

BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

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THOSE PRESENT:

Judge Dollinger

Judge Woods

Judge West

Lt. Mills

Pat Knauth

Becky Garcia

Theresa Goodness

Tim Funchess

Keith Day

Mary Godina

Tina Benoit

Rhonda Brode

Summer Tanner, CSR

1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right. It's past the
2 witching hour, so I guess we'll call the meeting of the
3 -- November meeting of the Jefferson County Bail Bond
4 Board to order. First is to review the minutes. I have
5 to apologize. I have not gone online to check them, if
6 they're posted. I don't know if they are or if they are
7 not.

8 MS. BENOIT: I don't believe they are
9 posted.

10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Haven't been posted yet.
11 So, it would be pretty tough for us to review. Next is
12 report from D.A.'s Office regarding status of
13 collections and judgments. I have Mr. Wortham's office
14 showing that 9282 and change was collected for the month
15 of October, which is a good thing. Any comments about
16 that, Pat, other than what's printed?

17 MR. KNAUTH: No, sir.

18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Next is
19 consideration and approval of applications to become
20 bondsman and/or agents. I have two -- hang on just a
21 second. Two original agent applications. First one I
22 have is Chris Romano, who is applying to go to work for
23 Financial Causality & Surety DBA Bail America Bail
24 Bonds, and the seconds is Casey Parker of Nederland,
25 same company. I am told by Becky that both of those are

1 in order.

2 MS. GARCIA: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Anybody want to take a look at
4 their applications, or do we have any discussion,
5 questions about them?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, we'll call
8 for a vote. All those in favor of approving these agent
9 applications for the two people for Bail America signify
10 by saying "I."

11 (RESPONSE)

12 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All those opposed, same
13 sign.

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Hearing none, they are
16 approved. Next is complaints against bondsmen. And I
17 believe I've been informed that we have none for this
18 month.

19 MS. GODINA: That's correct.

20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: That's a good thing.
21 Treasurer's office. We have a report from the
22 treasurer's office, and I accidentally just put it
23 aside, but we do have one. Mr. Funchess's office has
24 provided us with a report on balances for bail bondsmen
25 including cash and collateral amounts. Anybody have any

1 questions or comments about that, or do you have
2 anything additional to add, Mr. Funchess?

3 MR. FUNCHESS: No.

4 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Anybody else have any
5 questions or comments about them?

6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And the final is the
8 report from the auditor's office. We also have it
9 showing fees, charges and fee revenues. Anything of
10 note?

11 MS. BRODE: Two items. The bond limits for
12 Keith Day and S.J. Lane doesn't match the calculated
13 limits according to the treasurer's collateral amount.
14 So, I don't know if Tina needs to get with Tim on the
15 new collateral.

16 JUDGE DOLLINGER: I could see where maybe
17 Keith would have changed because didn't we return some
18 moneys to him at the last meeting?

19 MS. BRODE: Right.

20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: And that could have --
21 that could have made a difference in his, but I don't
22 remember -- has Mrs. Lane requested any moneys back?

23 MS. BRODE: Didn't Mrs. Lane just get
24 approved?

25 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Reapproved -- no?

1 MS. GARCIA: I mean, like, back in the
2 summer. Shirley?

3 MS. BRODE: Uh-huh.

4 MS. GARCIA: Back in the summer she did or
5 at least two three months ago.

6 MR. FUNCHESS: That new piece of property
7 she was asking about, but I don't know if we ever got
8 it.

9 MS. BRODE: Well, it changed, so I guess we
10 got it.

11 JUDGE DOLLINGER: It went up?

12 MS. BRODE: It went up.

13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

14 MS. GARCIA: There was originally a Deed of
15 Trust that was filed.

16 MS. BRODE: Okay. So, I do need Tina and
17 Tim to talk.

18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. If the two of
19 y'all will get together and see if you can figure out
20 where the discrepancy comes in and make the necessary
21 adjustments if they need to be made. If not, we can
22 recontact the parties and get with them.

23 MS. BRODE: The notes are made at the
24 bottom of the bonds page so you know what to talk to
25 them about. And on the attorney pages, I wasn't really

1 sure -- I was asking Becky earlier on the status for
2 John West and Keith Ellis. It says "over." That means
3 over forfeiture? Is that true, the status, "OVE".

4 MS. GARCIA: I would assume that "OVE"
5 would be for over.

6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Over their limit or
7 they're in default or --

8 MS. GARCIA: It would indicate to me
9 they're in default if they're over their 20,000 bonding
10 limit.

11 MR. GODINA: I don't think either one of
12 them are.

13 MS. BRODE: What I'm going to do is ask the
14 county clerk's office to look it up, and then I will ask
15 the district clerk's office after the meeting to see.

16 MS. GODINA: Tina can look it up.

17 MS. TINA: I'm on it.

18 MS. BRODE: My numbers look okay according
19 to what I got on my report at the status.

20 JUDGE DOLLINGER: There's got to be some
21 difference because it has a term default for a number of
22 them, and then it has that "OVE" notation you're
23 mentioning for just those two. So, that would tell me
24 that they're not exactly the same thing. Something's
25 different.

1 MS. BRODE: It was something new this
2 month.

3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

4 MS. GOODNESS: So, these attorneys that are
5 listed as being default -- there's several of them here.
6 Have -- are those -- those aren't ours, are they, Becky?
7 They must be felony defaults?

