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A P P E A R A N C E S

Honorable Armando Rodriguez, Chairman

Irene Villarreal, designee for Glenn Strickland

Michael Butera, designee for District Attorney Kim Ogg

Bill Henderson, designee for Ed Emmett

Asst. Chief Schmidt, designee for Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Orlando Sanchez, County Treasurer

Honorable Meg Oswald, designee for Judge E. Marshall

Carl R. Pruett, attorney

Chris Daniel, Harris County District Clerk

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Sergeant Meade, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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Artra Lewis, Recorder, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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P R O C E E D I N G S

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Everybody take their seats.

MR. HENDERSON: You're calling the meeting to order?

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Yes, sir. We're calling this meeting to order, this 1:30 -- this 10th of July 2018. And I will listen to the motion to --

The first thing we have is to approve the prior minutes.

MR. HENDERSON: We need to introduce ourselves first?

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Oh, please. Chief Schmidt.

ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Assistant Chief Debra Schmidt, Harris County Sheriff's Office representing Sheriff Ed Gonzalez.

MR. HENDERSON: Bill Henderson representing County Judge Ed Emmett.

HONORABLE OSWALD: Judge Meg Oswald from the City of Houston representing Judge Elaine Marshall.

MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera representing Kim Ogg, the District Attorney.

MS. VILLARREAL: Irene Villarreal from 3-Amigos Bonding representing Glenn Strickland.

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1 MR. PRUETT: Carl Pruett representing
2 Harris County, Criminal Lawyers Association.

3 MR. DANIEL: Chris Daniel representing
4 Chris Daniel.

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'm Judge Armando
6 Rodriguez. I'll be chairing this meeting. And like I
7 said, we are now ready to start with the first motion,
8 the reading of prior minutes. Do I hear a motion?

9 MR. HENDERSON: Motion to approve.

10 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Second.

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: It's been motioned
12 and second to approve the minutes. So that's the
13 ruling.

14 Go to old business, there is none. New
15 business, the first item that we have is the adoption of
16 a record retention policy for the bail bond
17 applications, minutes and transcripts.

18 I would -- I'm going to ask for a motion
19 that this be put at the end of the agenda so we can take
20 the other matters before we take that up.

21 MR. HENDERSON: So moved.

22 HONORABLE OSWALD: SECOND.

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All right. It's
24 moved and seconded that we put this at the end of the
25 agenda.

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1 New business, again, is the American Surety
2 Company. Is there a representative?

3 MR. DANIEL: Mr. Chairman, if I can
4 interrupt, we have -- the Honorable Orlando Sanchez has
5 arrived.

6 MR. SANCHEZ: Finally.

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Would you please
8 identify yourself?

9 MR. SANCHEZ: Orlando Sanchez.

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All right.
11 Raise your right hand.

12 MR. HENDERSON: For the County Treasurer.

13 MR. SANCHEZ: County Treasurer.

14 (Witness sworn.)

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. You may
16 proceed. Introduce yourself.

17 MR. WHITLOCK: My name is Mike Whitlock.
18 I'm the executive vice president of American Surety
19 Company.

20 MR. HARRIS: And I'm Mark Harris DBA
21 A Southside Bail Bond.

22 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. You're asking
23 for a license renewal, a two-year license, Mark Harris,
24 at Southside Bail Bond Company, License No. 74540.
25 Phone number (713) 738-6969, a two-year renewal. Is

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1 that correct?

2 MR. WHITLOCK: That's correct.

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Do we have any
4 motions, any questions?

5 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: The application
6 appears complete from the sheriff's office.

7 MR. BUTERA: Nothing from the DA's Office.
8 I make a motion to approve.

9 MS. VILLARREAL: Second.

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Motion to
11 approve by Butera and seconded by Irene.

12 All in favor, say aye.

13 THE BOARD: Aye.

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All opposed?

15 MR. WHITLOCK: Thank you.

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And it will be
17 approved. Thank you.

18 Next under Item No. 3 is a request by
19 "Tony" McLehany for the return of the following property
20 pledged for H Town Bail Bonds, License No. 74462. JP
21 letter sent on 6/27/2018. Do we have motion on that?

