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HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Glenn Strickland, IFIC Chairman
Honorable Angela Rodriguez, Vice Chairman
Dylan Osborne, County Treasurer
Honorable Oswald Scott, Jr.
Troy McKinney, Attorney
Kathryn M. Case, Board Member
Judith Snively, Board Member
Sergeant Sisto DeLeon

ALSO PRESENT

Leslie Rubio, Administrative Assistant II - Sgt. DeLeon
Tommy Ramsey, Assistant County Attorney
Michael N. Butera, Assistant District Attorney
Maria Sanchez - Bankers Insurance Company Agent
Drew Johnson - Bankers Insurance Company Rep.
Judy Grandmason-Warren - Allegheny Casualty Co. Agent
Ken Good - Allegheny Casualty Co. Rep.
Alicia King - Allegheny Casualty Co. Rep.
Linda Traylor - International Fidelity Ins. Co. Agent
Sheba Muharib - Financial Casualty & Surety Co. Agent
Darius Metoyer, Financial Casualty & Surety Co. Rep.
Shelly Mathison
Sunya R. Claiborne - DBA All About Bail Bonds #2 Agent

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(The time is 1:33 p.m.)

THE REPORTER: We're on the record.

MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Okay. This is Glenn Strickland. I'm going to call the meeting for Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. to order.

I have Board Members. I've got Michael Butera, Kathryn Case, Judge Oswald Scott, Troy McKinney, myself. Is there anybody else?

JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Angela Rodriguez is on the phone.

MR. STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez, there you go.

MS. SNIVELY: There you go, my lady. Okay.

JUDGE SCOTT: This is Judge Scott, Mr. Strickland.

MR. STRICKLAND: There you go, Welcome, Judge Scott.

JUDGE SCOTT: Thank you.

MR. DELEON: Sergeant DeLeon.

MR. STRICKLAND: Good morning, Sergeant.

MR. DELEON: Good morning, Glenn.

MR. STRICKLAND: Anybody else, any other Board Members?

(No other Board Members verbally responding.)

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. We do have a quorum
2 present, and I'm going to kick off this meeting by
3 thanking everyone for their patience in dealing with
4 this during this Corona Virus; and, hopefully, next
5 month we'll all be back and able to get together again.

6 The first order of business is the reading
7 of prior minutes. And I will tell you, Leslie, on your
8 minutes my license number was correct for last month,
9 743339; but whenever I looked on the Harris County Bail
10 Bond Board website, it had some notes from the person
11 that took it and they had my wrong license number there.

12 MS. RUBIO: Uh-huh.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. So having said
14 that --

15 MR. OSBORNE: This is on-line?

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Pardon me?

17 MR. OSBORNE: This was on-line?

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.

19 MR. OSBORNE: Okay.

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain a
21 motion. And, also, to the Board Members, please
22 remember we're on a conference call and, so, that they
23 can transcribe this, we have to say our names when we're
24 making a motion or asking a question, okay?

25 Therefore, the Chair, once again, will

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1 entertain a motion.

2 MS. CASE: This is Kathryn Case, move to
3 accept the minutes.

4 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Is there a
5 second?

6 MR. BUTERA: Move to second.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: I'm sorry, who said that?

8 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. I'll move to
9 second.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Any
11 discussion? For all those in favor, say "aye."

12 MS. CASE: Aye.

13 MR. MCKINNEY: Aye.

14 MR. BUTERA: Aye.

15 MR. OSBORNE: Aye.

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. The minutes are
19 approved.

20 "B. Old Business," I have the first two
21 items that are under "Old Business," I received a copy
22 of the letter that Steve Bell sent to Sergeant DeLeon
23 and the Harris County Bail Bond Board. He is a COVID-19
24 scheduling problem with this meeting, and he requested
25 it be tabled. We've tabled this for the last couple of

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1 months because of different things; and, so, I know what
2 his thing is. And, so, I would recommend that we do, in
3 fact, table it for one more month; and I would need a
4 motion on that.

