

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 21ST, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Ransom "Duce" Jones
Judge Craig Lively
Judge Raquel West
Judge Clint Woods
Becky Bertrand
Quentin Price
Haylee Fournier
Tim Funchess
Leslie Hughes
Sandra Mott
Rebekah Patin
Tom Roebuck
Chief Shauburger
Valencia Simpson

1 JUDGE WEST: Call the meeting to order.
2 Sorry. I'm a few minutes late. Everyone should have
3 been E-mailed out the minutes from the July meeting.
4 And if you've reviewed those and approve them, we'll
12:37PM 5 need a motion and a second on that.

6 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I'll make a motion.

7 MR. FUNCHES: I'll second.

8 JUDGE WEST: Got a motion and second. Any
9 discussion about those minutes? All in favor of
12:38PM 10 approving them?

11 (ALL RESPONDED.)

12 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right.
13 They're approved. Any new applications? We do have a
14 renewal, correct?

12:38PM 15 MS. BERTRAND: Yes. We actually have --
16 we'll start with the original application for Jana
17 Bruce. She's an employee of Allied Bail Bonds. This
18 was sent out to all voting members. Everything is in
19 order. And there is no issues.

12:38PM 20 JUDGE WEST: All right. We'll need a
21 motion on that Jana Bruce.

22 JUDGE LIVELY: So moved, Lively.

23 MS. FOURNIER: Second.

24 JUDGE WEST: We've a motion and a second.
12:38PM 25 Any discussion with regard to her application? All

1 those in favor?

2 (ALL RESPONDED.)

3 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? That's approved.

4 MS. BERTRAND: The next one we have is a
12:38PM 5 renewal for Jamie Lynch. She's employed by Keith Day
6 with Professional Bail Bonds. I did state in the E-mail
7 that I had not received her background check. However,
8 it was brought to me today, and it's good. So her
9 application is in order.

12:39PM 10 JUDGE WEST: All right.

11 JUDGE JONES: So moved.

12 MR. FUNCHES: Second.

13 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Second.

14 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion and some
12:39PM 15 seconds. Any discussion on the renewal of Jamie Lynch?
16 All those in favor?

17 (ALL RESPONDED.)

18 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
19 passes as well.

12:39PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: The second one that I have
21 for Professional Bail Bonds is the renewal for Tiffany
22 Cousins. Again I received her criminal history.
23 Everything is in order, and the application is ready.

24 JUDGE WEST: Okay.

12:39PM 25 JUDGE JONES: So moved.

1 MR. FUNCHESS: Second.

2 JUDGE WEST: Eyeballing people. I've got a
3 motion and a second. Any discussion on that renewal?
4 All in favor?

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5 (ALL RESPONDED.)

6 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
7 one passes as well.

8 MS. BERTRAND: And the last one I have is a
9 renewal for Tamara Ritenour. She's employed by Keith
10 Day. I did receive her background check and everything
11 is in order.

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12 JUDGE WEST: All right. We need a motion.

13 JUDGE JONES: So moved.

14 MR. FUNCHESS: So moved.

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15 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion. And I
16 think a second. Any discussion on Tamara's? All in
17 favor?

18 (ALL RESPONDED.)

19 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
20 passes as well.

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21 MS. BERTRAND: That's all I have.

22 JUDGE WEST: Thank you. I don't think
23 there is any complaints.

24 MS. BERTRAND: No.

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25 JUDGE WEST: Treasurer report.

1 MR. FUNCHES: I have passed it out for
2 y'all to review. If there is any questions, I'll
3 address them. We'll get back with you later.

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4 JUDGE WEST: Anybody have any questions
5 about the treasurer's report? All right. Any request
6 for release of property?

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7 MS. BERTRAND: Not at this time. But we
8 will be sending a request to remove -- to release the
9 \$20,000 that Ronnie LeBlanc has put up and pledged. His
10 cases are coming off. And I anticipate by at the end of
11 this week, all cases will be removed and settled out.
12 His accusation bonds, those are all coming off for
13 whatever reason, dispositions in other counties. The
14 one case he does have a bond on, what I understand is
15 that he was going to do a substitute bond on, so that
16 will clear up that one and only case that's active and
17 filed.

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18 JUDGE WEST: So will we just hold that and
19 do it at the next meeting.

