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A P P E A R A N C E S

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Honorable Angela D. Rodriguez, Vice Chairman

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Honorable Oswald Scott des. for Judge Elaine Marshall

Honorable Amy Martin

Dylan Osborne, Harris County Treasurer

Troy McKinney, Attorney

Kathryn Kase, designee for Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

Judith Snively, des. for Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Today is December the 8th, 2021. It is 1:30 p.m. I am going to call to order the December meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond Board.

And I'd like for the Board Members who are in attendance to introduce themselves starting with you, Sergeant DeLeon.

SERGEANT DELEON: Sergeant Sisto DeLeon representing Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff.

MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, County Treasurer representing myself.

HONORABLE SCOTT: Judge Oswald Scott representing City of Houston, Judge Elaine Marshall.

MR. BUTERA: Mr. Michael Butera sitting for the District Attorney's Office, Kim Ogg.

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Angela D. Rodriguez representing the justices of the peace.

HONORABLE MARTIN: Judge Amy Martin representing the criminal district court judges.

MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase representing Harris County judge, Lina Hidalgo.

MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, criminal defense lawyer representative.

MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively representing

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1 Marilyn Burgess, district clerk.

2 And my name is Glenn Strickland
3 representing the bonding community.

4 All right. We're going to start with the
5 reading of the prior minutes.

6 Does anyone have any discussion?

7 Chair will entertain a motion.

8 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I'll
9 making a motion to approve.

10 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, second.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

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

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

16 Approved.

17 There is no old business.

18 And C, new business, request for renewal
19 of license, Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc., Agent
20 Robert Trevino DBA American Bonding Agency, 1322 Space
21 Park Drive, Suite "B" as in boy -142, Houston, Texas
22 77058. Original date: 1/11/2011. Expiration
23 date: 1/21/2022. License No. 74519. Phone number:
24 (713) 898-6731. Three-year license.

25 (Witness sworn.)

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

3 MR. TREVINO: Roberto Trevino.

4 MR. METOYER: Darius Metoyer, vice
5 president of Financial Casualty.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

7 Sergeant ...

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

9 The Sheriff's Office has reviewed the
10 application. It seems to be complete and in order. We
11 know of no past due judgments as of 11/7. We have no
12 other comments.

13 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

14 HONORABLE SCOTT: No questions.

15 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera from the DA's
16 Office.

17 I think there was an issue with a returned
18 check, but my understanding is that was taken care of
19 today; is that right?

20 MR. METOYER: Uh-huh. I have a copy of it.

21 MR. BUTERA: Oh, excellent, yes.

22 Then I have no issues, no questions.

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez, no
24 issues, no questions.

25 HONORABLE MARTIN: Judge Martin, no

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1 questions.

2 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, no questions.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, no questions.

4 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively, no questions.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
6 a motion.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: McKinney, move to approve.

8 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, second.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any further
10 discussion?

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

13 THE BOARD: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

15 Motion carries. License renewed.

16 By the way, to the audience: If you have
17 any comment on any item that's under discussion, get my
18 attention and you will be recognized.

19 Going to Number 2, request for renewal of
20 license, Bankers Insurance Company, Agent Marc Metze,
21 Better Now Than Later Bail Bonds, 2425 Southmore
22 Boulevard, No. A, Houston, Texas 77004. Original date:
23 12/12/2001. Expiration date: 12/22/2021. License
24 No. 74441. Phone number: (713) 521-2004. Three-year
25 license.

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(Witness sworn.)

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

MR. METZE: Marc Metze, Better Now Than Later Bail Bond Company.

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

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

The Sheriff's Office has reviewed the application. Everything seems to be in order. The Sheriff's Office knows of no past due judgment. We have no other comments.

MR. OSBORNE: No questions from the treasurer.

HONORABLE SCOTT: No questions from the City.

MR. BUTERA: No questions, no issues from the DA's Office.

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from the JPs.

HONORABLE MARTIN: No questions.

MR. MCKINNEY: No questions -- I'm sorry.

