 JUDGE WOODS: Hearing none, it'll pass.

21 Any other release of properties, C.D.s, cashier's
22 check?

23 MR. REED: Is it -- that 50,000 going over to --

24 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, Stellina.

25 MR. REED: Okay.

1 MS. BERTRAND: I just clarified that with the
2 auditor.

3 MR. REED: Very good.

4 JUDGE WOODS: Right. Any more discussion or
5 release of properties?

6 MS. SEGURA: That's it.

7 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

8 MS. BRODE: I'm sorry. I need to take a step
9 back. Keith and Shirley, what type of property was that? Was
10 that cash, or was it --

11 MS. BERTRAND: Real property.

12 MS. BRODE: -- real property? Thank you.

13 JUDGE WOODS: Yes, both of them. Any more
14 discussion of release of properties?

15 MS. SEGURA: That's it.

16 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. Item No. 7, report from the
17 auditor's office?

18 MS. BRODE: I have disbursed the general ledger.
19 We're in the black. I think we're actually not going to lose
12:38PM 20 money this year. I think we might end up in the black and -- I
21 know, right? Bail bondsmen look good. Attorneys look good. I
22 do -- I'm working with the county clerk and the district clerk
23 on the bottom three bonding companies whenever those have
24 changes. Other than that, we're all good.

25 JUDGE WOODS: Okay. And, No. 8, clarification on

1 most recent change to the surety bond form. Last meeting there
2 was a discussion about an approved new form that would be a
3 blank form that would be filled out for out of county bonds. I
4 don't believe there was actually a creation of a second form.
5 It was just keep in place the current form but adding a new
6 blank form for out of county bonds. I just want to make sure
7 we're clear on that.

8 MS. BERTRAND: Well, it was Keith's intention
9 when he brought this up it would be two bonds, two different
12:39PM 10 bonds. One was a blank, one with Jefferson County.

11 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

12 MS. BERTRAND: After reading the minutes and
13 after -- both for July and August, I didn't see that that was a
14 clear distinction when it passed, that it was going to be two
15 different bonds. I think it was most people's assumption that
16 it was going to be still one bond but have a blank for the
17 county. But going back to the originator, he said, no, it was
18 going to be two different bonds.

19 JUDGE WOODS: That's the way I understood it.

12:40PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: Okay.

21 JUDGE WOODS: That there would be one complete
22 form with Jefferson County on it, and there would be a separate
23 form for -- that would be left blank for any out of county
24 bonds.

25 MS. BERTRAND: Okay. I just wanted that to be on

1 the record for clear identifying purposes.

2 JUDGE WOODS: We're not doing away with any --

3 MS. BERTRAND: No.

4 JUDGE WOODS: -- form.

5 MR. ROMANO: So, can I get some clarification,
6 because I don't really see the reason to have two different
7 bonds when you can just write in the county, but will the jail
8 accept it if we write "Jefferson" where it says county?

9 MS. HAWKINS: We'll have -- we're not getting rid
10 of it.

11 MR. ROMANO: I just made two different bonds.
12 I'm using up my bonds that already have "Jefferson" in place
13 that I've been whiting out; but I just made a bunch that are
14 blank for the county that I just planned on writing in
15 "Jefferson," "Orange," "Jasper." Is that going to be a problem
16 at the jail?

17 MS. HAWKINS: It shouldn't be, but we were going
18 to write --

19 MR. ROMANO: Oh, y'all were going to write in the
20 county?

21 MS. HAWKINS: Right, so we'll know, because we
22 don't want those releasing officers to write "Jefferson" -- not
23 scratch "Jefferson" out. So, we want the blank one so we can
24 just fill it in.

25 MR. ROMANO: So, when we turn one in, it doesn't

1 matter if it's Jefferson or another county, y'all can write it
2 in.

3 MS. HAWKINS: If you already wrote it, that would
4 be fine. But that was the idea, to have "Jefferson" on one
5 already done and have one we can -- to fill it in if it was out
6 of county.

7 JUDGE WOODS: Any more discussion on bond forms?
8 Okay. We don't need to approve anything. It already was
9 approved, correct?