22 MR. BUTERA: Judge, I would --

23 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: I have a motion to
24 table, Judge, pending the JP mail-out.

25 MR. BUTERA: Second that motion.

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1 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. It's been
2 moved and seconded that we table this matter till the
3 following month because of the letters -- JP letters had
4 not enough time. This is a usual procedure. All in
5 favor, say aye.

6 THE BOARD: Aye.

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All opposed? The
8 motion passes.

9 The next is a notice by Financial
10 Casualty & Surety, Incorporated, that they had
11 terminated Agent Anthony Muharib's ability to solicit
12 and negotiate bonds and will not be renewing License
13 No. 74563. The files will remain at his current
14 location at 1001 Texas Street, Suite 905, Houston, Texas
15 and he will handle the runoff, open liability to this
16 license.

17 It says this is just a notice. We'll
18 take notice of that.

19 Okay. Now, is there anything else you
20 want to bring up before we return to Item No. 1?

21 Okay. Mr. Ramsey, are you ready?

22 MR. RAMSEY: Sure. After speaking with
23 Brian Foster at CTS and going over the local
24 government --

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Speak a little louder

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1 so we can all hear you.

2 MR. RAMSEY: I'm sorry.

3 MR. BUTERA: Would you mind -- do you mind
4 using the microphone, Tommy?

5 MR. RAMSEY: No, sir.

6 MR. BUTERA: If it's not too much trouble
7 just so everyone can hear. Thank you so much.

8 MR. RAMSEY: Can y'all hear me?

9 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

10 MR. RAMSEY: I spoke to Brian Foster at CTS
11 and after looking over the local government code, I
12 don't believe a formal adoption of the county policy is
13 necessary because the Board is a nonelective county
14 entity. That said, I -- you know, I don't -- I also
15 don't see a harm, you know, should the Board wish --
16 wish to adopt or -- I shouldn't say adopt -- but
17 recommit to the policy.

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: We have any questions
19 on that?

20 MR. BUTERA: Just -- if we -- so we are
21 under the policy as your understanding already because
22 we're a county board and the county has a record
23 retention's policy.

24 What would be the obligations to keep the
25 applications that the sheriff's office was inquiring

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1 about? What timeframe would we be under?

2 MR. RAMSEY: It's two years from the date
3 of either expiration, cancelation, revocation or denial
4 and this would fall under Series No. 100218 under the
5 general administration section of the policy.

6 MR. HENDERSON: And Tommy, what all does
7 that apply to?

8 MR. RAMSEY: That applies -- that specific
9 series applies to permits and licenses and any records
10 related to it or filed in conjunction with --

11 MR. DANIEL: I assume there's a long-term
12 savings to the sheriff's office.

13 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Space and money.

14 MR. DANIEL: Yeah.

15 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Yeah.

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Anyone one else have
17 any questions of him?

18 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Again, just to
19 reiterate, I think this would be to confirm the Board's
20 commitment to participating in the same schedule.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: That's true. And as
22 a matter of fact, if we were to undertake to taking
23 separate forum -- and that might be really a conflict
24 with what's there. Is that -- is that correct?

25 MR. RAMSEY: That's correct, if it

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1 differed, certainly.

2 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Well, what's

3 most important is that we are protected because we have
4 a procedure to follow that you're going to -- after this
5 meeting -- send to each of us your interpretation and
6 the procedure that you believe is to be the case.

7 So if we want to bring it up, have any
8 questions about it, we can bring it up next month or
9 whatever and clarify.

10 MR. RAMSEY: Sure.

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Is that correct?

12 MR. RAMSEY: That's correct.

13 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And any questions
14 that come up, you're going to answer our questions and
15 their questions.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Of course.

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Is everybody
18 satisfied?

19 MR. HENDERSON: I'm just authorize the
20 sheriff's office to comply with the policy. Let me them
21 interpret it and start destroying, if they want to,
22 those things that are more than two years old and ...

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: As long as we
24 understand that there is a procedure. And if you have
25 any question, the County Attorney can answer your

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1 questions so we can all feel comfortable that we're
2 covered.

