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A P P E A R A N C E S

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Bill Henderson, Commissioners Court,

designee for Honorable Ed Emmett

Sergeant Sisto DeLeon, designee for Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'd like to call
3 the meeting to order as soon as Mr. Guerinot clears.

4 MR. GUERINOT: Yes, sir.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Today is
6 Tuesday, November 13th, 2018. This is the meeting for
7 the Harris County Bail Bond Board. Judge Fields is not
8 coming today and has asked me to take his spot and be
9 the Chairman.

10 So I'm going to -- first thing I want to
11 do is I want to go around the horn and I would like
12 everybody to introduce themselves for the record.

13 Do we have a court reporter this morning?
14 No? Okay. We're recording, right?

15 MS. RUBIO: Correct.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. For the
17 recording, let's go around the horn. Sergeant ...

18 SERGEANT DELEON: Sergeant Sisto DeLeon,
19 Sheriff's Office.

20 MR. HENDERSON: Bill Henderson for the
21 Commissioners Court.

22 MR. CHANG: David Chang for Orlando
23 Sanchez, Harris County Treasurer.

24 HONORABLE GARCIA: Judge Esmeralda Pena
25 Garcia for Judge Elaine Marshall, City of Houston.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera for the
2 District Attorney's Office.

3 MR. DANIEL: Chris Daniel for the District
4 Clerks Office.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And my name is
6 Glenn Strickland. I'm the bonding community
7 representative.

8 All right. First item on the agenda is
9 reading of prior minutes. Chair will entertain a
10 motion.

11 MR. HENDERSON: Motion.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
13 to approve. Do I have a second?

14 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a second.
16 Any discussion?

17 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

18 THE BOARD: Aye.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

20 B., old business, there is none.

21 New business, request for a new license.

22 Is Mr. Abel here?

23 MALE: Mr. Strickland, as you can see -- my
24 understanding is he's parking his car as we speak.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'm going to put

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1 it at the bottom of the agenda.

2 MALE: Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay?

4 MALE: Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Request for a
6 renewal of license, Rodney Vannerson DBA Aaron Bonding
7 Agency, 409 Fannin Street, Houston, Texas 77002.

8 Original date: 7/8 of 2008. Expiration date:

9 12/14/2018. License 74465. Phone number:

10 (713) 223-2667. Three-year renewal.

11 (Witness sworn.)

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
13 for the record, please.

14 MR. VANNERSON: Rodney Vannerson.

15 MR. MONKS: Mike Monks representing
16 Mr. Vannerson.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you so
18 much, sir. Sheriff ...

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

20 Mr. Vannerson, I want to thank you for
21 coming to my office during the month. The Sheriff's
22 Office had a question in regards to the -- on page the
23 12, the personal property listed. And Mr. Vannerson did
24 bring a document, a fair market appraisal report
25 prepared by June L. Adier, an appraisal, 330 Heights

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1 Boulevard, that more than exceeded or met the item
2 amount listed.

3 And other than that, the Sheriff's Office
4 knows of no past due unpaid judgments owed to Harris
5 County as of today. That's all I have.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anybody else?

7 MR. BUTERA: Yes, if I may.

8 So Mr. Vannerson, if you take an
9 opportunity to look at your application real quick. So
10 I also had a question about that 30,000-dollar personal
11 property but the Sheriff's Office has told me they
12 inspected your appraisal so that's good.

13 Just turn your attention to page 12, the
14 personal financial statement. The very first box there,
15 cash on-hand and in banks, you list \$262,200 which you
16 do itemize on page 15, Schedule 2 there, but there's no
17 account information or the account numbers are blank or
18 can you tell me why you didn't fill that out or ...

19 MR. VANNERSON: No. I followed the form
20 that I had used on previous applications and I do not
21 recall providing any more information than that --

22 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I looked at --

23 MR. VANNERSON: -- what it was asking.

24 MR. BUTERA: -- one of your previous
25 applications -- and you have like a bank statement

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1 printout that you did include. I just didn't know if
2 there was a change or why you didn't include the
3 information --

4 MR. VANNERSON: I noted -- if you'll see
5 the initial after each of the line items, it has the
6 account title and then operating collateral, the
7 Sheriff's posting fee and then personal accounts. I
8 thought that was sufficient.

