

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 16TH, 2025

THOSE PRESENT: Judge Raquel West
Judge Clint Woods
Becky Bertrand
Kellie Holmes
Tom Roebuck
Dustin Galmor
Quentin Price
Tim Funchess
Leslie Hughes
Captain Aaron Morris
Keith Day
Erica Bell

1 JUDGE WEST: Let's start the meeting. Call
2 it to order. Do we have enough? First item on the
3 agenda is to review the minutes from the last month's
4 meeting. Those were sent. Everybody should have an
12:35PM 5 opportunity to take a look at those. They need to be
6 approved.

7 MR. PRICE: I move to approve.

8 JUDGE WEST: That's for August and
9 September, also.

12:35PM 10 MR. PRICE: Both months.

11 MR. FUNCHES: Second.

12 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion and a
13 second. Any discussion about the minutes from August
14 and September? All right. Those in favor of approving
12:35PM 15 both August and September?

16 (ALL RESPOND.)

17 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
18 passes. Consideration of application and renewals.
19 Becky?

12:35PM 20 MS. BERTRAND: We do have one for Erika
21 Burge. Application is in order. However, we're still
22 missing the background searches. Per her last renewal,
23 they were clean. We've got the receipts in here where
24 they did it like a couple of months ago, and it just
12:35PM 25 hasn't come in yet. So we're still waiting on that.

1 But everything else is in order. I also want to mention
2 there is some slight adjustment to her collateral. Over
3 all, her collateral is going to increase by \$49,607.
4 And I will get with the treasurer and auditor's office,
12:36PM 5 so we can all match in our reports.

6 JUDGE WEST: So do we need to vote on it
7 and approve it pending --

8 MS. BERTRAND: Uh-huh.

9 JUDGE WEST: Once those come in, we don't
12:36PM 10 have vote on it again.

11 MS. BERTRAND: Correct.

12 JUDGE WEST: If there is an issue when they
13 come.

14 MS. BERTRAND: I'll put it back on the
12:36PM 15 agenda.

16 JUDGE WEST: So we'll need a motion to
17 approve the renewal by Erika Burge pending the criminal
18 history coming back.

19 MR. FUNCHES: So moved.

12:36PM 20 MR. DAY: Second.

21 JUDGE WEST: We've got a motion and second.
22 Is there any discussion about that? All those in favor?

23 (ALL RESPOND.)

24 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. That
12:36PM 25 is approved conditionally based on criminal history

1 reports. Any complaints?

2 MS. BERTRAND: No, ma'am.

3 JUDGE WEST: And treasurer's office
4 reports.

12:36PM 5 MR. FUNCHES: I passed it out for y'all's
6 review. If you have any questions, just let me know.

7 JUDGE WEST: All right. Anybody have any
8 questions about that?

9 MR. FUNCHES: I think Erika Burge is
12:37PM 10 up-to-date on my report.

11 MS. BERTRAND: Well, it's going to change
12 because the application is being approved today. I
13 can't make changes until it was approved. Then I'll go
14 back and make those corrections upping the limits. And
12:37PM 15 then I'll get with you. I have a copy for you to take
16 back with you, so you can have it in paper right now.

17 MR. FUNCHES: Okie doke, thanks.

18 MR. PRICE: How close are we to getting
19 Ronald Ducote taking care of?

12:37PM 20 JUDGE WEST: Wait.

21 MR. PRICE: I'm sorry. Is that on there?

22 JUDGE WEST: It's coming. The next item on
23 agenda is any release of property and discuss releasing
24 money from Ducote's collateral.

12:37PM 25 MS. BERTRAND: Okay. I guess I got this.

1 JUDGE WEST: Do you want -- you've got it.

2 MS. BERTRAND: Currently, Butch has

3 \$40,667.82 cash put up with us. We are requesting that

4 \$20,000 -- 667 -- \$20,667.82, we release back to him.

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5 Leaving \$20,000 still current with the board. He has

6 one bond that's out -- that is outstanding. I can't

7 talk for some reason today. The bond is only 15,000.

8 So even if we forfeited it at full amount plus court

9 costs, there is 20,000 still left is enough to cover it.

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10 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Is that the only --

11 excuse me -- release or anything that we have.

12 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, ma'am.

13 JUDGE WEST: So the request would be to

14 release \$20,667.82.

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15 MS. BERTRAND: Yes, ma'am.

16 JUDGE WEST: All right. Do we have a

17 motion?

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

19 JUDGE WOODS: Second.

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

21 second. Any other discussion about that? All right.

22 All those in favor?

23 (ALL RESPONDED.)

24 JUDGE WEST: Any opposed? All right. So

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25 that will pass. We'll get \$20,667.82 released. And

1 then last thing I have on my agenda is the report from
2 the auditor's office.

3 MS. BELL: I passed those out. Everything
4 is reviewed. There is no be issues from our side.

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5 JUDGE WEST: Anybody have any questions
6 about the auditor's report? All right. So I think that
7 is it on the agenda. Nice timing. Here you can sign in
8 right there.

9 MR. ROEBUCK: Well, I got to sign my name.

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10 JUDGE WEST: Thank you also. I want to
11 thank Mr. Roebuck. There was a question that came up
12 that I asked. He sent a formal response that I think
13 helps get some things cleared up, so that -- I guess
14 we'll work on that on the November agenda. But thank
15 you for your response. We'll get to that next month.

