

**Tom Green County Bail Bond Board
Commissioners' Court Room
Edd B. and Frances Frink Keyes Building
113 W. Beauregard
San Angelo, TX 76903
November 14, 2017**

The Tom Green County Bail Bond Board Reconvened the November 1, 2017 Special Session, November 14, 2017 in the Tom Green County Commissioners' Court Room in the Edd B. and Frances Frink Keyes Building with the following members:

Present: Dianna Spieker, Treasurer, Chairman
Jeff Chandler, District Courts
Penny Roberts , Court at Law Courts
Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk, Secretary
Sheri Woodfin, District Clerk
Beth Holland-Mull, Sheriff Designee
Ginger Treadwell, Board Counsel
Sandi Kenney, County Judge Designee

Absent: Randol Stout , Criminal Attorney Representative
Allen Gilbert, Municipal Courts
Louie Perez , Bail Bondsman Rep,
John Best, District Attorney

Others Present: Chris Taylor, County Attorney
Various County Staff

Attendees: Ken Good - Attorney for Bondsman
Alicia King - Software representative
Ricky Villarreal - Freedom Bonds
Phillip Horton - Testified
Various staff and friends of Mr. Villarreal
Rashda Kahn -San Angelo Standard Times Media

Chairman Dianna Spieker reconvened the November 1, 2017 meeting to Consider Freedom Complaint #2017-1, Audit, Occupations Code and Local Rules Violations on November 14, 2017, called to order and ratified that a quorum is present at 11:02 AM.

Chairman Spieker read the list of alleged violations (siting codes) for the record to be considered. The proceedings are being videoed, recorded and also transcribed by Court Reporter Sharla Bredemeyer, to have a full accounting of the hearing.

Secretary's Note: Due to the sensitive data included within the exhibits, the exhibits are on file,

but not attached to these minutes for the public to view.

Board Counsel, Ginger Treadwell, presented the following State's Exhibits for submission, as a matter of record:

Exhibit #1 - Notice of the Meeting, as per statute.

Mr. Good asked if opening statements were going to be made.

Ms. Treadwell yielded the floor to Mr. Good to make his opening remarks.

Mr. Good stated that several violations of the open meetings act had been violated with previous meetings. He alleged that Vice Chair Louie Perez was attempting to run Mr. Villarreal out of business. Mr. Good stated that he would disprove evidence as stated in the alleged violations.

After about 15 minutes of opening statements, Mr. Good yielded the floor back to Board Counsel.

Ms. Treadwell rebutted with an opening statement and then continued with the introduction of the State's Exhibits.

Exhibit #2 - Complaint from Jessie Wright.

Ms. Spieker gave a short explanation of this complaint.

Mr. Good objected to an extra page that was not part of the complaint, so it was removed, before being admitted as an exhibit.

Mr. Jeff Chandler, representing the District Judges, was excused from the hearing at 11:32 AM.

Exhibit #3 - 2017 Audit of Freedom Bail Bonds

25 of 50 alleged Violations of the Occupations Code.

Ms. Treadwell directed some questions to the Chairman regarding the Audit in question.

Exhibit #4 - Letter to Sheriff Jones for assistance from Chairman Spieker and included report from Officer Fiveash.

Mr. Good objected for non-notice. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #5 - Copy of Mr. Villarreal's file on Daniel Jo Villegas.

Mr. Good gave 2 more objections for going outside the rules of the audit. Chair overruled both.

Exhibit #6 - Copy of Paul Meza's file.

Mr. Good objected as being outside the road map or stated in the notice of the hearing for today. Chair overruled.

Ms. Spieker stated for the record, that they asked for the complete file, but they did not physically make the copy and accepted what was presented to them as the complete file.

Mr. Good objected as asking questions being outside the road map or stated in the notice of the hearing for today. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #7 - Copy of JoAnn Barajas AKA JoAnn Medina file.

Mr. Good objected that he did not get notice that included this file. Chair overruled.

Mr. Good objected that this is outside the notice. Chair overruled.

Mr. Good restated his objection. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #8 - Copy of Sean Anthony Ricks file.

Mr. Good objected that he did not get copy of this file in the notice. Chair overruled.

Mr. Good objected to the use of the file as it was not given file in notice. Chair overruled.

Ms. Spieker stated the questions ask at the audit and the findings.

Mr. Good objected to being outside the scope of the audit and to the findings. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #9 - Copy of Crystal Martinez file

Mr. Good stated the same objections. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #10 Copy of Philip Horton file

Mr. Good objected to the entire file being admitted, as he was not provided with this file. Chair overruled.

Mr. Good objected again to the contents as being outside the scope. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #11 Frankie Wright file

Mr. Good objected as not being part of the audit, complaint is a separate document. Chair overruled.

Mr. Good also objected as being outside the audit, as the complaint was for a text message. Chair sustained the objection.

Exhibit #11 Frankie Wright file was not admitted as a State's Exhibit.

Exhibit #12 - Only a Copy of an Original Title- Not the entire file.

Mr. Good objected as it is not the entire file. Chair sustained the objection.

Exhibit # 13 - Complete File of Stephen Ybarra

Mr. Good objected as outside the scope of the notice and outside the scope of the audit. Chair overruled.

Exhibit #14 - Letter from Mr. Ken Good- Insurance Company Counsel

Mr. Good objected to the letter as being incomplete as 50 + pages of exhibits are not attached.

Chair notated for the record that she has the complete letter in her possession.

