

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

JUNE 26TH, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Craig Lively
Becky Bertrand
Keith Day
Kellie Holmes
Rhonda Brode
Tom Roebuck
Quentin Price
Haylee Fournier
Tim Funchess
Captain Aaron Morris
Sandra Mott
Rebekah Patin
Chief Shauberger

1 JUDGE LIVELY: For those of you who don't
2 recognize me, since I come here rare occasion. I'm
3 Craig Lively with the municipal court. I'm the lucky
4 guy that gets to hold the meeting today because Judge
12:33PM 5 West said, "I'm tired of having meeting run so well. I
6 need somebody who is not going to do a good job to make
7 me look even better." So I'm here to make Judge West
8 look even better.

9 So we'll call the meeting to order today.
12:33PM 10 First business of order is review the minutes from last
11 month's meeting. Those were E-mailed out. Everybody
12 had a chance to review them?

13 MR. PRICE: I move we approve them, Your
14 Honor.

12:33PM 15 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Second?

16 MR. FUNCHES: Second.

17 JUDGE LIVELY: And all in favor?

18 (ALL RESPONDED.)

19 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Report from the
12:33PM 20 district attorney office.

21 MS. MOTT: I handed that out.

22 JUDGE LIVELY: Any questions or comment?

23 MR. PRICE: I've got one questions. Why do
24 we have this report? I asked Rhonda this the other day.
12:33PM 25 And I was talking to Becky as well. Why do we do a

1 report? Does anybody use it? Just out curiosity.
2 Anyway just think about that, I'll put it on the agenda
3 one of these days we can talk about it. But I was
4 looking at it, and if no one is using it. I don't look
12:34PM 5 at it. My paycheck doesn't depend on it, so -- any way,
6 just out curiosity wondering why we have a report that
7 no one uses.

8 JUDGE LIVELY: So we'll put that on next
9 month's agenda to discuss whether we need the monthly
12:34PM 10 report from the D.A.'s office.

11 MR. PRICE: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 JUDGE LIVELY: Got it. All right. So we
13 have consideration of approval of applications become
14 bondsmen or agents and renewals. We have two correct?

12:34PM 15 MS. BERTRAND: Correct.

16 JUDGE LIVELY: And those were emailed out.
17 Has everybody had a chance to look at those. And I
18 don't have it in front of me. I don't think so. Who
19 was first one?

12:34PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: The first one we had was
21 Malorie Jackson. Again, just like saved in my E-mail,
22 she's in -- everything was fine with her application.
23 No issues.

24 JUDGE LIVELY: Very good. Everybody has
12:35PM 25 had a chance to look at those good?

1 MR. FUNCHES: I move we approve.

2 JUDGE LIVELY: Any second?

3 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Second.

4 JUDGE LIVELY: Any discussion?

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5 All right. All in favor?

6 (ALL RESPONDED.)

7 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Malorie Jackson
8 is approved. Next one up is Kenna Weiss, Kenna Browning
9 Weis.

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10 MS. BERTRAND: Correct. There was a slight
11 hiccup with this application that Quentin and I had
12 discussed. Overall it's complete. And technically
13 there is no issue to it. But what I will point out is
14 she did provide copies of a case that was filed in
15 misdemeanor court, provided that it was disposed of
16 correctly. However, her report from DPS and Percegius
17 (phonetic) reported nothing that she had clear
18 background, which was an issue. I reached out to them
19 and what they realized is she was issued two different
20 SID numbers. They have since merged those SID numbers.
21 I sent Quentin the information confirming that has been
22 done. So there is no issue.

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23 JUDGE LIVELY: And the misdemeanor is not
24 an issue --

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25 MS. BERTRAND: No, it's not a crime of

1 moral turpitude.

2 JUDGE LIVELY: Good.

3 MR. PRICE: I move we approve, Your Honor.

4 JUDGE LIVELY: Got a second?

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5 MR. FUNCHESS: Second.

6 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Very good. Any
7 discussion after the discussion? All right. All if
8 favor?

9 (ALL RESPONDED.)

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10 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Ms. Weiss is
11 approved also. Any complaints against the bondsmen?

12 MS. HOLMES: I've not received any.

13 JUDGE LIVELY: Excellent. Treasurer
14 report.

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15 MR. FUNCHESS: I handed it out. Anybody
16 has any questions I'll answer them.

17 JUDGE LIVELY: Any questions on treasurer's
18 report? Do we have any requests for release of
19 property, CDCs, cash, et cetera by the bonding
20 company -- by the bondsmen.

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21 MS. BERTRAND: We do. The request is
22 coming in from Erica Berge. So she currently has a
23 piece of property pledged up on Philmont in Port Arthur.
24 The value is over 95,000. But in turn will be pledging
25 to the board another piece of property located in

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1 Nederland, that's valued at 150,000 plus. So more than
2 enough to cover what was previously put up and then
3 some. So there will be no issue with the value with the
4 board.

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5 JUDGE LIVELY: So it will happen near in
6 the time to each other?