9 MR. BUTERA: Okay. The next question I
10 have is for your accounts receivable. Again, referring
11 back to page 12. It's on Schedule 3. The \$292,882 on
12 Schedule 3 which is on page 15, you put a four-year
13 limit on those accounts receivable.

14 MR. VANNERSON: Yes, sir.

15 MR. BUTERA: And then on your itemization,
16 I noticed -- which is a few pages later -- there are
17 some amounts owed that go back to 2006, 2013 which is
18 more than four years old.

19 MR. VANNERSON: And I will accept fault for
20 that. I -- there was no intent to misrepresent. That
21 was an error that was made in preparation of the
22 application.

23 MR. BUTERA: And these represent -- well,
24 some say personal loan.

25 Are these some -- like business accounts

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1 that you --

2 MR. VANNERSON: These are all under --
3 judgments that I have paid that still had a balance owed
4 to me that has not been completely satisfied.

5 MR. MONKS: From one of the indemnitors
6 "union".

7 MR. VANNERSON: And from the indemnitors.
8 And then there is one personal loan to a family member
9 that I just -- I carried forward.

10 MR. BUTERA: Okay. And then Classic
11 Messaging?

12 MR. VANNERSON: It's another company that I
13 invested into, and it's just -- it's still out there.
14 It's not a debt. It was a -- to help upstart a company.

15 MR. BUTERA: Okay. And as far as return
16 rate on these notes receivable, what is your actual --

17 MR. VANNERSON: I don't charge interest.
18 I --

19 MR. BUTERA: -- success rate?

20 MR. VANNERSON: Oh, success rate?

21 MR. BUTERA: Collect.

22 MR. VANNERSON: It's probably 75 percent.

23 MR. BUTERA: Okay. And then the 300,000
24 the Sheriff's Office has cleared up -- and I just wanted
25 to ask you about the notes payable because I didn't see

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1 any details on those.

2 The notes payable on page 12 under the
3 liabilities column ...

4 MR. VANNERSON: Yes, sir.

5 MR. BUTERA: What does that represent?

6 MR. VANNERSON: The first one is just a
7 note to a vehicle that I own. The second one is credit
8 cards. The third one is a mortgage on a piece of
9 property and then you see the judgment NISIs.

10 MR. BUTERA: And then the net worth is
11 blank. Total net worth is blank. Is that just an
12 oversight, some ...

13 MR. VANNERSON: I -- I -- yes, sir. I
14 apologize again.

15 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Those are just things I
16 noticed going over the -- the financial statement.

17 MR. VANNERSON: Fair enough.

18 MR. HENDERSON: So are we to assume the net
19 worth is somewhere around 800,000 if the assets 1.2
20 million and liabilities are 411,000?

21 MR. VANNERSON: I would say so, yes, sir.

22 MR. HENDERSON: Okay.

23 MR. BUTERA: You'd have to adjust that
24 notes receivable amount, I guess, by whatever appears on
25 that page that's older --

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1 MR. VANNERSON: Whatever appears but
2 it's -- I don't think it's substantial but you are
3 correct.

4 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Those are all the
5 questions I have.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anybody else?
7 I'd like also for the record to reflect
8 that Attorney Carl Pruett has shown up and is sitting on
9 the Board. Good afternoon, Carl.

10 MR. PRUETT: Good afternoon.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So Chair will
12 entertain a motion.

13 MR. HENDERSON: I move to approve.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
15 to approve by the Commissioners Court.

16 MR. PRUETT: Second.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Second by -- who
18 said that? Carl? Any discussion?

19 All those in favor, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 THE BOARD: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
23 Thank you, sir.

24 MR. VANNERSON: Thank you very much.

25 MR. MONKS: Thank you very much.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Renewal
2 of license, Marc Metze DBA Better Now Than Later Bail
3 Bonds, 2425-A Southmore Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77004.
4 Original Date: 12/12/2001. Expiration date:
5 12/22/2018. License No. 74441. Phone number:
6 (713) 521-2004. Three-year renewal.

