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MEETING MINUTES

1001 Preston Street, 9th 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, Chairman

Troy McKinney, Vice Chairman

Michael Butera, designee for District Attorney Kim Ogg

David Chang, designee for Dylan Osborne

Kathryn Kase, designee for Lina Hidalgo

Honorable Esmeralda Pena Garcia,

designee for Honorable J. Elaine Marshall

Judith Snively, designee for Marilyn Burgess

Tommy Ramsey, Harris County Attorney's Office

Sergeant Sisto DeLeon, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Gregory Cox, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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 MR. CHANG: David Chang, Treasurer's Office
3 on behalf of Dylan Osborne, the treasurer.

4 HONORABLE GARCIA: Judge Esmeralda Garcia
5 on behalf of municipal -- presiding judge, Honorable
6 Elaine Marshall.

7 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera from the
8 District Attorney's Office on behalf of Kim Ogg.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Go ahead.

10 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, legal counsel to
11 Lina Hidalgo, the county judge.

12 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney for the
13 defense lawyers.

14 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively for the
15 District Clerk's Office on behalf of Marilyn Burgess.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And my name is
17 Glenn Strickland representing the bonding community.

18 You'll notice that we don't have a court
19 reporter here again today. And so that means that this
20 entire meeting is being recorded. And it makes it
21 easier whenever they go to transcribe the recording if
22 we say our name when we're making a motion or a second,
23 okay? And that'll make it easier for them.

24 Isn't that right, Sergeant?

25 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. The first
2 item agenda is a reading of prior minutes. And ...

3 MR. MCKINNEY: I move to approve Item
4 No. 1.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well -- okay. I have
6 an issue.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: On the third page of
9 last month on the North River Insurance Company on Tessa
10 Sue May-Mohwinkel, there was a motion to approve by
11 Judge Esmeralda Pena Garcia and it says seconded by me.
12 I did not second that.

13 Who remembers who seconded it?

14 SERGEANT DELEON: We can go to -- we can go
15 to the tape and --

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Would you go to the
17 tape --

18 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- and correct that,
20 please?

21 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah, we can go to the
22 tape.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And so if you would,
24 sir, make your motion with the change in the -- after
25 listening to the tape.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay. I am confused. I
3 thought originally -- I understand what you're talking
4 about, the March minutes. The Item 1 of our agenda is
5 the February minutes.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This is March 13th.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: I understand. Item 1 on our
8 agenda is the February minutes.

9 MR. BUTERA: The March is missing --

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Then.

11 MR. MCKINNEY: That is what I moved to
12 approve.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Excuse me.

14 Okay. I have the minutes. And Troy was
15 right. These are the minutes of the February 12th.

16 MR. BUTERA: So I'm guessing without having
17 the previous agenda is that the February minutes were on
18 the -- or excuse me -- we're on the March agenda. I'm
19 not sure.

20 MR. MCKINNEY: That's correct.

21 MR. BUTERA: This is probably an error.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: No, no, no. So -- no,
23 no. It's not an error. So just to clarify. Let me
24 clarify what happened.

25 So Glenn, going in alphabetical order

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1 starting at A, you're taking about March's minutes,
2 right?

3 So we made that note and we will get --
4 'cause it says reading of prior minutes which would be
5 March, right? So --

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well -- but Troy is
7 pointing out --

8 MR. MCKINNEY: I understand.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- that on the
10 agenda, it says February 12th, 2019.

11 HONORABLE GARCIA: No. But that's old
12 business.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Correct.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir. So --

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Never mind.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: So we're good?

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So Troy, you're
20 wrong.

21 MR. MCKINNEY: I withdraw my motion for
22 now.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Oh, good.

24 SERGEANT DELEON: And I have --

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And that way -- and

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1 I'm going to (inaudible.) a lawyer was wrong, okay.

2 MR. BUTERA: So ...

3 SERGEANT DELEON: And we here your -- we
4 have your notation for the March's minutes and we'll go
5 to the tape --

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Great. Thank you so
7 much.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: -- and so we can make the
9 corrections.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Now, Troy ...

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Subject to -- are we going
12 to --

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The correction.

14 MR. MCKINNEY: Subject to making that
15 correction -- which I assume we will affirm next
16 month -- I move to approve the remainder of the minutes
17 from the March meeting.

18 MR. BUTERA: And I second, Michael Butera.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That was Troy
20 McKinney that made the original motion.

21 All right. Any other discussion?

22 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

23 THE BOARD: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

25 Okay. Now, Mr. McKinney, we are going to

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1 cover the February 12th minute minutes made to approve
2 to reflect Troy McKinney's presence but not attending as
3 a Board Member. And I thought we approved that last
4 month.