7 MS. BERTRAND: It will happen, like, right
8 now at today's meeting if you approve the release. And
9 then I was also going to mention after that that we
10 accept the deed of trust for the new property.

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11 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Is there a
12 motion to approve the release of Ms. Berge's property or
13 did we just do that?

14 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I make a motion.

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15 JUDGE LIVELY: Second?

16 MR. PRICE: Second.

17 JUDGE LIVELY: Any further discussion on
18 the release of property noting that it was going to be
19 replaced immediately today with more valuable property?

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20 Very good. All right. We'll release that property to
21 Ms. Berge with the new property being pledged.

22 Last thing on the agenda is report from the
23 auditors' office.

24 MS. PATIN: I did pass out the report from
25 the auditor's office. So everyone got one. If you have

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1 any questions, let me know. I only had one thing I
2 wanted to bring to y'all's attention. And it's on
3 Ronald Butch Decote, which is Bail Bonds. In January we
4 reduced his collateral to 40,667 from 82. But his
12:39PM 5 bonding limit is still 46,844.31. So his bonding limit
6 is \$6,000 over his collateral.

7 MS. BERTRAND: I'll explain that.

8 MS. PATIN: Okay.

9 MS. BERTRAND: So Mr. Decote is no longer a
12:39PM 10 licensed bondsmen. He has gotten out of the business.
11 We have made him inactive in the system. He can never
12 ever make a new bond. But we had to bust his amount
13 pledge to pay for judgments that came through. So he
14 loses that ratio, that ten times ratio.

12:39PM 15 MS. PATIN: Okay.

16 MS. BERTRAND: I think we have one more to
17 clear up with him.

18 MR. PRICE: I know the numbers have gotten
19 smaller. I know that we're down to the point now where
12:39PM 20 if all -- everything went bad, he's still has enough
21 money in the treasurer's office to cover the amount that
22 he would.

23 MS. BERTRAND: And get a refund.

24 MS. PATIN: Okay.

12:39PM 25 MS. BRODE: This is not reflecting

1 correctly on the bond limit. And if ever he got in --
2 ahold of that and wanted a refund for that amount.

3 MS. BERTRAND: I will adjust.

4 MS. BRODE: You will adjust it.

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5 MR. PRICE: Okay.

6 MS. BRODE: So Quentin, I'm sorry. You
7 said you have more. How much more do you think?

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8 MR. PRICE: That all I cared about once we
9 got past that number, as long as he was fully secured,

10 what I was concerned with was -- you know, with the
11 multiplier effect that you have with bonding that he
12 would be over his -- he would have more out in bonds
13 then he had in treasurer's office. And once he got
14 under that then I'm -- I'm kind of -- you know, I'm just
15 waiting till another bond forfeiture occurs or it all
16 gets written off and then he can come get his money.
17 Okay.

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18 MS. BERTRAND: I think one of the cases
19 we're waiting for the statute of limitations to run.
20 And it was going to be pretty quick the last time I
21 checked on it. I just want to say there is one case
22 left for him.

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23 MS. BRODE: There was on 235 out left.

24 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah.

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25 JUDGE LIVELY: Any further discussion on

1 Mr. Decote?

2 MS. PATIN: Not from the auditors' office.

3 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Thank you.

4 Anything else on the auditors' office? Very good. Any
12:41PM 5 new business?

6 MR. DAY: Judge, I wanted to -- we're not
7 going to discuss it today, but I want to make sure it
8 was brought up so we can have it on the agenda for next
9 month. There was some discussion -- if Judge West was
12:41PM 10 here today, my understanding was regarding some ankle
11 monitor procedure with the bondsmen and whatnot. I want
12 to make sure that gets on the agenda for next month.

13 MS. HOLMES: She said she would make sure
14 it's on there.

12:41PM 15 JUDGE LIVELY: Yeah. She mentioned that.

16 MR. DAY: Okay.

17 JUDGE LIVELY: So that will be ankle
18 monitoring procedure will have that next month's agenda.

19 MR. PRICE: Your Honor, I don't want to
12:42PM 20 contradict Keith. But it may be that it wants to be a
21 little broader discussion that would entail changes of
22 bonding conditions generated by the court whenever the
23 court generate change in bonding conditions. Chris
24 Romano was saying that he wants to know that there has
12:42PM 25 been changes in bonding conditions.

1 MR. DAY: Well, I just figured saying ankle
2 monitor would bring up.

3 MR. PRICE: Would open it up.

4 MR. DAY: Would open up everything so...

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5 MR. PRICE: All right. So sounds good to
6 me, Your Honor.

7 JUDGE LIVELY: Let's go with Quentin and
8 just keep it broad.

9 MR. DAY: His sounds more professional.

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10 JUDGE LIVELY: All right. Anymore new
11 business? And I skip past old business. I'm seeing all
12 the faces say no. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

13 MR. FUNCHES: Moved.

14 JUDGE LIVELY: Second?

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15 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Second.

16 JUDGE LIVELY: Adjourned at 12:41.

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