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20 MS. BERTRAND: I think it's -- we can just
21 do it by an E-mail. But we can formally do it for next
22 month's meeting.

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23 JUDGE WEST: Can we do it today but with
24 the -- those contingencies then we don't have to worry
25 about the E-mail that once all that gets to me as long

1 as it's in order, can we do that?

2 MS. BERTRAND: Yeah.

3 MR. FUNCHES: Who is that on?

4 JUDGE WEST: Ronnie LeBlanc.

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5 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Ronnie LeBlanc.

6 MR. FUNCHES: Okay.

7 JUDGE WEST: I don't know if that makes it
8 more confusing.

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9 MS. BERTRAND: He's got one, two, three,
10 four, five bonds on accusation. Every single one of
11 these are disposed of. I've spoken to the other
12 counties and to the ADAs confirming that those cases are
13 closed out. And then the one and only case that he has
14 a bond on is for a \$2,000 bond for a DWI second.

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15 JUDGE WEST: And that's the one that Keith
16 is going to take care of?

17 MS. RITENOUR: Yes. I can have that done
18 probably by Monday this time.

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19 JUDGE WEST: So if everything -- that's the
20 only one that's not taken care of, so if we had a motion
21 to approve the release of \$20,000 once that's
22 substitution is done, we can go ahead and do that today?

23 MR. PRICE: I'll make that motion.

24 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: Second.

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25 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion and a

1 second to release the \$20,000 for Ronnie LeBlanc once
2 the substitution is done on that DWI case. Is there any
3 other discussion about that? All those in favor?

4 (ALL RESPOND.)

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5 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. So
6 once that's done, that can be done. Report from the
7 auditor's office. I'm sorry?

8 MR. FUNCHESS: It looks like he's got real
9 estate up too.

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10 MS. BERTRAND: He does. And that will be
11 on the next month's agenda.

12 MR. FUNCHESS: Okay.

13 MS. BERTRAND: I'll prepare the releases
14 and present those to the board.

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15 JUDGE WEST: Perfect. We've got auditor's
16 office.

17 MS. PATIN: Yes. It's passed out.
18 Everyone should have a copy. If you don't, let me know.
19 No discrepancies found. If you have any questions, just
20 let me know.

12:43PM

21 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Anyone have any
22 questions about the auditor's report? Perfect. So the
23 last thing on the agenda is to discuss the ankle
24 monitoring and -- not just ankle monitoring, bond
25 conditions and the issues that we talked about last

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1 month. And I -- so what I have done with regard -- I
2 think that we kind of came down to is each court does
3 things different. We talked about talking to the other
4 courts about notifying the bondsmen when cases get moved
5 and things like that. That's just not something that we
6 can require, but we'll work on that. Judge Woods and I
7 talked about that last time. The one thing that was an
8 issue that I've worked on is the time period between a
9 case being filed and indicted and those bond conditions
10 that are put on by the magistrates out at the jail that
11 no one is really monitoring -- or they're monitoring but
12 they -- we had an issue whether or not Judge Derouen had
13 the authority to issue warrants if there was violation
14 of those bond conditions. So I talked to Judge Derouen.
15 We've talked to some different counties, and I've done a
16 little research. We think that he can issue those
17 warrants. I don't think that's an issue. So then I
18 talked to Mary Helm about how to actually make it where
19 he can do that, which of course is not as easy as us
20 just saying we say he can do so have him do it. She
21 used some words -- I don't know -- pods or some kind of
22 something that each division has. He doesn't have one
23 of those. And so there is a couple of things she's
24 looking into. Today is the day they have a big
25 conversation -- this big telephone conversation with

1 everybody else that uses Tyler Technologies. And so it
2 didn't work out where we can get their information
3 before the meeting, but she's going to ask. Tyler
4 usually has representatives on that phone call as well
12:45PM 5 as other counties that use Tyler. So she's going to ask
6 them today how they do it. You can get one of these --
7 she does know that we can get one of these things,
8 whatever it's called, added. But we have to pay for
9 that. And she was going to look into what that would
12:45PM 10 cost so that Mark would have his own out there. That --
11 even if we do that, we're talking about who knows how
12 long with Tyler getting all that done. So in the
13 meantime what I'm going to try to do -- and I haven't
14 done yet because I was just able to talk to Mary
12:46PM 15 recently -- is reach out to Judge Doyle and Judge
16 Collins, because they do warrants all the time. They
17 have it set up to do it and input and all of that. And
18 so I don't know that these would be that many. And so
19 my goal is to talk to them and see if Mark has one that
12:46PM 20 he needs to issue a warrant on that he can go through
21 their office, make a request. There is already this
22 queue thing that's set for when the D.A.'s office would
23 like a pocket warrant or something from the JPs. And
24 she is -- thinks it might be easier, at least until
12:46PM 25 Tyler does something, to hook Mark up on that -- that

