

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

APRIL 24TH, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Raquel West
Becky Bertrand
Kellie Holmes
Glenda Segura
Rhonda Brode
Tom Roebuck
Quentin Price
Haylee Fournier
Valencia Simpson
Clint Turner
Captain Aaron Morris
Sandra Mott
Chief John Shauberger
Rebekah Patin

1 JUDGE WEST: Let's get started. Everyone
2 will get situated. We'll call the meeting to order.
3 Okay. Everyone was E-mailed the minutes, I believe,
4 yesterday or today before from last month's meeting. If
12:31PM 5 there is any issues with those, let us know. If not,
6 we'll need a motion approving them.

7 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I make a motion.

8 MR. PRICE: Second.

9 JUDGE WEST: A motion from Chief, second
12:31PM 10 from Quentin. Any discussion? All those in favor?

11 (ALL RESPOND.)

12 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right.
13 They're approved. Y'all give me a second. I have a
14 jury out, and my bailiff is -- okay. Let's see D.A.'s
12:32PM 15 office report. It looks like we were handed a report as
16 well as some law. Is there some reason for that?

17 MR. PRICE: Well, it may be to address one
18 of the items on the agenda briefly.

19 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

12:32PM 20 MR. PRICE: That's why I handed it out. So
21 it would be on the same page.

22 JUDGE WEST: Anything that we need to know
23 about with regard to that report?

24 MS. MOTT: No.

12:32PM 25 JUDGE WEST: Anybody have any questions of

1 the D.A.'s office on their report? Okay. Any
2 applications or renewals?

3 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

4 JUDGE WEST: Any complaints.

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5 MS. HOLMES: No, ma'am.

6 JUDGE WEST: I know that Becky and Kelly
7 have gone a couple of times since the last meeting and
8 done some spot checking and everything was fine
9 everywhere y'all went, correct?

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10 MS. HOLMES: Yes, we just have a few more
11 to do. A few more places, everything went great.

12 JUDGE WEST: Perfect. Let's see. Report
13 from the treasurer.

14 MR. TURNER: Treasurer's report has been
15 distributed.

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16 JUDGE WEST: And does anyone have any
17 questions about that report for the treasurer's office?
18 Anything we need to be made aware of on that report?

19 MR. TURNER: No, ma'am.

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20 JUDGE WEST: Thank you. Release of
21 property, we have several that are requesting release of
22 property. The first that I have is for the -- it's one
23 that we talked about, I think, last month on Joshua --
24 Jamie Stewart. And they are no longer writing or active
25 and so this is for 109 Ashley Lane in Lumberton, Texas.

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1 We'll need a motion to approve that.

2 MR. PRICE: All of their bonds -- they're
3 done with all of the bonds. There is no outstanding
4 bonds or anything?

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5 MS. BERTRAND: No.

6 MR. PRICE: Okay. I move that. I make
7 that motion, Your Honor.

8 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I second.

9 JUDGE WEST: I've got a motion by

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10 Mr. Price, a second by Chief. All those in favor?

11 (ALL RESPOND.)

12 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? Okay. That one
13 is good. And then I have for Al Reed, I've got five
14 requested releases. It's my understanding that everyone

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15 has already taken a look at that. And they will still
16 be in good standing. So those are for, physical
17 addresses of 1165 Briar Meadow Drive, 6820 Westgate
18 Drive, 1080 Shakespeare Drive, 875 Monterrey Drive, and
19 8727 College Street. So -- and Becky, I'm correct that

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20 those have all been --

21 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

22 JUDGE WEST: He'll have plenty -- still
23 outstanding to be fine on that.

24 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

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25 MR. PRICE: Your Honor, I make a motion

1 that we release that property that you just identified
2 for Mr. Reed.

3 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll second.

4 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion by Quentin
12:35PM 5 Price; second by Chief. Any discussion about those?
6 All in favor?

7 (ALL RESPONDED.)

8 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right.
9 Those will be all approved. Then the last one is for
12:35PM 10 Shirley Lane. She has requested a release of a
11 property. It also has been checked as far as her
12 remaining money. And that's all going to be good,
13 correct, Becky?

14 MS. BERTRAND: Correct.

12:35PM 15 JUDGE WEST: And this is 2880 Bonnie Briar.
16 So we would need a separate motion on that one.

17 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll make a motion.

18 MR. PRICE: I'll second.

19 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion by Chief; a
12:35PM 20 second by Quentin Price. All those in favor?

21 (ALL RESPONDED.)

22 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
23 passes as well. I'll get all those signed in a little
24 bit. That's it for those. Report from the auditor's
12:36PM 25 office.

1 MS. BRODE: They've been distributed. I
2 would like to announce that Rebekah Patin, the first
3 assistant county auditor, will be replacing me on the
4 board. And she's with me today. So everyone please
5 welcome her.

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6 JUDGE WEST: Welcome, Rebekah.

7 MS. PATIN: Thank you.

8 JUDGE WEST: And we're going to miss you
9 being here on the board, though.

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10 MS. BRODE: I'm not going anywhere.