7 (Witness sworn.)

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
9 for the record, please.

10 MR. METZE: Marc Adam Metze.

11 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.
13 Sergeant ...

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Sheriff's Office notes
15 application seems complete. I have no questions. We
16 just have a comment that no past due unpaid judgments
17 are owed to Harris County as of 11/12.

18 MR. BUTERA: No questions from the State.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
20 entertain.

21 MR. PRUETT: Motion.

22 MR. DANIEL: Motion to approve.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
24 and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor,
25 signify by saying aye.

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
3 Congratulations.

4 Okay. Renewal of license, First
5 Community Insurance Company, Kevin Glenn, Bond
6 Commander, 12655 Woodforest Boulevard, Suite 510,
7 Houston, Texas 77015. Original Date: 12/13/2016.
8 Expiration date: 12/23/2018. License number is 74575.
9 Phone number: (832) 414-3053. Two-year renewal.

10 Do you swear -- you, too. Jerry
11 Guerinot.

12 (Witness sworn.)

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
14 for the record, please.

15 MR. GLENN: My name is Kevin Glenn.

16 MR. GUERINOT: Jerry Guerinot, attorney for
17 Mr. Glenn.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson, corporate rep.,
19 for First Community Insurance.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

21 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. Commander -- Kevin
22 Glenn -- hold on.

23 So the Sheriff's Office notes that we
24 received notification that a judgment was coming due
25 November 17th owed to the City of Houston municipal

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1 courts and Mr. Glenn has provided proof that that has
2 been paid already even though it's coming due.

3 And we also noted that his certification
4 of attendance for his education was coming due
5 November 18th of this year and he has brought proof that
6 he has already attended his education for the upcoming
7 two years. And as of money owed to the -- or to Harris
8 County, we know of no past due unpaid judgments. And
9 that's all we have.

10 MR. BUTERA: No questions from the State.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
12 entertain.

13 MR. PRUETT: Motion to approve.

14 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
16 to approve.

17 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by
19 the Judge. Any discussion?

20 All those in favor, signify by saying
21 aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
24 Congratulations.

25 MR. GLENN: Thank you.

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VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Number 5, request for renewal of license, Troy McLehany DBA H-Town Bail Bonds, 17624 Highway 3, Webster, Texas 770 --

We've got too many digits there. What's the zip code?

MR. MCLEHANY: 7 -- 598.

VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: 770 ...

MR. MCLEHANY: There's an extra zero, I mean. I'm sorry.

VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And it doesn't matter that much. Original date: 12/14/2014. Expiration date: 12/24/2018. License No. 74462. Phone number: (713) 224-7500, two-year renewal.

Hold your hand up to be sworn in.

MR. MCLEHANY: Did you say two-year renewal?

VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir. Is this a three-year renewal?

MR. MCLEHANY: I believe it is.

VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: On the agenda, it says two-year renewal but you did it in '14.

MR. DANIEL: Where did you get that picture from?

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The original
2 date 2014; is that right?

3 MR. HENDERSON: Renewed in '16. I mean ...

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Uh?

5 MR. HENDERSON: Renewed in 2016.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But he's -- the
7 original license was 2014 according to this.

8 MR. HENDERSON: Maybe it was renewed in
9 2016.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No. I
11 understand that. But he's --

12 MR. HENDERSON: I think it expires in 2018.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: He's talking
14 about a three-year renewal.

15 What's the deal, Mike?

16 MR. BUTERA: When do you think it switches?
17 I didn't bring my Occupational Code unfortunately.

18 When do you it switches from two to
19 three? I don't think it's --

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Let's ask our
21 attorney.

22 MR. BUTERA: Been sufficient.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: When does it
24 switch to three years? Eight years?

25 FEMALE: After eight years.

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1 MR. BUTERA: After eight years.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's what I
3 thought. Eight years. Uh?

4 MR. BUTERA: So it is still a two-year --
5 in a two-year situation until ...

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But Troy's had a
7 license longer than four years.