12:42PM 10 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, sir.

11 JUDGE WOODS: We just needed clarification of
12 what was approved.

13 MS. BERTRAND: Correct.

14 JUDGE WOODS: Motion to adjourn?

15 MR. REED: What about new business?

16 JUDGE WOODS: Oh, any new business and old
17 business? How about that? Okay.

18 MS. BERTRAND: I got some clarification because
19 in the last minutes, I read the announcement that Haylee was
12:42PM 20 going to be leaving the county clerk's office. That request
21 from me was denied. Haylee is staying in our office, and she
22 will be staying as the bail bond board representative for the
23 county clerk's office.

24 (CLAPPING.)

25 MR. PRICE: Boo.

1 MS. SEGURA: All right.

2 JUDGE WOODS: Wait. I need clarification.

3 What's going on?

4 MS. BERTRAND: Haylee initially was going to take
5 a job in the DA's office.

6 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah. I thought so.

7 MS. BERTRAND: And then she was going to take a
8 job in the district clerk's office. She snubbed them, and I was
9 able to keep her.

12:42PM 10 JUDGE WOODS: Oh. So, you're not going anywhere?

11 MS. FOURNIER: Not going anywhere.

12 MS. BRODE: They all want her.

13 MS. FOURNIER: Put that on the record.

14 MS. SEGURA: Oh, hey, you're a hot commodity.

15 Okay.

16 MS. FOURNIER: Sorry.

17 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I know.

18 MS. BERTRAND: I'm sorry. I had to do it.

19 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I know. We had her lined up,
20 you know.

21 MS. FOURNIER: I'm sorry.

22 MR. PRICE: There's Valencia, too, back there
23 feeling rejected and then she stole her from us. It's pretty
24 sorry; but, you know, that's okay.

25 MS. BRODE: It's all on the record.

1 MR. PRICE: It's all on the record.

2 MS. BERTRAND: But I won.

3 MR. PRICE: Yeah.

4 MS. BERTRAND: Let's clarify that.

5 JUDGE WOODS: Any more new business?

6 MR. REED: Yes. I would like to direct the bail
7 bond board, since the bail bondsmen have been part of the
8 judicial system for many, many years and I believe it's the only
9 entity that brings in millions of dollars for the county -- I
10 don't know of any other entity that does that -- but why can't
11 we have a security card to get into the courthouse rather than
12 going through the line many, many times when we come over here
13 on court dates?

14 JUDGE WOODS: I don't know. I don't know the
15 answer to that. I'm not in charge of the courthouse security.

16 MR. REED: Well, I mean --

17 MS. BRODE: I can bring up the topic.

18 MR. REED: We have to start somewhere and this
19 is -- for the bondsmen, this is always a good -- a place to
20 start.

21 JUDGE WOODS: Sure.

22 MS. BRODE: I can start that conversation, Judge.

23 JUDGE WOODS: Okay.

24 MS. BRODE: I'll let you know.

25 MR. REED: Okay. Thank you.

1 JUDGE WOODS: Yeah. They come here just as much
2 as attorneys do, so...

3 MR. ROMANO: We've passed background checks.

4 MS. BRODE: You will have to pay for it.

5 MR. REED: Of course, of course. We don't --

6 MS. BRODE: I don't want to surprise you with
7 that.

8 MR. REED: We pay for everything else.

9 MS. BRODE: You know I'm a little money hungry.

12:44PM 10 I need the money.

11 MR. REED: You don't have to tell me.

12 MS. BRODE: I'll look into it.

13 MR. REED: And it would be more money for you
14 probably, since you just said that you were in the black, so, I
15 don't know. Plus if we could pay it through the board.

16 JUDGE WOODS: Any more new business? Any old
17 business we need to talk about? Now can I get a motion to
18 adjourn?

19 MR. REED: Ms. Segura?

12:45PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: No, for real, someone.

21 MR. PRICE: I move we adjourn.

22 JUDGE WOODS: Good. It's adjourned.

23 (CONCLUSION OF BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING)

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