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Move to table it for
6 one month.

7 MR. RAMSEY: Glenn, if I could interject
8 for a moment. This is Tommy Ramsey, County Attorney's
9 Office.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes, sir.

11 MR. RAMSEY: I just want to clarify as to
12 whether there are any whether abstentions or not.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: I'm sorry. Say that one
14 more time, Tommy.

15 MR. RAMSEY: As each vote comes up, I think
16 we need to clarify whether there are any abstentions or
17 indicate that the vote unanimous.

18 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. So Judge
19 Rodriguez has made the motion to table it for one month.
20 Do I have a second?

21 MR. McKINNEY: Glenn --

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.

23 MR. McKINNEY: And would, also, add in that
24 you need to make the announcement about any public
25 comments on anything.

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: You're right, Troy. Thank
2 you for your reminding me. And if anyone is listening
3 in that has a public comment about something, if you
4 would say something and get my attention and we'll
5 certainly recognize you.

6 Now, do I have a second?

7 MR. McKINNEY: This is Troy McKinney. I
8 will second the motion.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Any
10 discussion?

11 (No audible response.)

12 MR. STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
13 signify by saying "aye."

14 MEMBERS: Aye, aye, aye.

15 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. That passes.
19 We're going to table those until June.

20 MR. RAMSEY: Chair, that was both items 1
21 and 2, correct?

22 MR. STRICKLAND: That's correct, 1.

23 Okay. Request for renewal of license,
24 Bankers Insurance Company, Agent Maria Sanchez d/b/a
25 X-It Bail Bonds, 7434 Brownwood Street, Houston, Texas,

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1 77020, Original Date: 5/13/2014, Expiration Date:
2 5/23/2020, License No. 74557, Phone No. 713-222-8880.

3 This is a two-year license.

4 Ms. Sanchez?

5 MS. SANCHEZ: Yes, sir.

6 MR. STRICKLAND: And who do you have with
7 you to represent the company?

8 MS. SANCHEZ: Drew Johnson.

9 MR. JOHNSON: This is Drew Johnson for
10 Bankers Insurance.

11 MR. STRICKLAND: Thanks. Both of you raise
12 your right hand, please.

13 (Witnesses raise their right hand.)

14 MR. STRICKLAND: Do you swear that your
15 testimony before the Harris County Bail Bond Board will
16 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
17 truth?

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19 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

20 MS. SANCHEZ: Yes, I do.

21 (Mr. Drew Johnson and Ms. Maria Sanchez sworn
22 by IFIC Chair Glenn Strickland at this time.)

23 MR. STRICKLAND: State your name for the
24 record, please.

25 MS. SANCHEZ: Maria Sanchez.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Sergeant?

3 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office sees
4 the application to be complete. Just -- there's no
5 questions.

6 MR. JOHNSON: Okay.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: Starting around the horn,
8 City of Houston, County Treasurer?

9 MR. OSBORNE: City of Houston clear.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera?

11 MR. BUTERA: Yes, this is Michael Butera.
12 So all the business that was brought up at the last
13 meeting has been satisfied, and I have no further
14 questions.

15 MR. STRICKLAND: Any other questions?

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from JP.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: No questions.

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Chair, will entertain a
19 motion.

20 MR. OSBORNE: I make a motion to accept.

21 MR. STRICKLAND: And that was -- was that
22 you, Dylan?

23 MR. OSBORNE: I'm sorry. Dylan Osborne,
24 yes.

25 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. I have a

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1 motion by Dylan Osborne.

2 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: This is Judge
3 Rodriguez. That's a motion to approve, correct?

4 MR. OSBORNE: Yes.

5 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Great.

7 MR. McKINNEY: Troy McKinney, I'll second
8 the motion.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: So I have a motion by Troy
10 McKinney to second. All those in favor signify by
11 saying "aye."

12 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: And any opposed?

14 (No audible response.)

15 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

16 (No audible response.)

