

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2012

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3 THOSE PRESENT: Judge Flores
4 Judge Walker
5 Judge Lively
6 Lt. Kelly
7 Belinda Thompson
8 Becky Garcia
9 Tim Funchess
10 Keith Day
11 Mary Godina
12 Liz Parks
13 Tina Gillespie
14 Rhonda Brode

15 JUDGE FLORES: All right. We're going to
16 call this meeting of the Jefferson County Bail Bond
17 Board to order.

18 Does anybody have any questions on the
19 minutes? I believe are they -- everything is on the on
20 the website now. Any questions as to the minutes? Go
21 ahead Mrs. --

22 BECKY GARCIA: I haven't checked. I had
23 other things going on.

24 JUDGE FLORES: That's okay. That's good.
25 Moving on to No. 2. Report from D. A.'s office. I

1 believe Ms. Garcia passed it out. Anybody have any
2 questions? Approximate okay.

3 (None.)

4 JUDGE FLORES: No. 3, we do have an
5 application; is that correct, from the sheriff?

6 BELINDA THOMPSON: It's one Tiffany Graham
7 Cousins with Professional Bail Bonds.

8 JUDGE FLORES: Every member of the bail bond
9 board had a chance to look at it? I believe it was
10 passed out. Does it -- is it in compliance with
11 everything that's supposed to be in it, ma'am?

12 BELINDA THOMPSON: Yes everything is in
13 order.

14 JUDGE FLORES: All right. Any questions or
15 comments on this application?

16 (None.)

17 JUDGE FLORES: All right. If there's none,
18 then -- that will be approved.

19 Mrs. Godina, any complaints against
20 bondsmen.

21 MARY GODINA: No, sir.

22 JUDGE FLORES: The treasurer's report has
23 been passed out. Anybody have any questions or comments
24 on the report? Mr. Funchess, anything you wish to say
25 on it?

1 TIM FUNCHESS: I have tax statements from
2 everybody except set the Laines. They've got some
3 out-of-county property pledged; but everybody is paid up
4 on their taxes. Only thing I requested updated proof of
5 insurance.

6 JUDGE FLORES: Proof of insurance.

7 TIM FUNCHESS: And I don't have insurance
8 for hardly anybody.

9 JUDGE FLORES: Send out -- I'm -- maybe you
10 need to send out another letter saying that if there's
11 not compliance on the -- the insurance is the same thing
12 as the tax statements; and if there is no compliance,
13 we'll take whatever actions are available.

14 TIM FUNCHESS: Okay.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Anybody have any comments on
16 that.

17 KEITH DAY: I'll comment on that. That
18 might be my fault; I -- I -- I just sent out tax
19 statements. I didn't send out about the insurance to
20 everybody. So I'll send that out.

21 MARY GODINA: It's in the rules.

22 KEITH DAY: I apologize for that.

23 JUDGE WALKER: You're going to accept
24 responsibility for everybody?

25 KEITH DAY: I'll just accept responsibility

1 for myself.

2 BECKY GARCIA: Now, that's only insurance if
3 there's a dwelling on it.

4 KEITH DAY: If there's a dwelling, right.
5 Yeah, that's -- yeah, AP reports. Yeah. I'll --

6 BECKY GARCIA: Now, are you talking about
7 the one like on Brett Wagner? Now, you ain't going to
8 get nothing from him, no.

9 TIM FUNCHNESS: No.

10 BECKY GARCIA: I'm just telling you right
11 now; and there's no dwelling on any of that. So --

12 TIM FUNCHNESS: My originally letter I sent
13 out in November requested tax statements and proof of
14 insurance.

15 KEITH DAY: Well, I -- since you sent out
16 the letter, I won't take responsibility for everything;
17 but I just overlooked the insurance.

18 JUDGE FLORES: Anybody have any other
19 comments? Mr. Funchess, I assume that that's the proper
20 step to do, is send out a letter from your office --

21 TIM FUNCHNESS: If Keith can send an e-mail,
22 it's probably more --

23 JUDGE FLORES: You're going to send it to
24 all bondsmen?

25 KEITH DAY: I'll send an e-mail to the

1 bondsmen.

2 BECKY GARCIA: I would like to have
3 confirmation.

4 KEITH DAY: You want me to send it to you,
5 text it to you?

6 BECKY GARCIA: No, I --

7 JUDGE FLORES: I would prefer --

8 BECKY GARCIA: Because I don't want another
9 bondsman to come back and say well, I was never told. I
10 didn't get the e-mail. I don't check my e-mail.

11 MARY GODINA: Isn't it in the rules?

12 JUDGE FLORES: Let me tell you what the
13 problem is here. This is something where they can get
14 their license suspended if they don't comply.

15 BECKY GARCIA: Yes.

16 JUDGE FLORES: I think it needs to be
17 confirmed by certified mail they got the notice.

18 BECKY GARCIA: Sure.

19 JUDGE FLORES: I think it's great if you
20 notify the all; but I think, Mr. Funchess, probably to
21 preserve an audit trail and everything else, sends
22 certified mail, registered receipt so we'll know.

23 JUDGE WALKER: Hundred percent.

24 JUDGE FLORES: Because we don't want to get
25 into the deal of well, I didn't know.

1 BECKY GARCIA: Right.

2 JUDGE FLORES: If you're like Judge Walker
3 and myself, we don't check our e-mail that much.

4 JUDGE WALKER: Correct.

5 JUDGE FLORES: So I think certified mail
6 hard copy is the way to do it. Judge Lively checks it
7 every day.

8 BECKY GARCIA: And I will also maybe say in
9 your letter that, you know, once we get a signed
10 confirmation they received the letter, that, they are --
11 failure to reply to you, you know, by the end of next
12 month or whatever, this issue will be put on the next,
13 you know, bail bond board, you know, as an issue to
14 discuss possibly suspending your license.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Whatever you want the do,
16 Mr. Funchess; but I think that's the way to address it.

17 TIM FUNCHESS: Okay.

18 BECKY GARCIA: Get their --

19 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry I didn't hear
20 you, Rhonda.

21 RHONDA BRODE: Will the board be paying for
22 the certified mail?

23 JUDGE FLORES: Well I don't know. That's
24 part of his job now that he's taken over the treasurer's
25 office. I think it's going -- I've got no problem. We

1 just don't have any extra money; but whatever.

2 TIM FUNCHESS: I have a pretty large postage
3 budget; so it's not going to kill me.

4 JUDGE FLORES: Yeah. Okay. Okay.
5 Report from the auditor's office.

6 RHONDA BRODE: I passed it out. Anyone
7 needs a copy, I have extras. I started including the
8 meeting costs at the top. I had only been reporting the
9 240 fund.

10 JUDGE FLORES: Got you. That's good; and
11 we've now contacted the people at the restaurant; and I
12 assume everybody today, they were asked to sign and say
13 what they ate; and I told them that's the way we wanted
14 to do it, because they keep copies of the records ; and
15 they're still going to send us the amount; but we have
16 to check we know who ate and who signed.

17 RHONDA BRODE: Okay. Thank you.

18 JUDGE FLORES: All right.

19 RHONDA BRODE: That's it.

20 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Any new business? No
21 new business. Judge Walker?

22 JUDGE WALKER: What about this application?

23 JUDGE FLORES: We've already proved it.

24 JUDGE WALKER: Did you? Then where was I?

25 JUDGE FLORES: Talking to Judge Lively.

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JUDGE WALKER: Sources say. Motion to adjourn.

JUDGE LIVELY: Second.

JUDGE FLORES: Motion and second to adjourn, all in favor say aye.

(All responding.)

JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

(END OF MEETING)