8 How long you had that license, Troy?

9 MR. MCLEHANY: Standing here, I can't tell
10 you. It seems longer than that, though.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This is a
12 two-year renewal.

13 MR. DANIEL: Sure seems like since high
14 school.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This is a
16 two-year renewal unless we've got a different date to
17 put on that.

18 MR. MONKS: May it please the Chairman.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir.

20 MR. MONKS: We will -- we will determine
21 the initial date of his initial license -- well, we'll
22 having to because that's what the record reflects now,
23 when we may come back -- if, in fact, we can bring new
24 information to the Board.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I don't even

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1 think we need to do that but we'll talk about that.

2 Listen. Don't you agree with that?

3 MR. PRUETT: If the secretary reviews it
4 and determines it's three years --

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We'll make it a
6 three-year renewal --

7 MR. MONKS: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay? I'd be
9 just that easy.

10 MR. MONKS: Yes, sir.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

12 MR. MCLEHANY: Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So do I have a
14 -- yes, sir.

15 (Witness sworn.)

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
17 for the record, please.

18 MR. MCLEHANY: Troy McLehany.

19 MR. MONKS: Mike Monks representing
20 Mr. McLehany.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sheriff ...

22 SERGEANT DELEON: H-Town applications seems
23 complete. We have no questions. Sheriff's Office knows
24 no past due judgments owed to Harris County but I'll let
25 the ...

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1 MR. BUTERA: Nothing from the State. Your
2 application was very thorough.

3 MR. MONKS: Hold on a second. Can I just
4 get that for the record?

5 MR. BUTERA: I try to always say when it's
6 well done. It's very thorough, very well put together.

7 MR. MONKS: I'm just teasing, Mr. Butera.

8 MR. BUTERA: Mr. Henderson ...

9 MR. HENDERSON: Yeah. The License 74462 is
10 2014, the original date of that license? Is that what
11 we're --

12 MR. MONKS: Well, that's the issue. I
13 don't have that information in front of me.

14 MR. HENDERSON: Okay.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We're going to
16 do a two-year renewal. And if it's more than that, then
17 we'll adjust it.

18 MR. HENDERSON: Okay.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: After eight
20 years, if you don't have any issues.

21 MR. HENDERSON: I understand. But you
22 know, what's the accurate original date of this
23 particular license?

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Isn't that the
25 good question.

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1 MR. HENDERSON: And Mr. McLehany doesn't
2 know?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, there, the
4 man sits. Because I've known him a lot longer than
5 that.

6 MR. MONKS: All right. Excuse me. It was
7 brought to my attention there was an amicus curiae that
8 was filed, Mr. Vannerson, saying that his license
9 actually is three -- three numbers younger than my
10 client's license and he was --

11 When was it renewed, Mr. Vannerson?

12 MR. VANNERSON: It was renewed right now.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You're exactly
14 right.

15 MR. BUTERA: 2008.

16 MR. VANNERSON: (Inaudible.) I would
17 expect that there's a typo here and it should be 2004
18 instead of '14. (Inaudible.)

19 MR. MONKS: According to the records -- at
20 least according to the agenda -- it looks like that
21 Mr. Vannerson's license, License No. 74465 was
22 originally --

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: 2008.

24 MR. MONKS: Yes.

25 MR. MCLEHANY: If my memory serves which is

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1 questionable.

2 MR. HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'll make a
3 motion that we approve it for two-year renewal. And if
4 the secretary finds that he is entitled to a three-year
5 renewal, that it be made a three-year renewal.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Perfect.

7 MR. DANIEL: Second.

8 MR. MONKS: Thank you, Mr. Henderson.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I have a
10 second to that. Any further discussion?

11 All those in favor, signify by saying
12 aye.

13 THE BOARD: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

15 There you got it.

16 MR. MCLEHANY: Thank you.

17 MR. MONKS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. A renewal
19 of license, Bankers Insurance Company, Agent Mario Garza
20 DBA 1st Advantage Bail Bonds, 2429 Telephone Road,
21 Houston, Texas --

22 We've got another little messed up zip
23 code there.

24 MR. GARZA: That's correct.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: What's the zip

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1 code there, Mario?

