

1 obligation.

2 BECKY GARCIA: Yes.

3 JUDGE FLORES: At this time we'll review the
4 report from the district attorney's office, Mr. Rugg?

5 TOM RUGG: You should have the report in
6 front of you, which is self-explanatory. I'd be happy
7 to have Becky answer any questions.

8 BECKY GARCIA: One, of course, would be the
9 monthly report from last month; and the other would be
10 the yearly recap for the entire year, money that was
11 collected from both district and county clerk offices
12 and funds that were put into the county's general fund.

13 JUDGE FLORES: Okay. Any questions of Mrs.
14 Garcia or Mr. Rugg on either one of these?

15 (None.)

16 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

17 JUDGE WALKER: You know where I'm going.

18 JUDGE FLORES: I'm looking for Mrs. Cathy?

19 BECKY GARCIA: She will be at the next board
20 meeting.

21 JUDGE FLORES: We do not have any
22 applications.

23 BECKY GARCIA: No, she indicated she did not
24 have any this month.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Mrs. Godina, any complaints

1 against bondsmen?

2 MARY GODINA: No, sir.

3 JUDGE FLORES: Mr. Funchess, report of the
4 treasurer?

5 TIM FUNCHESS: I passed out my report. I
6 don't have anything to elaborate.

7 JUDGE FLORES: Any comments on the report
8 from the treasurer's office?

9 BECKY GARCIA: One comment is we do have one
10 bondsman that's below the 50-thousand dollar limit on
11 there; which I don't know if you're willing to discuss
12 it now or discuss it later?

13 TOM RUGG: That's fine, either way.

14 JUDGE FLORES: What are you going to do?

15 BECKY GARCIA: Barbra Hartt, who is on the
16 list is below \$50,000 because she was in default with
17 me; and I went and seized money from her cash that she
18 had down in the treasurer's office; which brought her in
19 compliance temporarily with me; but it brought her below
20 the 50-thousand dollar mark that's required. It's kind
21 of up for discussion. She is now still in default with
22 me for other unrelated cases; as well she's in default
23 with the sheriff's office for unrelated fees; but --
24 it's been brought up -- that the board might need to the
25 take action to suspend her or revoke her because she did

1 not notify the board -- for various other reasons, she
2 went below to 50-thousand dollar mark; her business
3 actually kind of went out and she never contacted the
4 board; her actual phone number she listed with the board
5 was disconnected; and I also understood she went to go
6 work for a bondsman during this time. So --

7 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, so she's not --

8 BECKY GARCIA: But she did call --

9 JUDGE FLORES: -- in practice right now?

10 BECKY GARCIA: She did -- currently, no; but
11 she did call me this morning wanting to know how much
12 money she needed to make right everything to start going
13 back in business; but the conflict is now has been --
14 that has been brought up because she went below the
15 50-thousand dollar mark, that we need to put her,
16 suspend her, revoke her, whatever.

17 TOM RUGG: I think legally, Judge, that the
18 board is required to suspend her license; and then -- I
19 don't know that we've had this happen in the past; but I
20 think we're required to suspend her license. And
21 between now and the next bail bond board meeting we
22 possibly need to determine whether she ought to be
23 placed on the agenda for consideration of revocation of
24 her license or not, and maybe discuss what procedures
25 ought to be followed for her to be -- have her

1 suspension lifted.

2 If you read the statute, it says that the
3 bail bond board shall immediately suspend the license of
4 somebody who's in that condition. My concern today was,
5 is as an action item, we don't have an agenda item
6 posted for that.

7 JUDGE FLORES: Correct.

8 TOM RUGG: So, you know, you -- I don't
9 think that the open meetings act is suspended by a
10 provision that requires immediate action on the part of
11 board; but I would suggest we might need to have a short
12 meeting with an adequate posting and take the action the
13 law requires us to take to suspend that license.

14 JUDGE FLORES: Well, there's nothing that
15 says we can't have more than one meeting a month.

16 TOM RUGG: Of course.

17 JUDGE FLORES: If you want, if you suggest,
18 I think we need to give her some notice; we need to go
19 ahead just to comply with the opening meetings, maybe we
20 can do it in two weeks; and what you can tell her, is
21 she's in contact with you, Mrs. Garcia?

22 BECKY GARCIA: She does want me to call her
23 back this afternoon.

24 JUDGE FLORES: Tell her she's absolutely
25 welcome to come to the next meeting to explain the

1 situation or whatever and get something worked out. I
2 think Mr. Rugg is right. And, Mr. Rugg, in the past we
3 have suspended people before; and it's also my
4 understanding that if they're in default, we don't let
5 them write any more bonds.

6 TOM RUGG: Well, they can't write bonds when
7 they're in default.

8 JUDGE FLORES: So they're pretty much
9 stopped anyway.

10 BECKY GARCIA: But it's a different area of
11 being in default.

12 JUDGE FLORES: No, I understand. I
13 understand.

14 JUDGE BRANICK: Well, we can call a meeting
15 on 72-hours notice if you want to. I still think you
16 ought to give her an opportunity to appear.

