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1001 Preston Street, 5th Floor

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1:30 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

Glenn Strickland, Vice Chairman

Michael Butera, designee for District Attorney Kim Ogg

Dylan Osbourne, County Treasurer

Honorable Angela Rodriguez

Honorable Esmeralda Pena Garcia,

designee for Honorable J. Elaine Marshall

Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk

Captain Curtis Ruggles, designee for Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Sergeant Sisto DeLeon, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Gregory Cox, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Tommy Ramsey, County Attorney

Leslie Rubio, Recorder, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. It
3 is 1:30 on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019. We do not have a
4 Chair at this time.

5 So my name is Glenn Strickland. I will
6 be chairing this meeting. I would like to go around the
7 table and have the Board Members introduce themselves
8 since a lot of folks are here for the first time.

9 Ma'am ...

10 MS. BURGESS: I'm Marilyn Burgess. I'm
11 the new Harris County District Clerk.

12 This is Judith Snively. She's my chief
13 deputy over the courts and will be my designee to this
14 meeting on most occasions.

15 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera for the
16 District Attorney's Office sitting as a designee for
17 Kim Ogg.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The lady next to
19 you ...

20 FEMALE: Oh, I ...

21 MR. BUTERA: Go around.

22 FEMALE: Treasurer ...

23 CAPTAIN RUGGLES: Curtis Ruggles, Sheriff's
24 Department, (inaudible.) Division.

25 HONORABLE GARCIA: I am Judge Esmeralda

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1 Pena Garcia representing Judge Elaine Marshall from the
2 City of Houston Municipal Courts.

3 MR. OSBOURNE: I'm Dylan Osbourne. I'm the
4 new County Treasurer. Ms. Teresa down there will be my
5 designee.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'm Judge Angela D.
7 Rodriguez and I am on the Board.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: My name is.
9 Glenn Strickland. I'm the bonding industry
10 representative.

11 Okay. Having said all that, we do have a
12 quorum. The -- A., is reading of the prior minutes.
13 Chair will entertain a motion.

14 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to approve.

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

17 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: A second by
19 Judge Garcia. All those in favor, signify by saying
20 aye.

21 THE BOARD: Aye.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
23 Passed.

24 Old business. Number 1, request made by
25 Israel Santana DBA Santana Bonding, License No. 74476 to

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1 release CD 658311210138543 for \$75,000. JP letters
2 mailed on 12/3. Israel ...

3 MR. SANTANA: Yes, sir.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This is the
5 testimony spot here.

6 MR. SANTANA: All right.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Please come down
8 here, please, sir.

9 MR. SANTANA: Yes, sir.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.
11 Raise your right hand.

12 (Witness sworn.)

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

15 MR. SANTANA: Israel Santana.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Around
17 the horn. Ms. Burgess? Questions?

18 MR. BURGESS: No questions.

19 MR. BUTERA: Yes, just briefly.

20 Mr. Santana, is this a license that is
21 now elapsed? Is this an active license?

22 MR. SANTANA: Active license.

23 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

24 MR. SANTANA: Yes, sir.

25 MR. BUTERA: And I'll just say we've

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1 checked and there are no unpaid judgments on the license
2 so ...

3 MR. SANTANA: Thank you.

4 MR. BUTERA: You're just seeking to take
5 down some collateral ...

6 MR. SANTANA: Yes, sir. I haven't done a
7 big like over 75,000-dollar bond in probably a year. So
8 I just have money sitting there in excess.

9 MR. BUTERA: Got you. Very good. No
10 further --

11 HONORABLE GARCIA: All clear for the City
12 of Houston.

13 CAPTAIN RUGGLES: Sheriff's Department has
14 received no notification, liabilities owed that we know
15 of. No reason the CD cannot be released.

16 MR. OSBOURNE: No questions.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge ...

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Justice of the Peace,
19 Justice Court. No questions at this time.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
21 entertain a motion to approve.

22 HONORABLE GARCIA: I make the motion.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have motion.
24 I have a second. All those in favor --

25 There was a motion made by the Judge and

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1 seconded by the DA's Office.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in
3 favor, signify by saying aye.

4 THE BOARD: Aye.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
6 Thank you very much, Israel.

7 MR. SANTANA: Thank you, sir. Thank you,
8 Board.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: New business.
10 Irene ...