MS. KASE: No questions.

HONORABLE MARTIN: No questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Troy?
2 MR. MCKINNEY: Oh, no questions from me.
3 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.
4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
5 a motion.
6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Rodriguez moves to
7 approve.
8 HONORABLE SCOTT: Judge Scott, second.
9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?
10 All those in favor, signify by saying
11 aye.
12 THE BOARD: Aye.
13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
14 Motion carries, renewed.
15 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.
16 MR. METZE: Thank you.
17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. This is a
18 request for a new license, United States Fire Insurance
19 Company, Agent Sheba Muharib DBA Able Bail Bonds TX,
20 T-X, 1620 Austin Street, Houston, Texas 77002.
21 The license number is to be determined. Phone
22 number: (346) 488-3733. Two-year license.
23 (Witness sworn.)
24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for
25 the record, please.

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1 MS. MUHARIB: Sheba Muharib.

2 MR. PADILLA: Mike Padilla, US Fire.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

4 Sergeant ...

5 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

6 Reviewed the application, find everything
7 to be in order. We have no other comments in regards to
8 the application.

9 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

10 HONORABLE SCOTT: No questions.

11 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera from
12 the DA's Office. Just one question.

13 Before we headed over there, there were
14 three unpaid judgments for a Christopher Green but my
15 understanding in talking to Mr. Padilla before the
16 meeting is that you have satisfied those before we
17 stepped in; is that correct?

18 MR. PADILLA: Correct.

19 Yeah. We --

20 Actually, the person in my office spoke to
21 the clerk's office. There was a little confusion with
22 one but we took care of it, and I actually have a screen
23 shot of the receipt in my pocket but they're all done.

24 MR. BUTERA: Thank you so much. That's all
25 I have.

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1 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez has
2 no questions or issues at this time.

3 HONORABLE MARTIN: Judge Martin, no
4 questions.

5 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, no questions.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: I've got a couple of
7 questions.

8 If this is a new license, why is there a
9 question about outstanding judgments?

10 MR. BUTERA: It was --

11 Well, the licensee is the company. US
12 Fire -- previous agent of theirs, Al Rucker -- had three
13 unpaid judgments. And so the licensee, the company,
14 needs to not have any unpaid judgments before they
15 come -- even though as a separate and distinct agent.

16 MR. MCKINNEY: My second question: On the
17 application, paragraph 11 asks: Have you ever worked
18 for or owned a bond company? And you said, yes, A-Able
19 Bail Bonds from August '21 to the present.

20 Is that the only bail bond experience you
21 have?

22 MR. PADILLA: That might be a typo, but
23 I'll let her answer that.

24 August of '21, you would have -- that would
25 have been three months ago.

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1 MS. MUHARIB: Oh, okay, okay. So --
2 Jesus, you threw me off there.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: Your answer threw me off,
4 too, so we're ...

5 MS. MUHARIB: What was the ans --
6 What was the answer should have been? I
7 don't remember.

8 MR. PADILLA: When did you start bail, your
9 bail experience?

10 MS. MUHARIB: My bail experience went back
11 to -- I got licensed for Able Bail Bonds in July of 2011
12 and then I worked a year before that with -- under All
13 Access Bail Bonds for Wisam.

14 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay. That's the only
15 question I had.

16 MS. MUHARIB: Okay.

17 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
19 a motion.

20 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, move to
21 approve.

22 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other discussion?
24 All those in favor, signify by saying
25 aye.

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

3 Motion carries. The license granted.

4 Sheba, you need to get with her to sign
5 your card before you leave, please.

6 MS. MUHARIB: All right.

7 MS. PADILLA: Thank you, Board.

8 MS. MUHARIB: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Number 4,
10 request made by Wisam Muharib DBA All Access ATW, the
11 license number 74567 to release the following
12 properties. JP letters were mailed on 10/26/2021.