1 thing that the D.A.'s do so it would go and get sent to
2 their offices, they would get it, go through, issue
3 those warrants requiring them to go to the jail,
4 obviously. But anyway, that's the update on that part
12:46PM 5 that was a lot, so...

6 MR. PRICE: Well, there is also -- I have a
7 question about what do we do about the bail bond
8 forfeitures. I know we've had forfeitures in the
9 past -- well, they've not -- they violated the bond,
12:47PM 10 conditions of the bond. Yet -- frankly, I don't know
11 how to move forward with getting a judgment Nisi
12 entered. Where would the judgement Nisi reside, would
13 it reside in JP? How do we move forward? So that is
14 something that I need to figure out, which I don't know.

12:47PM 15 JUDGE WEST: Okay. I guess --

16 MR. PRICE: Yet. Just FYI. That's out
17 there.

18 JUDGE WEST: Okay. That maybe another
19 thing we have to figure out, also figure out with
12:47PM 20 where -- how just the -- logistically with our system
21 how to do it with Tyler, things like that that -- we're
22 at least working on that aspect of the people that you
23 guys bond out that aren't indicted yet, that aren't
24 following bond conditions, and really are out there just
12:47PM 25 kind of living their best life. Probably most of them

1 know that if they're not indicted -- I mean, they're
2 smarter than we all think about some things. So they
3 probably know that if they test positive, it doesn't
4 matter. If they're not doing their GPS, it doesn't
5 matter. So we're going to try to work on that pretty
6 quick.

7 CHIEF SHAUBERGER: I do have a question
8 about that. So we have cases -- if they're released on
9 bond under that accusation period and say there is an
10 ankle monitor required for the bond condition. But
11 after that 72 hours, there is no case file.

12 JUDGE WEST: If the case isn't file, none
13 of what I just said is probably going to -- none of that
14 can really work until the case is filed. And so there
15 is still going to be some that get out on accusation
16 that the case isn't file for some time, for some reason
17 ever that are going to just be the few that I don't know
18 how to handle yet. Judge Derouen and I talked for quite
19 some time, several times about this over the last few
20 weeks and that's just one of the quirks of the
21 accusation period. It's not like we can ask anybody out
22 in -- else in the State of Texas how they do, because
23 they don't have those. And if we start -- they're,
24 like, you do what, you know. So it's something that
25 we've created that I think might just be some that we

1 don't have any real say so over. We order bond
2 conditions. And if they don't do them, they don't do
3 them.

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4 JUDGE LIVELY: It's okay after the 2 or 3
5 arrests, everybody is going to be sitting out there two
6 or three, two or three accusations.

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7 JUDGE WEST: Well, and that's what -- Mark
8 even said that there is not a whole, whole lot of these
9 because a lot them go more regularly and understand the
10 nuisances of the jail and the accusation period that we
11 have, they would rather wait 2 or 3 days and not have
12 any bond conditions then get bond out and have those
13 conditions. So we're really just talking about a
14 handful, but it's something that we're trying to do to
15 help at least those for the bondsmen that have
16 conditions that nobody is really paying attention to.
17 So we're working on that.

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18 JUDGE LIVELY: The little jail lawyers will
19 tell them quickly.

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20 JUDGE WEST: Very quickly. So I think
21 that's really it with regard to that. I mean, again
22 we're trying to do things as much as we can uniformly.
23 But you're never going to get 4 or 5 courts to do things
24 uniformly. And we can't make them. So we'll do the
25 best that we can.

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1 All right. Anything else? That's it for
2 the agenda. All right. Is there a motion to adjourn?

3 MR. FUNCHESS: Move.

4 JUDGE JONES: I second.

5 JUDGE WEST: We're adjourned. Have a great
6 day.

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