11 (Witness sworn.)

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

14 MS. VILLARREAL: Irene M. Villarreal.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Ken Good,
16 announce yourself, please.

17 MR. GOOD: Oh, my name is Ken Good. I'm
18 here as Ms. Villarreal's attorney today.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Around the horn.
20 Ms. Burgess?

21 MS. BURGESS: No questions.

22 MR. BUTERA: So I've reviewed the
23 application. I have no questions.

24 CAPTAIN RUGGLES: No questions. We
25 approve.

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1 HONORABLE GARCIA: Clear with the City. No
2 questions.

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Angela Rodriguez, no
4 questions at this time.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
6 entertain a motion.

7 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to approve.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
9 to approve by DA and a second by JP Court.

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

12 THE BOARD: Aye.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
14 Thank you very much.

15 MS. VILLARREAL: Thank you. Thank y'all
16 very much.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. This
18 is ...

19 (Witness sworn.)

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

22 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: Judy
23 Grandmaison-Warren.

24 MR. GOOD: I do as well. I'm also Ken
25 Good. I'm also counsel of record but I'm also, for this

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1 application, assistant vice president for the
2 corporation.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: International
4 Fidelity Insurance Co., Agent Judy Grandmason-Warren,
5 Access Bonding Service, 4803 Katy Freeway, Houston,
6 Texas 77007. Original Date: 3/10 of '93. Expiration
7 date: 2/20 of '19. License No. 74322. Phone number:
8 (713) 223-3101. This is a three-year renewal.

9 Ms. Burgess ...

10 MS. BURGESS: No questions from the
11 District Clerk Office.

12 MR. BUTERA: I reviewed everything, but I
13 have no questions.

14 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: Thank you.

15 CAPTAIN RUGGLES: No questions from the
16 Sheriff's Department.

17 HONORABLE GARCIA: No questions. All clear
18 with the City.

19 MR. OSBOURNE: No questions.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: JP court, no
21 questions.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
23 entertain a motion.

24 HONORABLE GARCIA: Make a motion.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion

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1 to approve made by the Judge.

2 MR. BUTERA: Motion.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Second by the
4 DA's Office. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

5 THE BOARD: Aye.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

7 Thank you.

8 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 3 is
10 request made by Allegheny Casualty Company, Agent Davie
11 Westmoreland DBA Texas Quick Bail Bond, License
12 No. 74468 to return security deposit, Comerica Bank
13 CD 385106117596 for \$50,000. JP letters mailed on
14 12/10/2018.

15 Mr. Westmoreland is not here but you're
16 here for the company?

17 MR. GOOD: I am.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

19 MR. GOOD: It's been less than 30 days.

20 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to table since
21 the JP mailing has been less than 30 days to give those
22 courts time to respond.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
24 and a second to table it for 30 days. All those in
25 favor, signify by saying aye.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Glenn, can I amend my motion
2 to say to table until the meeting, February meeting
3 rather than 30 days. Sorry.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Great. Okay.
5 Next JP meeting. All those in favor,
6 signify by saying aye.

7 THE BOARD: Aye.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
9 Thank you.

10 Number 4, request by International
11 Fidelity Insurance Company, Agent Paula Tatuaka DBA
12 Texas Quick Bail Bonds, II., License No. 74549 to return
13 security deposit, Amergy Bank CD 1089603182 for
14 \$50,000. JP letters mailed on 12/31/2018.

15 Mr. Good is still here as their
16 representative.

17 MR. BUTERA: I make motion to table till
18 February meeting of the Bail Bond Board to give the
19 courts time to respond.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Second.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. I have
22 motion and second to table for 30 days.

23 All those in favor, please signify by
24 saying aye.

25 THE BOARD: Aye.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

2 Number 5 is a request by --

3 MR. GOOD: Thank you.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- made by
5 Bankers Insurance Company to release CD 81000003979079.
6 It matures on 1/26/2019 for \$25,000 and replace it with
7 CD 0069294755 for 25,000 deposit at Regions Bank for
8 Agent Maria Sanchez DBA X-It Bail Bonds, License
9 74557.

10 (Witness sworn.)

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

13 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson, corporate rep.,
14 and attorney for Bankers Insurance.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Discussion?
16 Ms. Burgess?

17 MS. BURGESS: No questions from the
18 District Clerk's Office.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mike ...