5 MR. MCKINNEY: We did. I suspect they just
6 submitted the correct --

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No action necessary?

8 SERGEANT DELEON: No. Just submitted the
9 correction.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Next is Number
11 2 under old business. Request made by Allegheny
12 Casualty Company, Agent David Westmoreland DBA Texas
13 Quick Bail Bond, License No. 74468 to return the
14 security deposit, Comerica Bank CD 385106117596 for
15 \$50,000. JP letters were mailed on December the 10th,
16 2018.

17 Would you identify yourself, please, sir.

18 MR. GOOD: Yes, sir. My name is Ken Good.
19 I'm assistant vice president for the insurance company.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. Around
21 the horn. Sergeant ...

22 SERGEANT DELEON: No questions. No
23 collateral was owed. I see no reason not to release it.

24 MR. BUTERA: Nothing from the DA's Office.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain

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1 a motion.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Move to approve it, Troy
3 McKinney.

4 MR. BUTERA: Seconded -- or I'm sorry,
5 Judge.

6 HONORABLE GARCIA: Seconded, Judge Pena
7 Garcia.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?
9 All those in favor, signify by saying
10 aye.

11 THE BOARD: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Thank
13 you.

14 Number 3 is request made by International
15 Fidelity Insurance Company, Agent Paula Tatuaka DBA
16 Texas Quick Bail Bonds II, License No. 74549 to return
17 the security deposit, Amegy Bank CD 1089603182 for
18 \$50,000. JP letters mailed on 12/31/18.

19 And seems like I recognize you.

20 MR. GOOD: Ken Good again.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Around the horn.
22 Sergeant ...

23 SERGEANT DELEON: No notifications of
24 liabilities owed. The Sheriff's Office knows of no
25 reason not to release funds.

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1 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

2 MS. KASE: No questions.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain.

4 MR. BUTERA: I'll make a motion, Michael
5 Butera.

6 HONORABLE GARCIA: Seconded, Judge Pena
7 Garcia.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
9 signify by saying aye.

10 THE BOARD: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

12 Thank you, sir.

13 MR. GOOD: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Under new business,
15 request for renewal of license, US Specialty Insurance
16 Company, Agent Jose Espinoza DBA Espinoza's A-Affordable
17 Bail Bonds, 806 Pasadena Boulevard, Pasadena, Texas
18 77506. Original Date is 4/11/2017. Expiration date:
19 4/21/2019. License No. 74581. Phone number:
20 (713) 644-3211. This is a two-year license.

21 (Witness sworn.)

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for
23 the record, please, into the microphone.

24 MR. ESPINOZA: Jose Espinoza.

25 MR. FORBARGO: Joseph Forbargo for the

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1 Insurance Company.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. You're
3 representing the corporate?

4 MR. FORBARGO: I am.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Sergeant ...

6 SERGEANT DELEON: No. We have a comment
7 only that the -- in the packet, the power of attorney
8 was missing but we provided that on each one of your
9 stations to complete the packet.

10 No other liabilities were owed. So we
11 have no other comments and see no reason not to renew.

12 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

13 MS. KASE: No questions.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
15 a motion.

16 HONORABLE GARCIA: I make a motion, Judge
17 Pena Garcia.

18 MR. BUTERA: Second, Michael Butera.

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

21 THE BOARD: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

23 Congratulations. Thank you, gentlemen.

24 MR. ESPINOZA: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Request for

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1 renewal of license, Allegheny Casualty Company, Agent
2 Thomas Stith, II., DBA North Main Bail Bond Company,
3 108 Pecore Street, Houston, Texas 77009. Original date:
4 5/13/2008. Expiration date: 5/23/2019. License
5 No. 74494. Phone number: (713) 869-5625. This is a
6 three-year renewal.

7 (Witness sworn.)

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

10 MR. STITH: Thomas Stith, II.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Louder -- louder.

12 MR. STITH: Thomas Stith, II.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. And ...

14 MR. GOOD: Ken Good again.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

16 SERGEANT DELEON: Application is complete.
17 Sheriff's Office found no unpaid judgments as of 4/19
18 and see no reason why not to renew.

19 MS. KASE: No questions.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
21 a motion.

22 MR. MCKINNEY: Move to approve it.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion to
24 approve made by Mr. McKinney.

25 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to second,

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1 Michael Butera.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Second by Michael
3 Butera.