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carried. The
18 license is granted. Congratulations on a 2-year
19 renewal.

20 MS. SANCHEZ: Thank you, sir, very much.
21 God bless you.

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Going on to -- the
23 next item is No. 3 -- No. 4, I mean. I'm going to skip
24 No. 4 and we'll get to it at the end of the meeting.

25 Under "C" is New Business - Request for

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1 Renewal of License," Allegheny Casualty Company,
2 Agent Judy Grandmaison-Warren, DBA: A Friendly Bonding
3 Company, 4803 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas, 77007,
4 Original Date: 5/14/2003, Expiration Date: 5/24/2020.
5 This is License No. 74452. Phone No. is 713-227-1777.
6 This is for a 3-year license.

7 Ms. Grandmaison-Warren?

8 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: Yes.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: And who's representing
10 with you the company?

11 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: I don't know if --

12 MR. GOOD: My name is Ken Good and Alicia
13 King should, also, be present as well.

14 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. If y'all would
15 both hold your hands up -- right hand.

16 (Witnesses raise their right hand.)

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Do you swear that your
18 testimony before the Harris County Bail Bond Board will
19 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
20 truth.

21 MS. KING: I do.

22 MR. GOOD: I do.

23 (Ms. Judy Grandmaison-Warren and Mr. Ken Good
24 and Ms. Alicia King sworn by IFIC Chair Glenn
25 Strickland at this time.)

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: And state your name for
2 the record, please.

3 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: Judy Grandmason-
4 Warren.

5 MR. GOOD: Ken Good.

6 MR. STRICKLAND: Sergeant DeLeon?

7 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office sees
8 the application to be complete. We know of no money
9 that is past due and unpaid judgments.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: City of Houston?

11 MR. OSBORNE: Clear with the City of
12 Houston.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: DA?

14 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera.
15 Everything is all clear, no unpaid judgments, and I have
16 no further questions.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: JP?

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from JP.

19 MR. STRICKLAND: Mr. McKinney?

20 MR. MCKINNEY: No questions from McKinney.

21 MR. STRICKLAND: Any other questions?

22 MS. SNIVELY: No.

23 MR. STRICKLAND: The Chair will entertain
24 a motion.

25 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I'll

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1 make a motion to approve.

2 HONORABLE SCOTT: This is Judge Scott and I
3 will second that motion.

4 MR. STRICKLAND: Any other discussion?

5 (No audible response.)

6 MR. STRICKLAND: All those in favor signify
7 by saying "aye.

8 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye.

9 Aye.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

11 (No audible response.)

12 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

13 (No audible response.)

14 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.

15 Congratulations, 3-year renewal.

16 MS. GRANDMAISON-WARREN: Thank you.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Request for Renewal

18 of License, International Fidelity Insurance Company,

19 Agent Linda Traylor, DBA: Country Bonding II,

20 12729 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas, 77099,

21 Original Date: 7/11/2006, Expiration Date: 7/21/2020,

22 License No. 74472. Phone No. 281-575-9500, 3-year

23 License Renewal.

24 Ms. Traylor?

25 MS. TRAYLOR: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: And is Ken Good
2 representing you, also?

3 MR. GOOD: Yes.

4 MS. TRAYLOR: He should be.

5 MR. STRICKLAND: And Ken Good has already
6 previously been sworn in. Ms. Traylor, if you raise
7 your right hand.

8 MS. TRAYLOR: Okay.

9 (Witness raises right hand.)

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Do you swear that your
11 testimony before the Harris County Bail Bond Board will
12 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
13 truth?

14 MS. TRAYLOR: I do.

15 MR. STRICKLAND: And state your name for
16 the record, please, ma'am.

17 MS. TRAYLOR: Linda Traylor.

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Sergeant?

19 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office
20 finds the application complete. We know of no unpaid
21 judgments and we have no further questions.

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Treasurer, City?