3 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: We're comfortable
4 with that under the advice of the County Attorney's
5 Office.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: So we'll take that as
7 advise and not necessarily need a motion for that
8 purpose, right?

9 MR. RAMSEY: Correct.

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: We just continue as
11 we are now knowing now that we do have a source of the
12 information to answer sheriff's questions or any of our
13 Boards' questions as to retention to any of these
14 matters.

15 MR. RAMSEY: That's correct.

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Is there
17 anything else that we want to ask him?

18 Okay. Thank you very much, Ramsey.

19 MR. RAMSEY: Thank you.

20 MR. BUTERA: Thank you, Tommy.

21 HONORABLE OSWALD: Thank you.

22 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: There being nothing
23 else on the agenda, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

24 MS. VILLARREAL: Motion.

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: You have something

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1 else?

2 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Kathy would like to

3 approach with a short presentation about --

4 MR. BUTERA: Tracy.

5 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Or Tracy, I'm sorry.

6 MS. TRACY: Yes. So Chris volunteered as
7 to come up with some solution for upholding electronic
8 applications of bail bond applications into the system.

9 I have one for each of you. I'm sorry
10 for being late. I had some issues.

11 So basically, we addressed it with CTS
12 and CTS came up with a share point solution that I think
13 will work for everybody who wants to use the system.
14 And basically, they still have backdoor ways. If they
15 don't want to upload PDFs of the applications into the
16 system, the sheriff has the ability to scan in those
17 application and upload them to the system as well. But
18 basically, they came up with a solution that all Bail
19 Bond Board Members could receive those applications
20 electronically instead of all the paper, okay.

21 And basically, this slide show -- I
22 didn't have the electronic stuff to bring you today but
23 I can certainly do it by next Bail Bond Board meeting.
24 But basically, under the share point site that is out
25 there today, the web site that's out there where the

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1 bondsmen can go in and get the application and download
2 it to their computer, same sort of area where they can
3 roll out to production, have these instructions here
4 that are on the second slide.

5 And when they click here to fill out the
6 online -- online form, then basically when you turn the
7 page 2, that first slide shows you the information that
8 they would fill out which is the date they prepared it,
9 the -- if it's an original or renewal, the license
10 number, the licensee, DBA, expiration date of the old
11 license, their work number and email address. And then
12 there's a way to basically choose a file, a PDF file to
13 upload into the system.

14 When they upload that PDF, then that
15 workflow will take over and send an email to the
16 sheriff's office and their staff for them to review that
17 application. As long as it meets their approval,
18 they'll put the application in a ready for -- a
19 ready-for-review status which then sends an email out to
20 every Board Member stating that this application is
21 ready for review.

22 For the Board Members that are outside of
23 the Harris County domain, the Sheriff's Office can
24 manually send that email to them with the application
25 attached to the email because CTS still hadn't had the

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1 site set up for external public use to view the
2 applications. They want to keep it secure inside the
3 Harris County network.

4 So basically, when you receive that
5 email, it's going to say, you know, this application for
6 bail bond review is ready. It'll say click here to view
7 the application. When you click there, it'll take you
8 directly to the site where you can open the PDF and
9 review it electronically.

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: This will take the
11 place of the large packages that we --

12 MS. TRACY: Correct. It will take place of
13 the tree that gets sent to you in paper.

14 HONORABLE OSWALD: Can I ask you a
15 question? So instead of getting -- you know, how we
16 usually get it in one big lump sum, they'll be coming
17 throughout the month.

18 MS. TRACY: Correct.

19 HONORABLE OSWALD: Okay.

20 MS. TRACY: As they get ready, uh-huh.

21 MR. BUTERA: One potential issue. I think
22 the sheriff's office can answer more questions about
23 that. But we get applications submitted before they're
24 actually intending necessarily to land an our agenda.

25 MS. TRACY: Right.

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1 MR. BUTERA: So how would that --

2 MS. TRACY: You would only get it if it's
3 ready for the agenda.

4 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

5 MS. TRACY: They have a way to keep it
6 pending until it's ready to go onto the agenda. And
7 until it's ready to go on the agenda, you won't see it.