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

6 THE BOARD: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
8 Congratulations.

9 MR. GOOD: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 3, request
11 made by Bankers Insurance Group, Agent Kevin O'Brien DBA
12 Bail Bond Services, License No. 74486 to return the
13 security deposit Bankers Insurance Group, CD TR357319,
14 \$50,000. JP letters mailed on 3/11/2013.

15 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to --

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Ken Good is up --

17 MR. GOOD: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- again.

19 MR. BUTERA: I make a motion to table to
20 give the JP letters time for a response.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there a second to
22 that? I mean, it's been ...

23 MR. BUTERA: Just always been the common
24 practice of waiting a month.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, it has and I

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1 think that --

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Today is Day 30.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There is one day
4 before it's 30 days, right?

5 MR. BUTERA: I understand.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

7 MR. BUTERA: To be safe. I mean, I don't
8 have ...

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera has made a
10 motion, and I'm going to call for it one more time. If
11 there's no response, the motion will die for a lack of a
12 second.

13 MR. GOOD: Well, isn't -- isn't there 31
14 days in March? So wasn't -- isn't the 30th day
15 yesterday?

16 MR. MCKINNEY: I think the -- today's the
17 10th, right?

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Today is the 10th.

19 MR. GOOD: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 MR. MCKINNEY: They were sent on the 11th.
21 That's 30 days.

22 MR. GOOD: Today is the 30th day.

23 MR. MCKINNEY: Today is the 30th day.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: One day.

25 MR. BUTERA: (Inaudible.)

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: I'm sorry?

2 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So a motion to table
4 it failed. The Chair will entertain another motion.

5 HONORABLE GARCIA: Judge Pena Garcia making
6 a motion to return the security deposit.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Pena making a
8 motion to return.

9 MR. BUTERA: Sir, do you have information
10 on there --

11 SERGEANT DELEON: As of today, we have not
12 received any money that it's owed from JP courts.

13 MR. BUTERA: So I didn't run because I was
14 thinking it was going to be a 30-day table issue.

15 I don't have any information on unpaid
16 judgments so --

17 SERGEANT DELEON: That's the only thing is
18 as of today, we do not.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There is a motion
20 made to approve by Judge Pena. Is there a second?

21 It's going to the same thing. If there
22 is no second --

23 MR. BUTERA: There's a question.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, let me ask one
25 question.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We have to have a
2 second.

3 MR. BUTERA: No. We can a question.

4 MR. MCKINNEY: Let me ask one question.

5 Kevin O'Brien, is he any longer actively
6 practicing?

7 MR. GOOD: No. Let me -- but let me make
8 clear on the record.

9 Randy Adler and there's one other
10 attorney that usually appears for Bankers. I'm only
11 standing up here because Randy had a conflict. So if
12 you're going to ask me a substantive question, I'm not
13 going to be able to answer it so --

14 MR. BUTERA: So there's no one here from
15 Banker -- I mean, I understand you're standing in for
16 someone.

17 MR. GOOD: Yes.

18 MR. BUTERA: But there's no one here
19 actually representing the insurance company.

20 MR. GOOD: No. I'm standing in for him.
21 And I don't want to misrepresent you, with a question
22 that there are about one more day. I would recommend
23 tabling --

24 HONORABLE GARCIA: I withdraw my motion.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Pena withdraws

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1 her motion. Mr. Butera has a motion.

2 MR. BUTERA: Yes. I'll make a motion to
3 table till the next agenda.

4 MR. MCKINNEY: I second it, Troy McKinney.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. All those in
6 favor, signify by saying aye.

7 THE BOARD: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

9 Tell him we'll see him next month.

10 MR. GOOD: No. Randy will see you next
11 month.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Randy. Tell Randy --
13 tell Randy to be here.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Exactly.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Number 4,
16 request made by Felix Kubosh DBA Kubosh Bail Bonding,
17 License No. 74386 to release property at 1619 Lubbock
18 Street, Houston, Texas 77007. JP letters mailed on
19 3/28/2019.

20 That is within the ...

21 MR. BUTERA: So on this, Mr. Kubosh and I
22 visited. There's a handful of remaining case that need
23 to be addressed in addition to the JP letters being
24 returned. So to address those issues or try to discuss
25 them, I would make a motion to table until the next

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1 agenda.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: I'll second.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion to
4 table, seconded by Mr. Troy McKinney.

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

7 THE BOARD: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

9 Tabled till next month, Mike.

10 MR. KUBOSH: Thank you very much.

11 And Mr. Butera, will you be willing to
12 meet with me to discuss these things in the next 30
13 days?

14 MR. BUTERA: Of course. I don't --

15 Looking at them and trying to get them
16 resolved in 30 days is going to be difficult, but I'm
17 absolutely glad to meet with you. If you'll stay after
18 the meeting ...