13 6118 Maybell Street, Houston, Texas 77091,
14 Lot 14, Block 43, Highland Heights Annex Section 6.
15 0 Almax Drive, Deer Park, Texas 77536, Lot 3, Block 1
16 and TR Abandoned Part Almax Drive, South Pasadena Plaza,
17 Section 2. 0 Almax Drive, Deer Park, Texas 77536,
18 Lot 6, Block 1, Track J Abandoned Part Almax Drive,
19 South Pasadena Plaza, Section 2.

20 (Witnesses sworn.)

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Both of you state
22 your name for the record, please.

23 MR. MUHARIB: Wisam Muharib.

24 MR. FONT: Mark Font, counsel for
25 Mr. Muharib.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

2 Sergeant ...

3 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. The letters --

4 We received no notification from the
5 justice of the peace in regards to money owed to Harris
6 County by the justice of the peace. We have no other
7 comments regarding this request.

8 MR. OSBORNE: No comments or questions.

9 HONORABLE SCOTT: Clear with the City of
10 Houston.

11 MR. BUTERA: Just -- Michael Butera from
12 the DA's Office.

13 Mr. Muharib, this is your personal property
14 license that you recently let lapse, correct?

15 MR. MUHARIB: Yes, sir.

16 MR. BUTERA: There is no --

17 I don't show any liability or any pending
18 bonds, no unpaid judgments.

19 So I have no questions, no objections.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from
21 Judge Rodriguez.

22 HONORABLE MARTIN: Judge Martin, no
23 questions.

24 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, no questions.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, no questions.

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1 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively, no questions.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
3 a motion.

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

6 HONORABLE SCOTT: Judge Scott. I'll
7 second.

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

11 THE BOARD: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

13 Motion carries.

14 I've got the release of properties here.
15 I'm going to sign them. Leslie prepared them in advance
16 so if you'll hang around to the end of Board, you know,
17 she'll probably get them to you.

18 MR. MUHARIB: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right?

20 MR. FONT: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Number 5,
22 request made by David Schmidt DBA ABC Bonding Company,
23 License No. 74357 to return a security deposit in the
24 amount of a hundred thousand dollars. JP letters mailed
25 on 9/22/2021.

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1 (Witness sworn.)

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

4 MR. SCHMIDT: David Schmidt.

5 Sergeant ...

6 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

7 Mr. Schmidt, you contacted me yesterday in
8 regards to a couple that were outstanding. You were
9 sending someone to pay them.

10 MR. SCHMIDT: Yes.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes?

12 Were those satisfied?

13 MR. SCHMIDT: Yes.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Yesterday?

15 MR. SCHMIDT: We forwarded the receipts
16 from those two locations --

17 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

18 MR. SCHMIDT: -- to your office yesterday.

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Other than those two, the
20 Sheriff's Office received no other notifications from
21 JPs that money was owed. We have no other comments.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Osborne ...

23 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

24 HONORABLE SCOTT: Clear with the City of
25 Houston.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera ...

2 MR. BUTERA: Sorry. No questions.

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from

4 Rodriguez.

5 HONORABLE MARTIN: Judge Martin, no

6 questions.

7 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, no questions.

8 MR. MCKINNEY: Is this a refund of all the

9 money you have up for deposit?

10 MR. SCHMIDT: No, sir.

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay. With the money

12 refunded, is it still in ratios?

13 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir, he is. We

14 checked the ratio and he does stay in ratio.

15 MR. MCKINNEY: No further questions.

16 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively, no questions.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain

18 a motion.

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

20 make a motion to approve.

21 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, second.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other discussion?

23 All those in favor, signify by saying

24 aye.

25 THE BOARD: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

2 Motion carries.

3 We'll get you your check.

4 MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Are you open for
6 loans?

7 MR. SCHMIDT: Yeah. With the right rate.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 6, notice made
9 by Bankers Insurance Company, Agent Mario Garza DBA 1st
10 Advantage Bail Bonds, License No. 74485 to close and
11 maintain files at office location 2429 Telephone Road,
12 Houston, Texas 77023 and change to a new main office,
13 7634 Gulf Freeway, Suite C, Houston, Texas 77017.
14 (713) 847-9902.