8 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

9 MR. HENDERSON: And when we receive an
10 email from the sheriff, if we're on that Harris County
11 system, we then go to the web site?

12 MS. TRACY: Correct.

13 MR. HENDERSON: But if you're off the
14 system, it'll be attached to the email?

15 MS. TRACY: Correct.

16 MR. BUTERA: If there's ten things on the
17 agenda, Tracy, will -- that'll be 10 individual emails.
18 When we click that link and get to something, is it just
19 pulling up the document that was --

20 MS. TRACY: That was attached to that
21 email, yes.

22 MR. BUTERA: So we'll have to do that ten
23 times --

24 MS. TRACY: Correct.

25 MR. BUTERA: -- for the agenda.

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1 MS. TRACY: -- correct.

2 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: We're also looking at

3 some potential solutions to where we would bring you a
4 tablet that would have all of the documents loaded on
5 it. So you wouldn't have to necessarily go into all of
6 your emails while you're sitting here. You'd have it
7 before you.

8 MS. TRACY: And also -- just to reiterate
9 back to your question. It is a share point list so we
10 could give you the link to see the whole list to where
11 if you didn't want to go to each individual one, you
12 could see the whole list. And there'll be instructions
13 that they'll give you that you can go to each item and
14 say view this item, view this item, view this item and
15 you can go down the list and see them at all one time.

16 MR. BUTERA: I don't mind accessing -- I
17 think that's great that we're setting up that but it
18 would be nice if there was a presentation of the agenda
19 packet --

20 MS. TRACY: Sure.

21 MR. BUTERA: A single-view instead of --
22 but that's wonderful.

23 MS. TRACY: Uh-huh. We can probably --

24 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: And we --

25 MS. TRACY: We can probably have him add

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1 that to the email, the link to the whole list.

2 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

3 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: And there's no way
4 people can go back and change dates of submission.

5 MS. TRACY: No.

6 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Correct?

7 MS. TRACY: No.

8 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Okay.

9 MS. TRACY: Now, once it's submitted,
10 they'll get the -- that last screen that you see where
11 it says it was successfully submitted. Once they get
12 that screen, there's no way for them to go back and do
13 anything to that application. At that point, they have
14 to contact the sheriff's office to get -- to get it
15 rejected or to get -- to tell them they want to upload
16 another one, whatever the case may be.

17 MR. BUTERA: For archive purposes, how long
18 will those links remain active or after a year --

19 MS. TRACY: However long we tell CTS.
20 They'll keep it available on the site.

21 MR. BUTERA: Okay. As soon as we have
22 things carried from one agenda to the next so ...

23 MS. TRACY: Correct. The only --

24 The view you will get to the list will
25 only be ones ready for review for -- that's placed on

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1 the agenda.

2 MR. BUTERA: Okay. So it might have to be
3 republished or something to push it to the next agenda?

4 MS. TRACY: It's just a different status.
5 It's just updating the status of the application. It'll
6 state pending until the sheriff's ready to put it on the
7 agenda at that point.

8 If you postpone the application to the
9 next meeting, they can put in a postpone status and that
10 will take it from your view but the sheriff will still
11 be able to see the full list. And then when they're
12 ready to put it on the next agenda, then they'll say
13 ready for agenda.

14 MR. BUTERA: Got you. Excellent.

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: So once you send it
16 to the sheriff, then they will be keeping up with it.
17 As far as putting it on the agenda or for them to reset
18 or anything like this, you're not going to be involved
19 after that.

20 MS. TRACY: No. It'll be the sheriff's
21 office and the sheriff's liaison.

22 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: So for -- in terms of
23 posting of the agenda -- and this is kind of a Tommy
24 question -- are we still going to have to post at the
25 Family Law Center?

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1 We post publicly on the web site. Where
2 else --

3 Are there other recommendations on where
4 we should post? Will we need to keep posting paper
5 copies or ...

6 MR. RAMSEY: We will still need to post at
7 the Family Law Center.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Say that a little
9 louder.