2 MR. GARZA: 27, yeah. It's 77023.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: 77023. Original
4 date: 12/11/2007. Expiration date: 12/21/2018.
5 License No. 74485.

6 MR. DANIEL: Mr. Chair, I'd also point out
7 for the secretary that the zip on Troy's is also too
8 many digits.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I know that and
10 I asked Troy what it was --

11 MR. DANIEL: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- and he
13 couldn't remember.

14 MR. GARZA: You're talking about the
15 date -- okay.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So the license
17 number is 74485. Phone number is (713) 847-9902. This
18 is a three-year renewal.

19 (Witness sworn.)

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
21 for the record, please.

22 MR. GARZA: Mario Garza.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson, corporate rep.,
24 and attorney for Bankers Insurance.

25 SERGEANT DELEON: Applications seems

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1 complete. Sheriff's Office knows of no unpaid judgments
2 to Harris County as of 11/12.

3 MR. BUTERA: No questions from the State.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
5 entertain.

6 MR. HENDERSON: Motion to approve.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
8 to approve.

9 MR. PRUETT: Second.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second.

11 Any discussion?

12 All those in favor, signify by saying
13 aye.

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

16 Thank you, sir.

17 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. A renewal
19 of license, Allegheny Casualty Insurance Company, Agent
20 Sunya Claiborne DBA All About Bail Bonds, 313 Rankin
21 Road, Suite B, Houston, Texas 77073. The original date
22 is 12/14/2010. Expiration date: 1/5/2019. The license
23 number is 74517. Phone number: (713) 893-0323. This
24 is a three-year license.

25 (Witness sworn.)

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
2 for the record, please.

3 MS. CLAIBORNE: Sunya Rochelle Claiborne.

4 MR. GOOD: Ken Good.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

6 SERGEANT DELEON: Again, application seems
7 complete and the Sheriff's Office knows of no unpaid
8 judgments owed to Harris County as 11/12.

9 MR. BUTERA: No questions from the State.

10 Make a motion to approve.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
12 to approve.

13 MR. HENDERSON: Second.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I have
15 second. Any discussion?

16 All those in favor, signify by saying
17 aye.

18 THE BOARD: Aye.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
20 Thank you.

21 MR. GOOD: Thank you very much.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. The next
23 Item is No. 8, request for a renewal of license. And I
24 have a letter from Financial Casualty. They want to
25 table his appearance.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to table.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
3 to table.

4 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

6 All those in favor, signify by saying
7 aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

10 Carried.

11 Number 9, request by International
12 Fidelity Insurance Company for approval of an additional
13 phone number for Agent Glenn Strickland DBA A-1 Bonding
14 Company, License 74339. (713) 677-2053.

15 This is an advertising phone number so
16 that they can keep track of it. I have no idea who's
17 ever used it before but this is simply for advertising.

18 MR. PRUETT: Just something you only pay
19 (inaudible.) or something.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Kind of.

21 MR. PRUETT: Yeah.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Google, Google.

23 MR. PRUETT: Yeah. I thought they wouldn't
24 do it in bonding company.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, yeah, you

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1 know ...

2 Are you making a motion?

3 MR. BUTERA: Were you under oath when you
4 provided that information?

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir.

6 Are you making a motion?

7 MR. PRUETT: Motion to approve.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
9 to approve.

10 MR. BUTERA: Second.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second.
12 Any discussion?

13 All those in favor, signify by saying
14 aye.

15 THE BOARD: Aye.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any -- done.
17 Okay.

18 MR. DANIEL: The Chair abstains, correct?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Uh?

20 MR. DANIEL: And the Chair abstains,
21 correct?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, the Chair
23 abstains.

24 (Vice Chairman Strickland abstains for Item 9.)

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 10,

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1 request made by First Community Insurance Company to
2 release CD 810003974530 BB&T, Best Bank in Town for
3 50,000 and replace it with CD 60400000211600 for 50,000
4 deposited Regions Bank for Agent Helen Abel DBA 24/7
5 Bail Bond Service.