15 Mr. Garza informed me that the phone number
16 will remain the same; and so therefore, this is a notice
17 to the Bail Bond Board and it will be acknowledged.

18 Number 7, request by Sergeant Sisto DeLeon
19 for approval pending amount felony bonds and 35,000
20 misdemeanor bonds on the new form totaling --

21 How much is it? 10,000?

22 SERGEANT DELEON: Leslie, you have the
23 amount?

24 MS. RUBIO: Ten --

25 MR. MCKINNEY: 10,093.

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1 MS. RUBIO: 10,093.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: 10,093 to be paid
3 from the Bail Bond Board account. A copy of the budget
4 report is attached.

5 Are there any questions or discussion?

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah.

7 Did I understand or misunderstood from a
8 prior meeting that the felony judges working on a new --

9 Is there a new bond form being prepared
10 for felony courts?

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Martin can
12 probably address that.

13 HONORABLE MARTIN: We're supposed --

14 It's in the works. I'm not aware that it's
15 been adopted or forwarded to anyone. I can certainly
16 check on that; but last I heard, it's a work in
17 progress.

18 MR. MCKINNEY: Any idea of how close --

19 SERGEANT DELEON: So ...

20 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. I know, but I got to
21 ask.

22 HONORABLE MARTIN: I mean, I would imagine
23 the first of the year, it'll be wrapping up. There is
24 just something going on with trying to sync it up with
25 the misdemeanor form which apparently is a bigger

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1 challenge than anticipated.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, then my question is:
3 If there's going to be new felony forms shortly, why are
4 we buying --

5 SERGEANT DELEON: So this action --
6 This letter was drafted. It was drafted
7 taking that into account. We're ordering 45,000 of the
8 felonies which would probably take us to about half of
9 the year giving the judges the opportunity. So we
10 actually scaled down those particular bonds in the order
11 because of that very topic. So ...

12 MR. MCKINNEY: I'm not sure I understand.
13 The 45,000 forms cover six months --

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Maybe approximately six
15 months.

16 MR. MCKINNEY: Say approximately six
17 months.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: It's a guesstimation.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: And they're likely to have a
20 new form in January and February.

21 HONORABLE MARTIN: I think likely is a bit
22 traumatic, Troy.

23 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. I would, too.

24 HONORABLE MARTIN: I'm not sure --

25 SERGEANT DELEON: I would, too.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: I'm just wondering if we
2 shouldn't just be buying a smaller amount this time if
3 they're going to have a new form in the ...

4 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah.

5 MR. MCKINNEY: Far less than six months
6 from now.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: I took that into account
8 when I drafted. Normally, we draft a letter for the
9 year, and it would have been closer to 85 -- maybe
10 90,000. So I cut it in half because of that.

11 Now, you know, again, I did it by my
12 experience, my 30 years of experience and seeing how
13 things work in the county and how they move. So I
14 guesstimated so I wouldn't have to draft another letter;
15 but you know, that most definitely can be done.

16 MR. BUTERA: One difference I'd just point
17 out between misdemeanor and the felony is the
18 misdemeanors are on a time crunch to come up with the
19 form and the agreement that's in place whereas that's
20 not the case with the felonies.

21 So maybe they would be more open to using
22 the surplus forms that -- even if a new form was
23 approved, ready to be adopted, ready to be printed, we
24 could run through the existing forms before moving on to
25 that new form. I don't know.

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1 HONORABLE MARTIN: Just a question so I can
2 take it back to the people who are running that portion.

3 How far -- let's say it does take us six
4 months. How far in advance of that six months would you
5 need the form to be able to decide how much to order
6 based on the budget? Does that make sense?

7 Like we don't want to come to you in June
8 and say, "Hey, look. We've got new form," 'cause you
9 have already ordered whatever is needed.

10 SERGEANT DELEON: No. Most definitely
11 before --

12 We were involved with the vetting of the
13 form but -- the misdemeanor form I'm speaking of.

14 HONORABLE MARTIN: Right.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: So it doesn't take very
16 long for us to get a quote and actually get an order.

