

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 21ST, 2024

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Raquel West
Judge Clint Woods
Judge Ransom "Duce" Jones
Valencia Simpson
Becky Bertrand
Keith Day
Kellie Holmes
Glenda Segura
Rhonda Brode
Tom Roebuck
Tim Funchess

1 JUDGE WEST: Let's call the meeting to
2 order. Hi, everybody. First thing on the agenda is to
3 review the minutes from last month's meeting. They were
4 sent out to everyone. And we'll need a motion to
01:37PM 5 approve those if you had an opportunity to look at them.
6 Okay. Is there a motion for the -- to approve the
7 minutes?

8 JUDGE JONES: So approved.

9 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion by Judge
01:38PM 10 Jones.

11 MR. FUNCHES: Second.

12 JUDGE WEST: Second by Mr. Funchess. Any
13 discussion about that? All in favor?

14 (ALL RESPONDED.)

01:38PM 15 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed?

16 All right. That passes. Report from the
17 district attorney's office? Do we -- don't have them
18 here. All right. Consideration. Let's see. Any
19 applications or renewals?

01:38PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

21 JUDGE WEST: Any complaints?

22 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.

23 JUDGE WEST: Treasurer's report.

24 MR. FUNCHES: I've got it distributed.

01:38PM 25 JUDGE WEST: Anybody have any questions

1 about the treasurer's report? Anything we need to take
2 note of, Mr. Funchess?

3 MR. FUNCHESS: No, ma'am.

4 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Any release requests?

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5 MS. SEGURA: No.

6 JUDGE WEST: Auditor's office.

7 MS. BRODE: I've distributed and done.

8 Everything looks good.

9 JUDGE WEST: All right. Anybody have any

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10 questions of Rhonda about that? All right. Last thing
11 that I have is I wanted to let you know all I -- it was
12 brought to my attention a while back about bail bond
13 representatives or bail bondsmen getting courthouse
14 badges. And so I don't know the logistics of that.

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15 I've talked to -- there is a security committee meeting,
16 which I'm on the security committee. I think that's
17 where it really needs to start. We haven't had one in a
18 while. But Judge Shelton is putting one together for
19 after Thanksgiving. So sometime between Thanksgiving

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20 and Christmas, there is going to be a security committee
21 meeting. I'll bring it to their attention and see what
22 they say about that logistically, pros and cons and
23 where they are. And then obviously that all goes

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24 through the bar association. So that's another level of
25 getting them and to talk about that as well. I'll

1 talk -- I mentioned it to Bonnie and -- but she's pretty
2 much like, you know, she'll do what she's told if it
3 gets approved. But I think it starts really at the
4 security committee level. And then it would maybe
01:40PM 5 commissioners and bar association, and things like that.
6 So we're not -- nothing to act on today. I'm just going
7 to bring it up at that meeting. And then I will let you
8 know what I find out at the next meeting.

9 MR. DAY: What background check? I mean it
01:40PM 10 is just a standard background check that everyone goes
11 through to get those badges?

12 JUDGE WEST: For us, you just have to be a
13 lawyer.

14 MR. DAY: Right.

01:40PM 15 JUDGE WEST: You know, and so that's why I
16 think -- I don't know. I would not be very hopeful that
17 it's going to get done. But I'll ask because it is --
18 there is not -- we don't have the set up for it to be
19 who is going to do background checks. We can't go ask
01:41PM 20 Bonnie to do all of that on top of what she's doing for
21 the lawyers.

22 MR. DAY: Well, the reason I was asking is
23 because all of our background checks are already done.

24 JUDGE WEST: Sure. And that maybe -- so
01:41PM 25 that may be something that makes it easier. I just

1 don't know.

2 MR. DAY: Okay.

3 JUDGE WEST: I'm going to bring it up and
4 ask them what it would take, and who it would be if it's
01:41PM 5 just bondsmen, how many of their agents, and what all
6 that would entail. So I'll bring it up at that meeting.
7 Let you know where they are on it. And then we can kind
8 of go from there.

9 MR. DAY: Okay.

01:41PM 10 JUDGE WEST: Other than -- I mean, security
11 background -- I mean, obviously, y'all have all that
12 stuff. But we don't have to do any of that. The
13 lawyers don't. But if there is anything else you want
14 me to tell them or specific information, anything, that
01:41PM 15 you would be helpful, just shoot me a message or
16 something.