23 MR. OSBORNE: No questions. Houston clear.

24 MR. STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera?

25 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera from

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1 the DA's Office. I have no history of unpaid judgments
2 and everything appears to be clear.

3 MR. STRICKLAND: JP?

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from JP
5 Rodriguez.

6 MR. STRICKLAND: Any other questions from
7 the rest of the Board Members?

8 MEMBERS: No, no, no.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain a
10 motion:

11 MR. McKINNEY: Troy McKinney move to
12 approve.

13 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera move to second.

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez move
15 to second.

16 MR. STRICKLAND: I heard Mr. Butera first,
17 so I'm going to put Mr. Butera down as seconding that
18 motion. So all those in favor, signify by saying "aye."

19 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

20 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Any opposed?

21 (No audible response.)

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.

25 Congratulations, 3-year renewal.

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1 MS. TRAYLOR: Thank you.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Request for Renewal of
3 License is Financial Casualty & Surety Company, Agent:
4 Sheba Muharib, DBA: Aable Bonds, 1620 Austin Street,
5 Houston, Texas, 77002, Original Date: 6/14/2018,
6 Expiration Date: 6/30/2020, License No. 74571, Phone
7 No. 713-955-2663, 2-year license.

8 Ms. Muharib?

9 MS. MUHARIB: Yes, I'm here.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: And who is representing
11 Financial?

12 MR. METOYER: Darius Metoyer, Vice
13 President of Financial Casualty & Surety.

14 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. If both of you
15 will raise your right hand?

16 (Witnesses raise their right hand.)

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Do you swear that your
18 testimony before the Harris County Bail Bond Board to be
19 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

20 MS. MUHARIB: Yes.

21 MR. METOYER: I do.

22 (Ms. Sheba Muharib and Mr. Darius Metoyer sworn
23 by IFIC Chair Glenn Strickland at this time.)

24 MR. STRICKLAND: State your name for the
25 record, please.

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1 MS. MUHARIB: Sheba Muharib.

2 MR. METOYER: Darius Metoyer.

3 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Sergeant?

4 SERGEANT DELEON: The application seems to
5 be complete. The Sheriff's Office knows of no past due
6 unpaid judgments and we have no questions.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: City -- I mean County
8 Treasurer or City of Houston?

9 MR. OSBORNE: City of Houston clear.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera?

11 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I did
12 have two noted unpaid JP judgments on a Precinct 2,
13 Place 1 in the Defendant's name for a Marlin Martinez.
14 It was outstanding bond. It was not one of
15 Ms. Muharib's, but it was Josh Meyer as the agent.

16 We provided a list to the Sheriff's Office
17 and all of those got taken care of except these two
18 judgments. Do either of you know if it was paid? And
19 we tracked the unpaid judgment, I show that it was still
20 unpaid.

21 MR. METOYER: My understanding was that we
22 had provided proof that those were taken care of for the
23 judgment.

24 MR. BUTERA: So, you're saying that those
25 judgments were taken care of?

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1 MR. METOYER: Say that again. I'm sorry?

2 MR. BUTERA: Sorry, it's so hard over the
3 phone.

4 MR. METOYER: Yeah.

5 MR. BUTERA: I was just saying for those
6 two specific judgments you thought both of those had
7 been paid?

8 MR. METOYER: Yes.

9 MR. BUTERA: Do you have a receipt or --

10 SHELLY MATHISON: Actually, this is Shelly
11 Mathison. I'm aware this particular judgment for
12 Financial Casualty & Surety. This particular Precinct
13 was found when the agent arrived to pay was closed;
14 therefore, a cashier's check made out to this particular
15 Precinct was forwarded to Sergeant DeLeon and it was
16 mailed as per the request of the Precinct due to fact
17 they were not taking payments in person. So proof of
18 the check was given to Deputy Karn (phonetic) and
19 Sergeant DeLeon.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: And, Michael, I can
21 confirm we received those earlier this morning. Well,
22 we received that they mailed them off, but that's the
23 notification that we have.