17 JUDGE FLORES: We ought to.

18 BECKY GARCIA: Absolutely.

19 JUDGE FLORES: And that's what I'm saying.
20 Would two weeks be sufficient, Mr. Rugg?

21 TOM RUGG: Well, we could do it in 72 hours.

22 JUDGE FLORES: Next week.

23 TOM RUGG: We can have a meeting next week;
24 and I -- I think our obligation as a board is to act --

25 JUDGE FLORES: Quickly.

1 TOM RUGG: -- quickly; and so I would
2 recommend we have -- that we post a meeting today, and
3 we have a meeting, a short meeting next Tuesday.

4 JUDGE BRANICK: Tuesday, Monday is a
5 holiday.

6 TOM RUGG: Monday is a holiday.

7 JUDGE FLORES: Is there an agreement then
8 from the board to have a meeting a week from today, same
9 time that we have it at noon?

10 BECKY GARCIA: Thursday the 24th?

11 JUDGE FLORES: Yes. All of those in
12 agreement?

13 (Response.)

14 JUDGE FLORES: Judge, are you going to be
15 out?

16 JUDGE BRANICK: Yes, we have a health care
17 summit out at Ford Park.

18 TOM RUGG: Oh, yeah, that might be a bad
19 day, maybe Tuesday.

20 BECKY GARCIA: Or Wednesday.

21 JUDGE BRANICK: I can do it at 8:00 or 9:00.

22 JUDGE FLORES: You want to do it Tuesday?

23 MARY GODINA: We can do it Tuesday.

24 TOM RUGG: Tuesday's fine.

25 JUDGE FLORES: Would Tuesday be okay with

1 you, Judge?

2 JUDGE BRANICK: Yes, sir.

3 JUDGE FLORES: All right. Well, let's do
4 it -- if everybody is in agreement, let's go ahead and
5 schedule a meeting for next Tuesday. Mrs. Garcia, if
6 you'll contact her and give her notice of --

7 TOM RUGG: Make sure we get a posting.

8 JUDGE FLORES: -- so she's here.

9 BECKY GARCIA: Okay.

10 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

11 BECKY GARCIA: 12:30?

12 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, ma'am. All right. No
13 report from the auditor's office. Any other new
14 business, Mrs. Garcia or Mr. Rugg?

15 TOM RUGG: Not that I'm aware of, Your
16 Honor.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Okay.

18 BECKY GARCIA: Huh-uh.

19 JUDGE FLORES: Any -- I'm going to open it
20 up. Anybody that's in the audience have any comment
21 they wish to make?

22 JUDGE WALKER: Can I ask one question before
23 we --

24 JUDGE FLORES: Yes, sir.

25 JUDGE WALKER: And it's to Mrs. Garcia.

1 I've got this 2012 yearly report; can you tell me --
2 just so that the county judge and I both understand what
3 these numbers reflect please?

4 BECKY GARCIA: I'm sorry can you repeat
5 that?

6 JUDGE FLORES: On the yearly report?

7 JUDGE WALKER: Can you explain to the county
8 judge, the 90,908.77, what is that reflective of?

9 BECKY GARCIA: That reflects our hard work
10 filing 1,122 judgment nisi cases.

11 JUDGE WALKER: Correct.

12 BECKY GARCIA: And having 245 final
13 judgments, 113 dismissals, 86 default judgments, eight
14 agreed final judgments --

15 JUDGE WALKER: For a total amount of --

16 BECKY GARCIA: \$90,908.

17 JUDGE WALKER: So, what is this 96,735?

18 BECKY GARCIA: That would be the comparison
19 to the only 133 cases that were filed, 14 -- I'm sorry,
20 five final judgments, 18 dismissals, and 108 agreed
21 judgments for the collection of the 96.

22 JUDGE WALKER: And isn't 96 still --

23 JUDGE FLORES: It is more, but you can see
24 that the county clerks office did about four times the
25 work.

1 JUDGE WALKER: Do you have anything --

2 JUDGE BRANICK: That's forfeiture of the
3 bonds?

4 BECKY GARCIA: The work efforts -- you can
5 see more work effort.

6 JUDGE BRANICK: Well, all I can say is
7 there's still nobody getting a raise.

8 BECKY GARCIA: But the work effort is there,
9 on our little misdemeanor bonds.

10 JUDGE BRANICK: And I'll apologize to
11 you-all right now. We gave a three percent raise this
12 year; and Uncle Sam took half of it back.

13 TOM RUGG: Two-thirds of it back.

14 JUDGE BRANICK: Two-thirds of it back.

15 JUDGE FLORES: Any other new business?

16 BECKY GARCIA: You're welcome, Judge Walker.

17 JUDGE FLORES: Okay, if there's no other new
18 business, Judge Walker?

19 JUDGE WALKER: Motion to adjourn.

20 TOM RUGG: Second.

21 JUDGE FLORES: It's been moved and seconded,
22 all those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 (Response.)

24 (END OF HEARING)

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