19 MR. KUBOSH: Well, so long as we get a
20 roadmap to victory --

21 MR. BUTERA: Sure, sure.

22 MR. KUBOSH: That's what I'm looking for.

23 As all of you know, the bail bonding
24 industry is just about to collapse. So you know, I need
25 to find something else to do.

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1 MR. BUTERA: So you're keeping your other
2 license or are you ...

3 MR. KUBOSH: Yes, sir.

4 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

5 MR. KUBOSH: But you know what, I --

6 MR. BUTERA: You're going to let that one
7 stay but --

8 MR. KUBOSH: Well, yeah but you got to
9 remember, we're -- we used to write maybe 60 to 100
10 bonds a month. Now, we're writing maybe 6 to 8. So you
11 know, things have changed.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You do get your money
13 from the City, though.

14 MR. KUBOSH: Well, we'll talk about that
15 later.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah --

17 MR. KUBOSH: Thank you very much,
18 Mr. Butera.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You're right. We're
20 being put out of business.

21 MR. KUBOSH: Absolutely. It's about to
22 collapse.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It's not that we're
24 going out. We're being put out.

25 MR. KUBOSH: Right.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

2 MR. BUTERA: So y'all are going to have a
3 lot of decisions to make with bondsmen that, you know,
4 are going out of business.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Thank
6 you, Mike.

7 Number 5, discussion on how the
8 Treasurer's office will be moving to a new methodology
9 for keeping collateral accounts for bail bond people,
10 surety companies, insurance companies and attorneys.

11 Sir, are you going to discuss this?

12 MALE 1: Yes, sir, I am.

13 We have the handouts that are going around.
14 This is the back office function for the collateral
15 accounts. We wanted to update this with the new
16 treasurer coming in.

17 Mr. Osborne wanted to update how we keep
18 the collateral accounts for the individual lawyers and
19 bail bonds people. Essentially, what would happen is we
20 would have a master escrow account, what you see in big
21 oval box with the county depository which is Cadence
22 Bank.

23 Individually, these accounts would then
24 be held within the bail bond person or attorneys' names
25 so that we -- the county, itself, would still be -- have

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1 access to those funds but all -- any W-2s or any
2 interests that accrued by these accounts but then go
3 directly to bail bond people and/or attorneys.

4 The methodology for releasing the funds
5 would not change one iota. We would still need to come
6 before the Bail Bond Board and seek proper approval
7 prior to any release of any funds. This is just a
8 cleaner way to hold the accounts and it makes everything
9 more accountable and easier for bail bonds people and
10 for the attorneys to track their accounts.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You have anything
12 else, sir? Is that it?

13 MALE: That's it, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You know, I don't
15 know which Board Members have read the law concerning
16 this. So it's pretty short, but I'd like to read it to
17 you.

18 There are actually two brief parts. One
19 is subchapter C., Board Powers and Duties.

20 Section 1704.101 Administrative Authority: "A Board
21 shall deposit fees collected under this chapter in the
22 general fund of the county or in a separate county fund
23 established for this purpose."

24 The other is Section 1704.103,
25 Disbursement from County Fund. "Fees deposited in the

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1 general fund of accounting or in a separate accounting
2 fund under Section 1704.101 (2), may be used only to
3 administer and enforce this chapter including
4 reimbursements for reasonable expenses incurred by the
5 Board and enforcing this chapter and actually expenses
6 incurred by a Board Member in serving on the Board."

7 MR. BUTERA: So those are regarding the
8 fees collected from applications, not the collateral
9 fund which is what the treasurer is talking about.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I believe that you're
11 talking about all of it, though.

12 MALE 1: No. This is just for the
13 collateral.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Just for the
15 collateral.

16 MALE 1: Yes, sir.

17 MR. BUTERA: So the fees will still be
18 handled --

19 We addressed several years ago -- I
20 forget -- with the accounting representatives setting up
21 a separate account for the Bail Bond Board fees and that
22 account is still maintained and --

23 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. Just ask David --

24 MR. BUTERA: It's still -- it's only used
25 to buy things like --

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Oh, right.

2 MR. BUTERA: -- bail, pay the court
3 reporter, et cetera. This is for collateral accounts.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: How much is in that
5 account right now? Do we know?

6 MALE 1: I do not know the exact amount,
7 Chairman, but we will get a figure for you by the --

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, sir. I
9 appreciate it.