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16 MR. ROEBUCK: I've got it covered,
17 everything.

18 JUDGE WEST: I think so to.

19 MR. ROEBUCK: The last question that you
20 asked.

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21 JUDGE WEST: Yes. Okay. Anything other
22 business?

23 MR. DAY: I want to mention one thing.
24 It's not really bail bond board related, but I think it
25 needs to be brought to everybody's attention. So over

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1 the weekend I had a friend of mine whose daughter went
2 to jail on a DWI. And he called me to post her bond, of
3 course, she had to be arraigned and everything. But she
4 ended up getting PR out. But a few hours later, he
12:40PM 5 called me back and said that he received a phone call
6 from someone stating that if he paid \$1,700 -- bear in
7 mind she got PR out, so she never had a bond set -- that
8 if he would pay \$1,700 that he could have her out of
9 jail. And my friend asked -- because he had already
12:40PM 10 spoken with me -- he said, well, why can't I use the
11 bondsman. He said, but you won't get your money back if
12 you use a bondsman. So somehow or another this person
13 got her dad's phone number -- which is the only way to
14 do that would be to get it off the jail -- the jail
12:41PM 15 records if she put him down as an emergency contact.
16 That's the only way he would know. But this also
17 happened a couple of weeks ago, so I don't want anybody
18 to think it's just Jefferson County. The same thing
19 happened to us a couple of weeks ago. We actually got a
12:41PM 20 phone call from Ronnie's line, Ronnie LeBlanc line. And
21 the same thing out of Chambers County, something very
22 similar. Just today my wife got a phone call from where
23 we live up in Collin County claiming to be from the
24 sheriff's department stating that he wanted to speak
12:41PM 25 with her regarding a legal matter. I had her callback

1 the sheriff's department to find out if there was an
2 officer there by that name. There wasn't. So these
3 scams are going around. I'm going to go talk to Crystal
4 Holmes to maybe make some sort of public service
12:41PM 5 announcement about what's going on because -- I mean if
6 numerous people are getting these phone calls. It just
7 takes one person to Zelle -- they wanted Zelle. They
8 wanted them to Zelle the money. And if you get in touch
9 with somebody like my mother-in-law or something,

12:42PM 10 they'll send money in a heartbeat if they think somebody
11 is in jail. This girl was actually in jail. So it
12 makes me wonder how this guy got her dad's phone number.

13 JUDGE WEST: Right.

14 MR. DAY: So just to let y'all know that's
12:42PM 15 going on. So keep a close eye on it.

16 JUDGE WEST: Okay. Yeah. I guess if maybe
17 the jail can look into the access to that information
18 and...

19 CAPTAIN MORRIS: We get with Mary. There
12:42PM 20 might be some kind of breach of Odyssey.

21 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

22 CAPTAIN MORRIS: You know, so...

23 MR. PRICE: Breach of Odyssey or an
24 employee calling the -- selling it or whatever.

12:42PM 25 MR. DAY: Yeah. But it's going on -- it

1 looks like other counties, so it's --

2 MR. PRICE: Yeah. But they don't have --
3 do they have somebody that's actually sitting in jail as
4 well?

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5 MR. DAY: The person --

6 MR. PRICE: Those other scams, I mean --

7 MR. DAY: The Chambers County did. There
8 was somebody in jail. So they got in touch. That --

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9 that person actually called a client and said they were
10 with A1A Bail Bonds, which is Ronnie's old business. It
11 was a guy that called saying that he was with that
12 bonds. So it was a different sort of scam that -- the
13 same -- they got in touch with a person that wasn't in
14 jail but was listed as an emergency contact -- I

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15 don't -- that's what I was asking Miller. I don't know
16 how when they come into jail the information they get,
17 if they get emergency contacts or whatever. But it was
18 an emergency contact. But now, my wife is a little bit
19 different because they probably just got her number and
20 tried to scam her.

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21 MR. PRICE: Right.

22 MR. DAY: The other ones were getting
23 information through -- somehow through a jail system and
24 getting that information.

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25 MS. BERTRAND: Well, I will say this. On

1 the new portal that y'all have application, does it list
2 the date of birth for these people.

3 CAPTAIN MORRIS: No.

12:43PM 4 MS. BERTRAND: Okay. I mean, it's not
5 uncommon to search people's name on social media,
6 especially Facebook where it's -- you can provide your
7 date of birth. And then it's not hard to look at
8 they're her family members too. So this could also be a
9 social media thing.

12:44PM 10 MR. DAY: Yeah.

11 MS. BERTRAND: But it's not necessarily --

12 MR. DAY: Yeah. No. I'm not saying it is.
13 I'm just saying there could be a -- there could be other
14 ways they're getting it. But just in case they are
12:44PM 15 getting it that way, but it probably needs to be checked
16 into. But the public needs to know.

17 JUDGE WEST: Yeah.

18 MR. DAY: For one, so -- of what's going
19 on.

12:44PM 20 JUDGE WEST: Thanks. Anything else? Is
21 there a motion to adjourn?

22 MR. FUNCHES: Motion to adjourn.

23 JUDGE WEST: We're adjourned. Thank you
24 everybody. Make sure you signed it if you didn't
12:44PM 25 already. Thanks, Ada.