24 MR. BUTERA: Okay. But just to clarify for
25 the record then -- this is again Michael Butera, sorry.

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1 Just to clarify for the record, these have been unpaid
2 due to a court Precinct issue; but you have proof that
3 the check has been provided to the Sheriff's Office,
4 correct?

5 SERGEANT DELEON: Correct. This is
6 Sergeant DeLeon and that's correct.

7 MR. BUTERA: And in these unusual times, I
8 think that's something that a lot of people have run
9 into with courts, so I certainly understand that. So I
10 have no further questions.

11 MR. STRICKLAND: Any other questions?

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Yes, this is Judge
13 Rodriguez from the JP, really quickly: So, we have
14 testimony that these checks were standard by mail; is
15 that correct?

16 SERGEANT DELEON: That's correct.

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And from the witness,
18 that's your understanding for the JP court?

19 MR. METOYER: Yes. Yes, that is correct.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Then, I have no other
21 questions at this time.

22 MR. STRICKLAND: I'm sorry?

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Then, if that's the
24 case, then I have no further questions at this time.

25 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Chair will

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1 entertain a motion.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney move to
3 approve.

4 MR. STRICKLAND: I have a motion to
5 approve.

6 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, second.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: And a second. All those
8 in favor, signify by saying "aye."

9 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Any opposed?
11 (No audible response.)

12 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?
13 (No audible response.)

14 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.
15 Congratulations, 2-year license.

16 MS. MUHARIB: Thank you.

17 MR. METOYER: Thank you.

18 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Request for
19 Renewal License No. 4, Sunya R. Claiborne, DBA:
20 All About Bail Bonds #2, 313 Rankin Road, Suite B,
21 Houston, Texas, 77073, Original Date: 5/18/2018,
22 Expiration Date: 5/18/2020, License No. 74589, Phone
23 No. 281-764-2474 -- wait a minute -- that's 784-2474,
24 2-year license.

25 Ms. Claiborne?

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1 MS. CLAIBORNE: Yes.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Do you have anyone here
3 with you? Do you have an attorney or anything?

4 MS. CLAIBORNE: No, I do not.

5 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Please raise
6 your right hand.

7 (Witness raises right hand.)

8 MR. STRICKLAND: Do you swear that your
9 testimony before the Harris County Bail Bond Board to be
10 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

11 MS. CLAIBORNE: Yes, I do.

12 (Ms. Sunya R. Claiborne sworn by IFIC Chair
13 Glenn Strickland at this time.)

14 MR. STRICKLAND: State your name for the
15 record, please.

16 MS. CLAIBORNE: Sunya R. Claiborne.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. Sergeant?

18 SERGEANT DELEON: The application seems to
19 be complete. She -- this license number is still in
20 ratio with the property she has up and she has no unpaid
21 judgments that the Sheriff's Office is aware of and we
22 have no further -- or we have no questions.

23 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. County
24 Treasurer or City of Houston?

25 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

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1 MR. OSBORNE: No questions, clear on this
2 end.

3 MR. STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera?

4 MR. BUTERA: I show the license as being
5 clear and I do not have any questions.

6 (No audible response.)

7 MR. STRICKLAND: JP?

8 (No audible response.)

9 MR. STRICKLAND: Any of the other board
10 members have any questions?

11 MS. SNIVELY: No.

12 MR. STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain a
13 motion.

14 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, I'll make a
15 motion to approve.

16 HONORABLE SCOTT: Judge Scott, I second.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
18 signify by saying "aye."

19 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye.

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed or
21 abstentions?

22 (No audible response.)

23 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.
24 Congratulations, 2-year license.

25 MS. CLAIBORNE: Thank you.

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. No. 5, request for
2 approval to pay Court Reporter's Clearinghouse for
3 \$721.00 from the Harris County Bail Bond Board account
4 for the services rendered on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.
5 We've got one of these every month, it seems like; and
6 we all understand. So Chair will entertain a motion.