11 MS. BERTRAND: Not for the next few months.

12 JUDGE WEST: Y'all give me just a few
13 seconds, y'all. Okay. Okay. Finally have an answer
14 for bail board -- or bail bondsmen getting badges. We
15 finally had a meeting yesterday of the security
16 committee. I brought it up to the security committee.
17 The answer is going to be no. There is really several
18 reasons for that. It's not -- you know, because anybody
19 doesn't like you guys or think you're trustworthy. The
20 bar association is the ones that handle those. And
21 they've been doing that kind of as a favor for lawyers
22 because they're members of the bar and pay dues and
23 things like that. And so we would have -- it has to go
24 through them. So that's one of the concerns. And they
25 had some others which is just about maybe turnover of

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1 employees. But mainly it was the fact that it's -- we
2 would be asking someone that has nothing to do with us
3 or you guys to do that. And so because you're not
4 county employees or lawyers, it kind of falls out of
12:37PM 5 that. But I did ask. So we can take that off the
6 agenda finally after I don't know 6, 9 months of us
7 trying to get that taken care of. The next is a carry
8 over from last month to discuss the incomplete addresses
9 on the surety bonds. It's my understanding that is --
12:38PM 10 has been taken care of. Chief and Captain, y'all both
11 are here. Do you want to give us an update?

12 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Yeah. So we've been
13 allowing the defendant to fill out the address upon
14 release when they have bond. So if there is an
12:38PM 15 incomplete address or E-mail, we have them fill out the
16 information before they're released.

17 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Anything else on that
18 issue that anybody needs to -- okay. Good. The next is
19 also a carry over from last month, and I think it has
12:38PM 20 been resolved as well. And that was the issue with
21 communicating bond conditions. And Mary Helm has -- is
22 live, I think, as of today or yesterday.

23 MS. BERTRAND: Late yesterday.

24 JUDGE WEST: Two different things. And
12:39PM 25 Becky has kind of an example of what it looks like where

1 the bondsmen will be able to get that information.

2 MS. BERTRAND: Right before the meeting, I
3 kind of briefly brought to the bonding companies, that
4 are here today, an example. And Chief and Captain know
12:39PM 5 this. But to find this information, they actually have
6 to go to the inmate search not the jail roster. So if
7 you do the inmate search, put the person's name -- last
8 name, first name -- search it. The current offenses
9 that they are in custody for will show up. If there is
12:39PM 10 a bond amount set that amount shows up. And if there
11 was additional conditions, those are showing up. The
12 standards won't obviously because they're standards.
13 But any additional bond conditions are showing up.

14 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

12:39PM 15 MS. BERTRAND: If there is a blank, on the
16 second page that I gave y'all, there is a blank on the
17 charge for murder and forgery. One of two things
18 happens. The case is so old -- like in this instance,
19 the case was so old there was a bond amount set for both
12:40PM 20 of these. But that's before we went live. So it's not
21 going to carry over. But according to the new standards
22 in the Senate Bill 6, they would have to be
23 remagistrated anyway and then go before the magistrate.
24 But other than that, you should see a bond amount if one
12:40PM 25 is set.

1 JUDGE WEST: Good deal. Thank you. And
2 Mary is not here, but we thanked her. I've already
3 thanked her for getting that done and together. So that
4 was good. Okay. The last thing on the agenda is to --
12:40PM 5 we have to go through nominations and a vote for the
6 representative on the board for the bail bondsmen.
7 Keith Day has been it. Is still -- he's E-mailed. He's
8 unable to be here because of a death in the family. My
9 understanding and what we've done in the past is we'll
12:41PM 10 take -- you know, any nominations from bondsmen that are
11 here. Once those nominations are made, I'm going to
12 handout a sheet of paper where you will secretly place
13 your vote and hand them to me. And I'll read them out.
14 And we'll get that figure out. So we need -- looks like
12:41PM 15 we have four of you here?

16 MS. RITENOUR: No, two.

17 JUDGE WEST: Two.

18 MS. BERTRAND: You have Erica, which is an
19 owner. And you have Lisa, which is an owner.

12:41PM 20 JUDGE WEST: So is there a requirement that
21 we have --

22 MS. BERTRAND: There is nothing in the
23 statute that says a minimum requirement.

24 JUDGE WEST: Well, does anyone -- would
12:41PM 25 anyone like to make a nomination.

1 UNKNOWN FEMALE: Keith Day.

2 JUDGE WEST: One nomination. Any others?

3 UNKNOWN FEMALE: David Freiga.

4 JUDGE WEST: Okay. We have two nominations

12:42PM 5 from our two representatives. So you two get to vote.

6 Right?

7 MS. BERTRAND: It's -- if it's a tie, we
8 have to carry it over to the next month, so we can make
9 sure --

12:42PM 10 JUDGE WEST: Y'all pass them these pieces
11 of paper and write it on there. Okay.

12 Thank you, sir. So I guess just for the
13 minutes, I will close nominations, also. And so I think
14 procedurally if there is a tie the nominations will be

12:43PM 15 closed. But we would just have to have a vote --
16 another vote at the next meeting.

17 MS. BERTRAND: Yes.

18 JUDGE WEST: Okay. We have one vote for
19 Keith Day and one vote for Keith Day, so. All right.

12:43PM 20 So Keith Day will continue as the representative. We'll
21 let him know the good news. That is all I have on the
22 agenda. Is there any other business that we need to
23 take care of? That was just --

24 MR. PRICE: I didn't need that. That was
12:43PM 25 my support for my argument. But I don't need it. It's

1 always off.

2 JUDGE WEST: That's --

3 MR. PRICE: Thank Mary and MIS and the
4 sheriff's office for doing such a wonderful job.

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5 JUDGE WEST: Perfect.

6 MR. PRICE: Getting it fixed.

7 JUDGE WEST: Is there a motion to adjourn
8 then?

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9 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll make a motion to
10 adjourn.

11 MR. PRICE: Second.

12 JUDGE WEST: We're adjourned. Thanks
13 y'all.

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