17 MS. BERTRAND: It wouldn't be for all of
18 your employees. Just the ones that have --

19 MR. DAY: Well, I think when Al originally
01:42PM 20 brought this up, I think he had brought it up at the
21 meeting originally. He had asked specifically about all
22 employees. I --

23 JUDGE WEST: I don't think that's a good
24 idea, personally. I think that's too much.

01:42PM 25 MR. DAY: I know there is a high turn

1 overrate with -- well, not a high turn overrate. But
2 you know employees more than licensed agents, like --
3 and that would probably be the one that I would shoot
4 for. Now, obviously employees would be great.

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5 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

6 MR. DAY: Because I have ten employees. I
7 don't know which one might end up coming to the
8 courthouse on any particular day.

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9 JUDGE WEST: I mean, I know that going
10 through the security isn't the most fun thing, but there
11 is never --

12 MS. BERTRAND: I would only suggest the
13 ones that have gotten the cards that the board signs --

14 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

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15 MS. BERTRAND: -- those employees.

16 JUDGE WEST: Right. Which are the
17 licensed -- the ones that are licensed agents that we --
18 I'll check on it. And I'll report back.

19 MR. DAY: Okay.

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20 JUDGE WEST: All right. Any other
21 business? Anybody needs to bring up?

22 MS. SEGURA: Do you want to just keep this
23 on, yes?

24 JUDGE WEST: Yes, please.

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25 MR. DAY: One other thing, most everybody

1 probably knows by this time but just in case you don't.
2 Tamara may have already told everyone. But Ronnie
3 LeBlanc is not doing well at all right now healthwise,
4 and he's in a rehab facility right now. So we're
01:43PM 5 handling everything at Ronnie's office right now. We're
6 filing all of his paperwork for him. We're doing
7 everything for him. So if anybody has any questions
8 regarding anything that has to do with Ronnie, you can
9 just get in touch with -- or you know, Tamara or someone
01:43PM 10 at our office. And we're trying to handle everything
11 for him.

12 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Maybe let Elli and
13 Lacey know y'all have --

14 MR. DAY: And Tamara may have already
01:43PM 15 talked to them.

16 TAMARA: They --

17 JUDGE WEST: They do. Drug court knows.

18 TAMARA: Yeah.

19 JUDGE WEST: Okay. All right. Anything
01:43PM 20 else?

21 MS. BRODE: Auditors' office received a
22 letter from Lexus Nexus about a nonpayment for insurance
23 on one of our properties. I sent it to Becky. She did
24 identify it as a part of our collateral for one of our
01:44PM 25 bondsmen.

1 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

2 MS. BRODE: And a phone call has been made,
3 but it's a big chunk of this bondman's collateral.

4 JUDGE WEST: And that's a requirement under
01:44PM 5 our --

6 MS. BRODE: Yes.

7 JUDGE WEST: And we made sure all that was
8 done. Is that something that we want to get maybe Mr.
9 Roebuck to send a letter? I think we need an actual
01:44PM 10 letter or something to go out.

11 MR. ROEBUCK: Just let me know who it is.

12 MS. BRODE: I notified Lisa in the
13 treasurer's office today. And I know that Becky has
14 made a phone call to find out if it's still unpaid.

01:44PM 15 JUDGE WEST: My suggestion is if it's still
16 unpaid, get the information to Mr. Roebuck and
17 Mr. Roebuck can send out a letter on behalf of the bail
18 bond board or I can sign off on it or do one.

19 MR. ROEBUCK: Yeah. When you do that, send
01:45PM 20 me a copy of the deed of trust so I've got that.

21 JUDGE WEST: That way we can have something
22 in writing, so if it continues not to have it then we'll
23 do what we need to do. Because I think we'll need to
24 have given them notice, so we need to get that taken
01:45PM 25 care of if something doesn't happen on it.

1 CAPTAIN MORRIS: Sorry, y'all.

2 JUDGE WEST: That's all right. You just
3 got in time. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

4 MS. HOLMES: He thinks you're joking.

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5 JUDGE WEST: I know. We're done really.

6 CAPTAIN MORRIS: Isn't this good luck to
7 you?

8 JUDGE WEST: I don't know. Is it a secret
9 who the bondsman is?

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10 MS. BERTRAND: I would rather not say at
11 this point. It's not one of our mainstream ones.

12 JUDGE WEST: All right. Just -- yeah. I
13 think we -- sooner rather than later, if it's not paid
14 at this point, let's get a letter out quickly so that we
15 can act if we need to and not have to wait to give
16 notice and all that at another meeting. Get that out.
17 All right. Anything else? All right. Is there a
18 motion to adjourn?

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19 JUDGE JONES: Second.

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20 JUDGE WEST: That's it. We're adjourned.

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