7 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, motion to
8 approve.

9 MS. CASE: Yes. This is Kathryn Case.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: \$721.00 from the
11 Harris County Bail Bond account for the services
12 rendered on January 8th, 2020.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you. I need a
14 second.

15 MR. BUTERA: And this is Michael Butera.
16 I'll second it.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: All those in favor say
18 "aye."

19 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

21 (No audible response.)

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

23 (No audible response.)

24 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.

25 No. 6, Notice made by Crum & Forster

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1 Insurance Company/The North River Insurance Company,
2 Agent Vanessa Sierra, DBA: International Bonding
3 Company, License No. 74586 to change old address.
4 1001 N. San Jacinto Street, Houston, Texas, 77002 to new
5 location 1818 N. Main Street, Suite B, Houston, Texas
6 77009. And this would, also, include a notification of
7 a name change from Vanessa Sierra to Vanessa Failla.

8 Do we have anyone here on this topic?

9 (No audible response.)

10 MR. STRICKLAND: This is pretty
11 straightforward. This is really just a notice and one
12 would allow that she's going to keep the same phone
13 number. So the Chair we will take notice of this move.
14 And the name change, I'm looking for a little guidance
15 on the name change. Can we do that by motion or do we
16 have to vote on that? Do we need anything, Mr. Butera
17 or Mr. Ramsey.

18 MR. BUTERA: Yeah, this is Michael Butera.
19 I don't think there's any particular guidelines in the
20 Occupations Code that I'm aware of for a name change.
21 Obviously, it happens. People change their names and
22 that should be accommodated, but I don't think we've had
23 it before us before and I'm not aware of any statute or
24 anything that's relevant.

25 MR. STRICKLAND: Nor I and I'm not aware of

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1 anything in the code either that addresses that. So,
2 does anyone -- any other board members have anything to
3 say about this?

4 SERGEANT DELEON: This is Sergeant DeLeon.
5 I did reach out to Vanessa and let her know that we may
6 require a name change on her power of attorney and maybe
7 her assumed name, but I was also going to look for
8 guidance from Tommy Ramsey as well on that.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: Tommy, what do you say?

10 MR. RAMSEY: This is Tommy. I'll be happy
11 to look into the power of attorney and name change issue
12 in terms of whether a motion is required to accept. I
13 don't know that a motion is required, but I don't see
14 any requirement in the Occupations Code that would
15 indicate that and this is something the board can take
16 notice of.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: So, then, we should step
18 over this and let you check it out and get those
19 documents that you think are appropriate to get
20 guidance, okay?

21 No. 7 is request made by Crum &
22 Forster/United States Fire Insurance Company, Agent
23 Alfred Rucker, DBA: Midtown Bail Bonds, Licence No.
24 74596 to return partial security deposit of cashier's
25 check received #T, as in "Tango, R, as in "Roger" 830969

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1 for \$225,000 and leave \$75,000 in deposit. The amount
2 left on deposit will meet the security requirements by
3 Texas Occupations Code 1704 (JP Letters Mailed on
4 3/24/2020. That's not been a month -- well, yes it has,
5 too. Okay. This is another instance of a surety to
6 draw down on their security deposit. So the Chair will
7 open it up to discussion.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: This is Sergeant DeLeon.
9 You were correct in your first statement. It has not
10 been a month because we sent them out April 24th.

11 MR. STRICKLAND: But this says 3/24.

12 SERGEANT DELEON: Was it April? Okay.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: Was it supposed to be
14 4/24?

15 SERGEANT DELEON: I believe so. I have
16 4/24 in my notes; but, regardless, you are correct in
17 your statement that if they're similar to the ones we
18 just tabled in a conversation with the representative
19 from the Crum & Forster, I let them know this was a
20 topic that was in the Board's scope and we had not made
21 a decision yet.