8 MS. GARCIA: No. I mean, I just sent a
9 letter to Rhonda about Ted Johns Jr. asking that no
10 moneys be released to him. There was an issue where the
11 default status was placed on Senior and not Junior. I
12 just got that corrected, sent her a letter, sent him
13 notice that he owes the money. I'm unaware of -- it
14 must be a felony status on the other ones.

15 MS. GOODNESS: Okay. So, does the
16 auditor's office have letters on these attorneys not to
17 pay them like court appointed fees or something?
18 Because they -- if they're in default and owe the county
19 money. Then the felony ones, they should get getting a
20 letter, also.

21 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We might not be paying
22 them money if they owe us money.

23 MS. BRODE: I do believe -- correct. And
24 we do get documentation and we do stop the -- I'm pretty
25 sure I have it on all of them.

1 MS. GOODNESS: I'm just asking because
2 there's a particular -- one of two here that I do know
3 have done court appointments, so that's why I'm asking.

4 MS. BRODE: I work with Harry, and we stop
5 them.

6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: All right.

7 MS. BENOIT: What's the exact question on
8 Mr. West?

9 MS. BRODE: Is it -- are they supposed to
10 be in over status for some reason? Is there something
11 out there?

12 MS. BENOIT: John has no one out on bond.

13 MS. BRODE: That's what I show.

14 MS. BENOIT: No one -- it does say in the
15 notes, (Reading) nonpayment of bond fee assessment for
16 \$15.00 through 9/3/15, TB.

17 And then after that it says (Reading):
18 10/15/15 paid \$15.00 bond fee assessment for August,
19 2015.

20 MS. BRODE: Yeah.

21 MS. BENOIT: That's the notes.

22 MS. BRODE: And that's a default. That's
23 not an over. I don't know who would --

24 MS. BENOIT: There's nothing in there,
25 absolutely nothing.

1 MS. GODINA: Where does the over print
2 from? Do you know? I mean...

3 MS. BRODE: Is it showing him as that
4 status?

5 MS. TINA: In default? No.

6 MS. BRODE: No, not default.

7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: What does the -- what
8 does the abbreviation "OVE" mean on the report, Tina?

9 MS. TINA: I have no idea.

10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Oh, all right.

11 MS. BRODE: In the past, I agree with
12 Becky, it means over in the --

13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Over their limit.

14 MS. BRODE: Over limit in forfeitures --

15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Which is different than
16 being in default?

17 MS. BRODE: Yes. You can be in default if
18 you don't pay your bond fee assessment, your \$15.00. We
19 turn the vendor account off for the \$15.00. So, yeah.

20 MS. GODINA: So, your report comes from
21 where?

22 MS. BRODE: Y'all's computer.

23 MS. BENOIT: There's an "O" after "status,"
24 but I don't know why and I don't know who put it there.
25 I can't get to it, so it wasn't me.

1 MS. GODINA: The computer figures the
2 forfeiture amounts by their forfeitures that are out and
3 the moneys they have put up. It's a ratio. The
4 computer figures that out itself. None of us have
5 control over that.

6 MS. BENOIT: I can't look that up.

7 MS. GODINA: He only has \$4,000.00 out of
8 forfeitures.

9 JUDGE DOLLINGER: He has a \$20,000.00
10 limit?

11 MS. BRODE: No. It's a \$4,000.00 limit on
12 forfeitures.

13 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Oh, forfeitures.

14 MS. BRODE: 20,000 on bonds and four on --

15 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

16 MS. GODINA: So, that's not it.

17 MS. BENOIT: Maybe it is the Sheriff's
18 Department.

19 MS. GARCIA: I think it's a Sheriff's
20 Department issue for the bond.

21 MS. BRODE: I will call them. Thank you.

22 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Any other notes
23 with respect to the auditor's report that we need to
24 take up?

25 MS. BRODE: No, sir. Sorry about that.

1 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Any new business to bring
2 before the Bail Bond Board?

3 MS. GOODNESS: I would just comment, Judge,
4 that the new forms, the fill-in PDF forms are on the
5 Bail Bond Board site now.

6 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Oh, good. Great. And
7 thank you so much for your hard work. I know that was a
8 real strain to do all that.

9 MS. GOODNESS: You're welcome.

10 JUDGE DOLLINGER: We appreciate it very
11 much. Any old business that needs to be finished up?

12 MR. DAY: We had to come up with the name
13 for the bail bond runners.

14 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay.

15 MR. DAY: We decided on "representative" --
16 is that it? "Bail bond representative." You wanted us
17 to come up with a name, so we did.

18 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Works for me. Any
19 discussion or comments about calling them "bail bond
20 representative" as opposed to "agent," since agent is
21 statutorily defined, as my memory's right?

22 MS. GARCIA: We'll have to notify
23 Mr. Roebuck so that the local rules can be amended to
24 refer to them under the new terminology.

25 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Okay. Will you take care

1 of letting him know that, Becky?

2 MS. GARCIA: Yes, sir.

3 JUDGE DOLLINGER: There being no other old
4 business for us to take up, I entertain a motion to
5 adjourn.

6 MR. DAY: So move.

7 JUDGE DOLLINGER: Anybody second?

8 MR. FUNCHES: So second.

9 THE COURT: Move in second, we adjourn the
10 meeting. All those in favor?

11 (RESPONSE)

12 (MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:43 P.M.)

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