10 MR. RAMSEY: We will still need to post at
11 the Family Law Center.

12 MR. HENDERSON: But she only post the
13 agenda.

14 MR. RAMSEY: Pardon me?

15 MR. HENDERSON: Only the agenda.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Correct.

17 MR. HENDERSON: Not the applications.

18 MR. RAMSEY: Correct.

19 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Right, right.

20 MS. TRACY: Right. And it has the ability
21 in the system, too, to where if the sheriff's office
22 needs to upload a picture of a property or something
23 like that, they have the ability to attach attachments
24 and images to the posting as well, as long as inside the
25 notes. So they're able to do a lot of stuff

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1 electronically with this solution that's been built.

2 MS. VILLARREAL: Once you start filing out

3 the application -- say you fill out the first two pages
4 and then you have to stop, you can save it and then
5 return to it and continue with the rest of the pages?

6 MS. TRACY: Correct. So they have the
7 application in a PDF form already. So whatever they do
8 on their local drive, it has nothing to do with this
9 system. It's once they finished, then they'll go to
10 this application online, fill it out and upload the
11 final PDF into the system. The bail bondsmen can work
12 on it on their local PC as long as they want.

13 MR. BUTERA: It's not online application.

14 MS. TRACY: Correct.

15 MR. BUTERA: You're just uploading it once
16 you're completely done with it and --

17 MS. VILLARREAL: Okay.

18 MR. BUTERA: -- whether it was --

19 MS. TRACY: Correct.

20 MR. BUTERA: -- originally paper and you
21 scan it or whether you filled it out as a PDF and you're
22 submitting it.

23 MS. TRACY: Correct. Did you want to add
24 something?

25 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: I did. How soon

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1 would this be ready?

2 MS. TRACY: They've said it's available
3 right now. If wanted you to, he can roll it out to
4 production fairly easily and quickly within a day. So
5 if -- I know the sheriff's office are wanting to do a
6 test user --

7 FEMALE: (Inaudible.)

8 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Okay. We have a test
9 file.

10 MS. TRACY: Right. So they're wanting to
11 test it and make sure everybody is liking it before we
12 actually roll it out to everybody, but it's fairly
13 simple and fairly easy just to turn it on in production.

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Since this is not on
15 the agenda, we don't have to take any action at this
16 time, right?

17 MS. TRACY: No, no.

18 MR. BUTERA: Just informational --

19 MS. TRACY: Informational, just to tell you
20 we are working on it and should be -- should be ready
21 fairly soon as soon as the sheriff's office gets their
22 testing done with the application. Then we should be
23 ready maybe by next agenda to -- to get it going.

24 MR. PRUETT: Question ...

25 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: If we make note -- if

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1 the sheriff's office makes notes, will the other Board
2 Members be able to see that?

3 MS. TRACY: Sure. And that link that we'll
4 tell them to add to the email to see the full list, that
5 full list will show you the notes.

6 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Got it.

7 MS. TRACY: As well as when you edit each
8 one individually, you'll see the notes, too. It's all
9 on the same page. I didn't put screen shot of that page
10 because I didn't want to overwhelm you right now. But
11 we'll get together a presentation to make it an easy
12 tutorial for you see that. We just wanted you to see
13 what the bondsmen would have to do at this point.

14 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Right.

15 MR. PRUETT: Brief question. Say for
16 example someone completed the application and say
17 that -- and all of a sudden, they realize they forgot
18 something --

19 MS. TRACY: Uh-huh.

20 MR. PRUETT: -- and they go back in and
21 change it or do they have to just --

22 MS. TRACY: They can --

23 MR. PRUETT: For example, they provided
24 three letters of recommendation. They only provided
25 two. Then they realized they needed to provide a third

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1 one.

2 Can they go back in after they've already
3 saved it and add another one?

4 MS. TRACY: Whatever they saved to their
5 hard drive --

6 MR. PRUETT: Once the (inaudible.) gets
7 submitted.

8 MS. TRACY: Right. Whatever they saved to
9 their hard drive is fine. If they go back in here and
10 submit another one, they can. And then they would have
11 to call the sheriff's office to reject the first one.