10 Oh, so this was on the ...

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Were you asking about the
12 collateral account or the fee account when you asked --

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So again --

14 MR. MCKINNEY: When you asked how much is
15 that, were you asking about the collateral account?

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The fee account.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Last time, we had 90
19 something thousand and we spent 14 for bail bonds,
20 something like that, those round numbers.

21 Now, this was marked for discussion, not
22 action.

23 SERGEANT DELEON: That is correct.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. So then are we
25 to understand that you're going to come forth with a

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1 proposal at the next Board meeting?

2 MALE 1: No. We wanted to just inform the
3 Board of what we were doing. This is just an
4 administrative function but the Treasurer felt like --

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Does it require any
6 Board action?

7 MALE 1: It does not, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Any other
9 questions? Sir?

10 MR. GOOD: May I ask a question?

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir.

12 MR. GOOD: The insurance companies normally
13 present the Treasurer's Office with a CD.

14 MALE: Yes.

15 MR. GOOD: So I'm just asking is that
16 process going to change?

17 MALE 1: No.

18 MR. GOOD: Okay. Thank you --

19 MR. BUTERA: Ken, I know who you are but
20 will you identify yourself for the record?

21 MR. GOOD: Oh, yes. Ken Good.

22 MR. BUTERA: Sorry. Thank you.

23 MR. GOOD: According to the committee and
24 with criminal jurisprudence, couple of nights ago, the
25 scum of the earth -- no, I'm kidding.

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1 No. We had a rough hearing a couple of
2 weeks -- a couple of nights ago in Austin. Ken Good
3 again. Thank you.

4 MALE 1: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other discussion
6 on this? All right. Thank you, sir. Moving on.

7 Follow-up to February 12th, 2019 agenda
8 as discussion on a Petition in Condemnation, the
9 property owned by Catherine Joy Scroggins received by
10 the Bail Bond Board. The property was used for
11 collateral to write bonds in Harris County by
12 Joy Scroggins who is now deceased.

13 In front of you, each and every of you
14 has got a letter that was sent to me certified and I
15 supplied it both the Sheriff's Department and the County
16 Attorney and the County Attorney advised me that this
17 was simply -- this is what they were going to change
18 them and they were just informing us.

19 MR. RAMSEY: That's the -- it's the --
20 that's the award that Commissioner's set for the value
21 of the property. So the property at issue is a
22 condemnation suit, was valued by the (inaudible.)
23 commissioners. (Inaudible.)

24 I just wanted to provide you with an
25 update. Since that time, the (inaudible.) essentially

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1 give or take about \$1300 in tax liens on the property
2 which that priority is going to stand before any
3 interest the Board would have on the deed of trust.

4 There's no action required at this time.
5 I just wanted to update the Commissioner has set the
6 value and the value was moreover essentially outstanding
7 tax liens (inaudible.)

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But the Bail Bond
9 Board has no exposure.

10 MR. RAMSEY: Correct.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion on
12 Number 6?

13 MR. MCKINNEY: I guess the only exposure is
14 the -- the collateral that would have been sold to
15 satisfied the outstanding debt --

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. Well, that's
17 correct.

18 MR. MCKINNEY: Pay the taxes instead.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Any other
20 questions on that?

21 MS. KASE: How much is the outstanding
22 debt?

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: How much is the
24 outstanding debt?

25 MR. BUTERA: I do not have information but

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1 I can get it.

2 MR. RAMSEY: I'm not sure what the total.
3 My understanding is there's a number of forfeiture
4 judgments.

5 MR. BUTERA: Yes. So this was --
6 Mr. Scroggins passed.

7 Do you remember, Tommy, from looking at
8 it, it was well before any of our time.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It was a long time
10 ago.

11 MR. BUTERA: But I can find that
12 information and get it.

13 MR. RAMSEY: I'm thinking it was the late
14 '90s -- '99 -- '98 --

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Oh, I think it was
16 earlier than that. I think it was in the 80's.

17 That's just me. What do I know? Mike --
18 Mike Butera will get that for you.

19 MR. BUTERA: I will.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Any other
21 discussion? Chair will --

22 Is there anything else that needs to be
23 brought before the Board?

24 Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: Motion to adjourn, Troy

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1 McKinney.

2 HONORABLE GARCIA: Seconded, Judge Pena
3 Garcia.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There you go.

5 Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I'll
6 see you next month.

7 (Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.)

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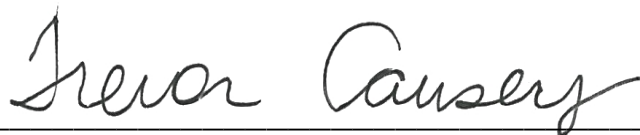
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