17 So I don't think a timeframe -- I'm working
18 off of the felony courts' timeframe.

19 HONORABLE MARTIN: It's silly.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah.

21 HONORABLE MARTIN: Okay.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: I can get it done pretty
23 quick. And that's why I'm saying in my experience, six
24 months is probably good for us, you know --

25 HONORABLE MARTIN: Okay.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: -- with how things
2 progress in the county.

3 HONORABLE MARTIN: I will definitely check
4 into it. Of course, as everything in government, it's
5 run by a committee, subcommittee, a subcommittee
6 "presume".

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Exactly.

8 HONORABLE MARTIN: So I will get with the
9 judges on that and see if we can get you a better
10 timeline and so we can coordinate. 'Cause I hate to
11 spend extra money if we don't need to, and I don't want
12 you left with ...

13 MR. OSBORNE: We would hate to ask the
14 judges to hurry. I know that might be asking --

15 HONORABLE MARTIN: Exactly, we would.

16 MR. OSBORNE: -- asking much, you know, of
17 judges.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a question.

19 HONORABLE MARTIN: Do we have to go through
20 purchasing, Sergeant DeLeon, for something like this?

21 MR. OSBORNE: No. 50,000 is the cutoff for
22 that.

23 SERGEANT DELEON: I asked that question as
24 well --

25 HONORABLE MARTIN: Oh, that's interesting.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: -- and it was 50,000.

2 Actually, we got that number from the treasurer so ...

3 HONORABLE MARTIN: That's interesting.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: A thought comes to my
5 mind. Does pretrial release and GOB bonds use the same
6 forms?

7 SERGEANT DELEON: No. They use --

8 That is a single letter head form that is
9 printed on an ink jet.

10 HONORABLE MARTIN: An ink jet printer?

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Uh-huh.

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I didn't expect to
13 hear the word "ink jet" today --

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Oh -- well, not ink jet.
15 Just a regular --

16 HONORABLE MARTIN: Sure.

17 SERGEANT DELEON: A regular desktop.

18 HONORABLE MARTIN: Why not? Or discounting
19 the --

20 MR. OSBORNE: Well, it's the county so it's
21 probably a dot matrix.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah, exactly.

23 HONORABLE MARTIN: That's what that sound
24 is --

25 BOARD MEMBER: We need to examine the date.

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1 MR. OSBORNE: It sounds like your old
2 router booting up --

3 SERGEANT DELEON: Exactly.

4 MR. OSBORNE: -- when you try to print.

5 HONORABLE MARTIN: "You've got mail".

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well ...

7 MR. OSBORNE: Hey, I have a question just
8 to really throw a money wrench.

9 Why do you have to have a different form
10 for misdemeanor and felony bonds?

11 HONORABLE MARTIN: You just walked into
12 a --

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. I'm going to
14 let them answer that.

15 HONORABLE MARTIN: -- a land mine involving
16 federal litigation, general practices, personalties.
17 There's just a bunch there to unpack.

18 MR. BUTERA: Ideally, we would not. We
19 have not had separate forms ever before, but the county
20 has agreed to the O'Donnell settlement which led us down
21 that route of having a separate form so that's where we
22 are.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The consent decree,
24 right?

25 BOARD MEMBER: Correct.

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1 HONORABLE MARTIN: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Not -- it wasn't
3 really -- and I'm asking.

4 It wasn't really an O'Donnell settlement.
5 It was a consent decree; is that correct?

6 MR. MCKINNEY: It was a settlement that
7 resulted in a consent decree.

8 MR. OSBORNE: So as part of a consent
9 decree, the misdemeanor bond forms were created, okay.
10 That's -- and that's where we're at.

11 HONORABLE MARTIN: And we are -- they're --
12 We are attempting to make it
13 reflect --

14 We would like to use the same form;
15 however, we are -- we have recently been released out of
16 different federal litigation. So that kind of comes
17 into play as well. It's all lawyers, lawyers all the
18 time doing all kinds of stuff but we're trying.