12 MR. PRUETT: Ah, okay.

13 MS. TRACY: They have a way -- they have a
14 way to reject the --

15 MR. PRUETT: They just start --

16 MS. TRACY: -- the filings.

17 MR. PRUETT: Kind of like the way
18 e-file rejects.

19 MS. TRACY: Correct, correct. They have a
20 way to accept and reject.

21 MR. PRUETT: Okay.

22 MS. TRACY: And then if you -- and then if
23 the -- for some reason or another, the application
24 doesn't go on the agenda at all, there's a withdrawn
25 status. There's several different statuses that the

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1 application can have inside the system.

2 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: So the bonding

3 companies will need to have the capability of, you know,
4 gathering their information electronically whether it's
5 a scanner or, you know, receiving those documents
6 electronically.

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: That was going to be
8 my statement, that -- the question to the bondsmen.

9 How do you feel about it?

10 MR. PRUETT: Less paper, better.

11 MR. BUTERA: We don't have a mandate that
12 you submit electronically yet.

13 MR. PRUETT: No.

14 MR. BUTERA: You're still allowed to submit
15 a paper copy which the sheriff's office will possibly --
16 we may be headed in that direction with our rules but we
17 haven't --

18 MR. PRUETT: No.

19 MR. BUTERA: So you have the option.

20 MS. TRACY: Correct. You still have the
21 original option on the same page on the second slide. I
22 only showed you the portion for the online application,
23 but below that was the traditional typewriter type
24 application as well as -- it was a third form of filling
25 out an application.

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1 And if you do submit it in paper, then
2 the sheriff's office will have a way to scan it in and
3 make it available to you electronically even though
4 they've received it in paper.

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: So Tracy, as I
6 understand you have it; but we have not really taken
7 steps to apply to everyone.

8 MS. TRACY: Correct.

9 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And that will be a
10 transitional stage.

11 MS. TRACY: Correct.

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: That's why -- as
13 particularly, the bondsmen, because they will be the
14 main ones interested in this and dealing with that.

15 MS. TRACY: Right. We would have a
16 tutorial or user guide for them as well.

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: To question -- the
18 question to Pruett. Have you talked about this already?
19 Are you familiar with what she's talking about?

20 MR. PRUETT: Yes.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And what is the
22 consensus of the bondsmen?

23 MR. PRUETT: Well, I haven't talked to the
24 bondsmen; but to me, it sounds great. I mean, it sounds
25 like it's easier; but at the same time, if you have

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1 someone who is computer challenged and they don't --
2 they're not comfortable with it, they can still do the
3 manual process. I mean, it's just -- right now, it
4 seems like it's an option there that you create less
5 paperwork.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: But you'll be taking
7 the message to the bondsmen so that they can ...

8 MR. PRUETT: Well, I'm the criminal
9 lawyer's representative.

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Oh.

11 MR. PRUETT: That's you. Glenn will.

12 MS. VILLARREAL: Well, we're having our
13 meeting tomorrow. So this is the perfect opportunity to
14 mention to it everyone at the meeting tomorrow that this
15 discussion was held here regarding that subject.

16 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: And I'd like to put
17 it on the agenda for next month's meeting. We'll be
18 able to complete our testing and be able to have some
19 discussion, make a vote on it at that time.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Any further
21 discussion on this? Any further questions?

22 Tracy, thank you for your information.

23 MS. TRACY: All right. Thank you.

24 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Thank you, Tracy.

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Anyone have anything

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1 else that we want to discuss before we adjourn?

2 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: No, sir.

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Have a motion?

4 ASST. CHIEF SCHMIDT: Motion.

5 MS. VILLARREAL: Motion -- Second.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Motion and a second.

7 It's adjourned. We adjourned at 1 -- is that 53?

8 MS. VILLARREAL: 1:53.

9 (Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.)

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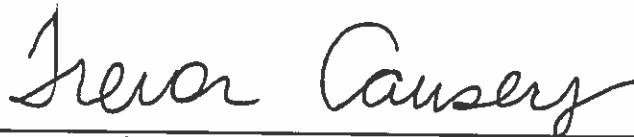
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