6 Since we're going to be contemplating on
7 a new license in just a minute for First Community, is
8 this -- you're with First Community, correct?

9 MALE: Yes, sir.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Is this
11 on the same license that we're going to be talking about
12 in a second?

13 MALE: No, sir. The -- Jonathan's license
14 is a completely new license.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

16 MALE: This is Helen's license that they're
17 running off and they're just -- that CD is expiring and
18 they're switching banks. And so they're just requesting
19 that they can switch it out with a valid CD.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Any
21 discussion on this? He's under oath because I've
22 already sworn him in.

23 MR. HENDERSON: Motion to approve.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there any
25 discussion?

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1 MR. BUTERA: Second.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
3 and a second. Any --

4 All those in favor, signify by saying
5 aye.

6 THE BOARD: Aye.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
8 Done.

9 Number 11, request made by Financial
10 Casualty & Surety to release CD 102711 deposited with
11 Harris County for Joseph Valdes DBA Eastex Bail Bonds
12 for License No. 74467. JP letter was mailed on
13 10/31/2018.

14 We have not had our 30 days so we table
15 this.

16 Okay. You know is Mr. --

17 MALE: Yes, sir, he is.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Come forward,
19 please. I want to go back to the first item on the
20 agenda under new business of request for a new license.

21 This is First Community Insurance
22 Company, Agent Jonathan W. Abel DBA 24/7 Bail Bonds
23 No. 2, 2110 Jefferson Street, Suite 101B, Houston, Texas
24 77002. We don't have a license and voir dire
25 incomplete.

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1 This gentleman is the son of Helen Abel
2 that a lot of us knew as Nell. And since she passed
3 away, he is picking up the license to continue her
4 license and work off all the liability, do whatever you
5 need to do; is that correct?

6 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

8 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Give me your
10 hand.

11 (Witness sworn.).

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
13 for the record.

14 MR. ABEL: Jonathan Wayne Abel.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.
16 Sheriff ...

17 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. So Jonathan, I
18 noticed your education certificate was dated 12/17.

19 So to that end, can you describe to the
20 Board your experience in the bonding company and the
21 experience of the staff that you're keeping along with
22 you?

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

24 MR. ABEL: Yeah. I'm about -- oh, I'm
25 sorry.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Let me
2 interrupt, Sergeant. He's getting a license under the
3 Consanguinity Clause and the statutes which what happens
4 whenever you have a passing. And quite frankly, those
5 requirements are nullified for him to get a license.

6 Correct, Mike?

7 MR. BUTERA: I don't think he is.

8 You include your own work experience in
9 the packet, right, Ms. Abel?

10 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir.

11 MR. BUTERA: So he's not -- that's the --
12 It waives the work experience
13 requirements.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right, then.
15 Continue.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: So just describe to the
17 Board your experience.

18 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir. I've pretty much been
19 her right-hand man for about five years and worked in
20 and out of the office 24 hours and --

21 SERGEANT DELEON: And you're keeping the
22 staff. You're keeping the staff --

23 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir.

24 SERGEANT DELEON: -- or some of the staff,
25 yeah.

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1 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir, yeah. Yes, sir.

2 Couldn't do without them, you know. Go ahead but ...

3 SERGEANT DELEON: And also on your letters
4 of recommendation that you have, Rueben Sanchez Chan and
5 Mario Garza, can you just give us who those are? Could
6 you just explain?

7 MR. ABEL: Mario Garza was a good friend of
8 my mother's and he worked for my mom for a long time so
9 you know, I got to know him.

10 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

11 MR. ABEL: And same goes for the other
12 person.

13 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. Other than that,
14 the Sheriff's Office has no other questions.

15 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
17 entertain.

18 MR. PRUETT: Motion to approve.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
20 to approve.

21 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by
23 Judge. Any discussion?