22 MR. STRICKLAND: So therefore --

23 SERGEANT DELEON: And can anyone confirm
24 this date real quick for me?

25 MR. MCKINNEY: Is either the agent or the

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1 surety on the call?

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Is there anyone here from
3 Crum & Forster? Is Mr. Rucker here?

4 MR. BUTERA: Glenn, this is Michael Butera.
5 Doesn't Steven Bell represent them as well? I mean the
6 letter is signed by Agent Rucker, but --

7 MR. STRICKLAND: My theory is he's not a
8 lawyer. He's a company representative.

9 MR. BUTERA: Oh, of course. But doesn't
10 Steven Bell represent them as well?

11 MR. STRICKLAND: I do not know.

12 SERGEANT DELEON: And, Glenn, just for
13 verification, so Leslie just verified that was a typo
14 and it should say April 24. It has not been 30 days
15 since those letters were sent out.

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Right. All right. So in
17 view of those two facts, then, we are going to table
18 this until the next month's meeting. And I don't
19 believe I need a motion on this since this is within the
20 30 days, so I'm going to mark this tabled to June.

21 All right. Now, let's go back to No. 4.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: Well, Glenn, before you
23 move forward, why don't we do get a motion to table on
24 topics that we move. We have in the past.

25 MR. STRICKLAND: When it hasn't been

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1 30 days?

2 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah.

3 MR. McKINNEY: Well, let's just reset it.

4 Troy McKinney, I move to table.

5 MR. STRICKLAND: Troy McKinney moves. I
6 need a second.

7 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, second.

8 MR. STRICKLAND: Great. All right. Any
9 other discussion? All those in favor, signify by saying
10 "aye."

11 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

12 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

13 (No audible response.)

14 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

15 (No audible response.)

16 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Then going
17 back to No. 4 under "Old Business," the Local Rules
18 workgroup meeting will begin following the conclusion of
19 the regular meeting of the Bail Bond Board to discuss
20 changes and updates on sections twenty-one through
21 twenty-four to the Local Rules and Forms.

22 And last month, Mr. Osborne -- because this
23 is difficult over a conference call to discuss these
24 issues -- and Mr. Osborne last month made a motion to
25 table this. Is there anyone that has anything to say

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1 about this?

2 MR. OSBORNE: I'm okay with tabling it
3 again for one more month likely.

4 MR. McKINNEY: I second that motion. This
5 is Troy McKinney, I second the motion.

6 MR. STRICKLAND: Was that Dylan? Dylan,
7 was that you again?

8 MR. OSBORNE: Yes, sir, Dylan Osborne, I
9 make a motion to table for one more month.

10 MR. STRICKLAND: And Troy McKinney seconded
11 it. Any discussion?

12 (No audible response.)

13 MR. STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
14 signify by saying "aye."

15 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions.

19 (No audible response.)

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. We'll table that
21 until next month. This concludes our regular agenda.
22 Does anyone have anything to bring up prior adjournment?

23 MS. CASE: I just want to -- this is
24 Kathryn. I just want to salute for a well-run efficient
25 meeting.

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you very much,
2 ma'am.

3 All right. The Chair will entertain a
4 motion to adjourn.

5 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, I'll make a
6 motion to adjourn.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: And a second?

8 MR. BUTERA: I second that motion.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. All those in
10 favor, signify by saying "aye."

11 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

12 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

13 (No audible response.)

14 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Motion
15 carries. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. This has
16 been difficult, but we'll all get through this; and I
17 look forward to seeing everyone in person in June next
18 month. Thank you very much and have a nice day.

19 MEMBERS: Thank you.

20 (Harris County Bail Bond Board Meeting
21 Concluded - Time: 2:03 P.M.)

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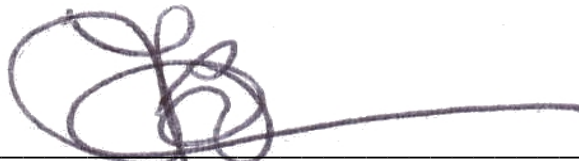
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