20 MR. BUTERA: Just quickly to clarify. This
21 is just replacing like for like --

22 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

23 MR. BUTERA: -- because of the expiration
24 date?

25 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Just swapping
2 it.

3 CAPTAIN RUGGLES: Sheriff's Department has
4 no questions.

5 HONORABLE GARCIA: City has no questions.

6 MR. OSBOURNE: No questions.

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
9 entertain.

10 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to approve.

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

13 HONORABLE GARCIA: I second.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Seconded by the
15 Judge. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
18 Thank you very much.

19 Number 6, request made by First Community
20 Insurance Company to release BB&T CD 8100003977963 that
21 matures on 1/13/2019 for \$50,000 and replace it with
22 CD 0069294763 for \$50,000 deposited at Regions Bank for
23 Agent Michael Cox DBA Mike Cox Bail Bonds Service of
24 Texas, License No. 74570. Same?

25 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Same
2 gentleman here representing.

3 MR. BUTERA: The same question.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

5 MR. BUTERA: This is like for like exchange
6 due to the expiration of the CD.

7 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

8 MR. BUTERA: Okay. No further questions.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other
10 questions?

11 CAPTAIN RUGGLES: None from the Sheriff's
12 Department.

13 HONORABLE GARCIA: None from City.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
15 entertain.

16 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion.

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from JP.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Uh?

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from JP.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

21 MR. BUTERA: Sorry. I'll make a motion to
22 approve.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Make a motion to
24 approve.

25 HONORABLE GARCIA: I second.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Seconded by the
2 Judge. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
5 Okay.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That brings us
8 to the end of the agenda. Sorry we're all moved into
9 here but Commissioner's Court was still ongoing.
10 Hopefully, we'll be back in Commissioner's Court where
11 we've got a little bit more room to spread out.

12 Is there any other business before the
13 Board? Yes, sir.

14 MR. BUTERA: Just regarding election of
15 officers. Are we going to put that on our February
16 agenda?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir.

18 Well, Tom and I had a discussion about
19 that today. For the rest of the Board, it has been
20 customary through the years that we elect the
21 officers -- chairman and vice chairman -- at our January
22 meeting. That's normally been on the agenda. This
23 month, it failed to make the agenda.

24 And so the question is: Do we want to
25 elect those officers now? Or do we want to wait and get

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1 it put on the agenda?

2 MR. BUTERA: I would say -- just because
3 we're missing a couple of representatives -- I mean,
4 this is the first meeting and they probably haven't had
5 a chance to square that away that, you know, we should
6 put it to February and put it on that agenda. Have
7 everyone a chance to --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. And I'm
9 okay with that for sure. And that was what Tom had
10 said. Tom is our county attorney that represents the
11 Bail Bond Board.

12 MR. RAMSEY: Hi, everybody.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Wave your hand,
14 Tom. Tom Ramsey.

15 MR. RAMSEY: (Waves hand.)

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But that is
17 correct. And we'll make sure that Sergeant DeLeon gets
18 that put on the February agenda.

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So we take care
21 of that.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: It will be on the agenda.
23 We just wanted to make sure that the new parties that
24 were coming in had a time -- had a chance to get
25 aquatinted.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sure.

2 SERGEANT DELEON: It will most definitely
3 be on the February agenda.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sure. No
5 problem. But we'll get that taken care of next month,
6 Mike.

7 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Yeah.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I'll chair
9 the meeting until we elect. Yes, sir?

10 MR. OSBOURNE: I have a question. Does
11 that have any effect on the actions we took today since
12 we don't have --

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No, no. Because
14 I am the Chairman as Vice Chair. I am the Chair until
15 we elected somebody else or I'm elected Chair. It
16 doesn't matter, either way. Okay?

17 Anybody else have any questions or
18 anything? Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

19 MR. BUTERA: Motion.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
21 to adjourn.

22 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by
24 the City. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

25 THE BOARD: Aye.

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VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

Thank you, folks.

(Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.)

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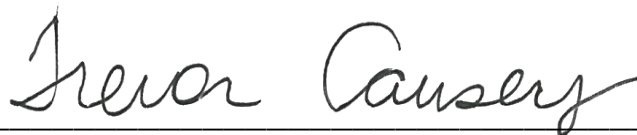
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