24 All those in favor, signify by saying
25 aye.

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

3 You know, I don't know whether to tell
4 you congratulations or not. But let me tell you
5 something.

6 MR. ABEL: Yes, sir.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You know who I
8 am, right?

9 MR. ABEL: A little bit.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Glenn
11 Strickland.

12 MR. ABEL: Glenn Strickland.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right?

14 MR. ABEL: All right.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I knew your
16 mother real well.

17 MR. ABEL: Really?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And what you're
19 doing is a herculean task to take that over.

20 MR. ABEL: Right.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: If you have any
22 questions, you pick up the phone and call me.

23 MR. ABEL: Sure will. Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I'll do
25 anything I can to help you or give you any guidance that

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1 I can on how you need to handle something, okay?

2 MR. ABEL: All right. Thank you.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. Just to note,
4 Glenn, on that. We visited him this morning and we
5 offered him the same.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. There you
7 go. So you got plenty of help, okay. Congratulations.

8 MR. ABEL: Thank all of y'all.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.
10 Number 12, request made by Accredited Surety & Casualty,
11 Agent Anthony Muharib DBA Online Bonding, License No.
12 74588 to add the following two addresses and phone
13 number satellite offices, 440 Benmar Drive, Suite 2047,
14 Houston, Texas 77060, (832) 446-3060 and 2120 South
15 Wayside Drive, Suite E, Houston, Texas 77023.
16 (346) 204-5507.

17 Is Mr. Muharib here? You know, the only
18 thing that really requires the Board approval is the
19 phone numbers. The addresses are just notices.

20 How do you want to handle this, Mike?

21 MR. BUTERA: No one's here from Accredited
22 at all, I guess.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No one's here
24 from Accredited. Mr. Muharib ...

25 MR. HENDERSON: Motion to table.

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1 MR. PRUETT: Table.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
3 to table.

4 MR. PRUETT: Second.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second.
6 Any discussion?

7 All in favor, signify by saying aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

10 Okay. Next, fund approval request made
11 by A-1 Bonding Company, Agent Glenn Strickland, License
12 No. 74339 requesting the Board hire Attorney Roger Moore
13 to conduct an abbreviated bondsmen education training
14 course, four hours at a cost of \$750. Training open to
15 Board members and support staff.

16 This is not the first time that we've
17 done this. I do suggest that we wait until after the
18 first of year to have it. But this is really a good
19 thing so that you understand what we're learning out
20 there. Don't you agree, Mike?

21 MR. BUTERA: Sure. It's been very
22 beneficial in the past.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It has. And
24 we've had one or two of these things. And I think it's
25 a good thing.

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1 MR. HENDERSON: Motion to approve.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
3 to approve.

4 MR. DANIEL: Second.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a second
6 by Chris Daniel. Any discussion?

7 All in favor, signify by saying aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

10 Okay. We will do that and get with
11 Roger Moore after the 1st of year and see when we're
12 going to do this.

13 Notice from Judge Lincoln Goodwin
14 informed Harris County that the judges' committee would
15 be voting during the upcoming Judges' meeting in
16 mid-November on the replacement for Judge Armando V.
17 Rodriguez who vacated his Bail Bond Board seat when he
18 was retired.

19 Have we heard anything?

20 SERGEANT DELEON: No, we have not.
21 We're -- we're expect it soon.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

23 SERGEANT DELEON: So I think they're voting
24 this week.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Is there

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1 any other business before the Board?

2 MR. DANIEL: Yes. I want the Board to take
3 notice. I like to brag any time one of own are doing
4 well. And one of our bonding community members,
5 Beverly Walker won her position for Fort Bend County
6 District Clerk and I just want the Board to take notice.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Absolutely,
8 absolutely.

9 Anything else brought before the Board?

10 Chair will entertain a motion.

11 MR. HENDERSON: Motion.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
13 to adjourn. All those in favor --

14 MR. BUTERA: Second.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- signify by
16 saying aye. Let's go.

17 (Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.)

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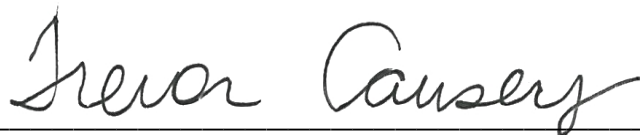
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