19 MR. OSBORNE: Not just lawyers; judges,
20 too.

21 HONORABLE MARTIN: We're lawyers.

22 MR. OSBORNE: Yeah. That's like an extra
23 layer of fun.

24 HONORABLE MARTIN: Fun.

25 MR. OSBORNE: Yeah.

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1 HONORABLE MARTIN: Yes.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Now, think about her being a
3 federal judge.

4 HONORABLE MARTIN: That is just right.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other discussion?

6 MR. BUTERA: Well, may I ask: Just where
7 does that put us?

8 The fund that we're taking this out of is
9 the Bail Board Bond which is funded by application fees.

10 So if we use the 10,000, what balance
11 does that leave us at, if you know?

12 SERGEANT DELEON: Roughly 90,000.

13 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah.

15 MR. OSBORNE: Sounds like we should have a
16 training retreat in Las Vegas.

17 What do y'all think?

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'm in.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Not on the agenda.

20 HONORABLE MARTIN: Yeah.

21 MR. MCKINNEY: I just don't want to be in
22 position where we print 45,000 bonds and spend \$6,000
23 roughly on that portion of it; and then two months from
24 now, there's a new form and we've got to throw all those
25 in the garbage and waste some of that money.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: What I actually -- when I
2 spoke --

3 When I spoke to the team that was doing the
4 misdemeanors, they were in agreement that we would be
5 able -- and we're only talking about the current bonds
6 that we have now.

7 They were in agreement that we would be
8 able to use the surplus in order to wack -- not to waste
9 taxpayers money or not to waste county money. So -- and
10 that was actually with the consent decree.

11 So I feel pretty confident in saying since
12 the felony courts aren't in the same situation, we will
13 be able to use the surplus before we actually put those
14 in place.

15 MR. OSBORNE: I would point out for the
16 record, this is a really, really good price, I think. I
17 mean, this seems dirt cheap printing cost for 80,000
18 forms and ...

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Quadruple.

20 MR. OSBORNE: And quadruple printing, yeah.

21 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, 13 cents, yeah.

22 MR. OSBORNE: I mean, I -- yeah.

23 As an elected official, I wish I could get
24 campaign material that cheap. I mean, this is dirt
25 cheap.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, go through the
2 Sheriff's Department.

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And the -- and the
4 union.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other
6 discussions?

7 MR. OSBORNE: Exactly. This isn't a union
8 front.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
10 a motion.

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Rodriguez moves to
12 approve.

13 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I'll
14 make a second.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other discussion?
16 All those in favor, signify by saying
17 aye.

18 THE BOARD: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

20 Motion carries.

21 Okay. The last item on the agenda, 8, is
22 to discuss the results of the election for both surety
23 representative and defense attorney representative of
24 the Bail Bond Board.

25 And I am glad to report that I ran

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1 unopposed, and I will be elected next year. And I know
2 my wife throws her hands up.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: She's laughing already.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I will be here for
5 the next year. And also, Mr. McKinney ran unopposed and
6 he, likewise, was reelected for 2022.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: It's always nice to win by
8 zero votes.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Absolutely.

10 So any other -- any other items for the
11 Board?

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Congratulations to
13 you.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you very much.

15 MR. MCKINNEY: I think you make
16 condolences.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. We get twice
18 the pay.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah.

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

22 MR. MCKINNEY: McKinney move to adjourn.

23 MS. SNIVELY: I second, Judith Snively.

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

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THE BOARD: Aye.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. See you
next year. Merry Christmas.

MR. BUTERA: Merry Christmas.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Happy holidays and
whatever.

(Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.).

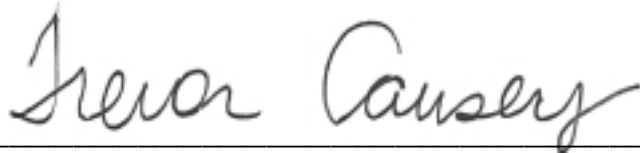
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