State's exhibit #14 was withdrawn by Ms. Treadwell.

Exhibit #15 - Letter and attachments from Mr. Good to Ms. Spieker

Supplemental documents attached to the letter show correction that have been made by Mr. Villarreal.

Chairman Spieker recessed the hearing at 12:40 PM for a short break:

Chairman Spieker reconvened the hearing at 12:55 PM.

Mr. Good began his presentation by submitting a packet (114 pages) to be Defense Exhibit #1

Ms. Treadwell objected to Exhibit #1 as many of the documents contained are not relevant to the hearing.

Chairman Spieker suggested that they discuss the documents that are in question.

Both Counsels requested to utilize the Judge's Conference room to discuss their issues.

Chairman Spieker recessed the hearing at 1:02 PM for Counsel's to confer on items that were objected to.

Chairman Spieker reconvened the hearing at 1:13 PM upon the return of the Counsels to the Courtroom.

Mr. Good continued to offer the packet in its entirety.

Ms. Treadwell objected to page 29 of the packet regarding an email between Chairman Spieker and Vice Chairman Perez. The Chairman overruled the objection and the email was admitted.

Ms. Treadwell objected to page 56 regarding 2016 Audits of other Companies and page 71 regarding receipts from other companies.

Chairman Spieker sustained the objections and pages 56 - 65 and pages 71-82 were withdrawn from Defense Exhibit #1.

Mr. Good asked questions of the Chairman.

Ms. Treadwell objected to the width of questions that are not alleged violations. She requested that Defense Counsel needs to narrow the scope of questions. The Chair sustained the objection.

Ms. Treadwell objected to the submission of prior audits of Freedom/Libertad Bail Bonds. The Chair overruled the objection.

Mr. Good requested a brief recess.

Chairman Spieker recessed the hearing at 2:39 PM.

Chairman Spieker reconvened the hearing at 2:43 PM.

Ms. Spieker offered for clarification that the SO # and the Cause # are both tracking devices for the bond.

Defense Counsel further submitted:

Exhibits #2 and #3 as supplemental receipts one of which was substantiated by the Blue Book value.

Exhibit #4 - Supplemental receipts- as corrected.

Receipts were not dated, but stated the Insurance company required that corrections are to be done immediately.

Exhibits #5 and #6 are other supplemental receipts.

Exhibits #7 and #8 - Supplemental receipts

Copies of original receipts with correction written in by hand.

State objected that the Defense is testifying instead of asking questions. The Chair sustained the objection.

Exhibit #9- Correction supplemental documents and sworn affidavit that states that "Lupe Lopez" DBA Concho Bail Bonds was retaliating by Going off Bond.

Mr. Phillip Horton was present and sworn in to testify.

Mr. Horton testified that he knew that Mr. Good meant Louie Perez, instead of Lupe Lopez, DBA as Concho Bail Bonds. He further testified that he was retaliated against when Mr. Perez did a Go Off Bond in his case.

The State objected that Mr. Good was testifying. The Chair sustained the Objection.

Exhibit # 10 - Go Off Bond - Horton. **Not Admitted.**

Exhibit # 11- Go Off Bond - Sanchez. **Not Admitted.**

Mr. Good argued that contracts are not listed on the check list for an Audit.

Ms. Treadwell objected that Mr. Good needed to move forward with the alleged violations. The Chair sustained the objection.

Judge Penny Roberts left the meeting.

Exhibit #12 - Collateral Receipts - signed for car title....not for car.

State objected to the exhibit because there is no stipulation of the date. Chair overruled the objection and Admitted Exhibit #12.

Exhibit # 13 - An Appraised Value

State objected as there was no foundation for when or where this appraisal was generated. The Chair overruled the objection.

Ms. Alicia King was sworn in:

Ms. King made a presentation to the Board of Vision Pro Software, which is the software that Mr. Villarreal is currently utilizing.

Mr. Ricky Villarreal DBA Freedom/Libertad Bail Bonds was sworn in.

He answered questions from his Counsel. He was questioned by Ms. Woodfin about why he had acknowledged his own signature on bonds. He stated that he houses several other businesses within the same building as his Bonding

company.

Closing Arguments:

State:

Many of the alleged violations are Class B Criminal Misdemeanor. The Board holds Licensed Bondsmen to a higher standard. If any of the alleged violations are found to be true, then the Board is required to take an action on the violation. Recommend suspension or revocation if one or more findings are confirmed.

Defense:

Admit that mistakes have been made and that things need to be better. Insurance Company has investigated and is prepared to appeal if revocation. Allegations might justify a 30 to 40 day suspension, but not enough for a revocation. Correction have been implemented and previous errors should not be repeated.

Alleged Violations against Ricky Villarreal dba Freedom/Libertad Bail Bonds and findings by Board:

Ex. # 5 - Daniel Jo Villegas file:

Violation #1 - No contract in the file violation of Local rule 6.1 and 7.1

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Nay: County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Failed

Violation #2- File does not contain a cause number violation of OC 1704.305.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Passed - Unanimously

Violation #3 - No Case Style in the file Violation of OC 1704202.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Nay: County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill

Passed

Exhibit #6 - Paul Meza File:

Violation #1 - No Contract violation of LR 6.1 and 7.1

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #2 - Receipt has no style of case or the Court listed violation of OC 1704-305.

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #3- The entire file has no Case number violation of OC 1704.202.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Passed - Unanimously

**Exhibit 7 - Joann Barajas AKA Joann Medina File
Violation #1 - No contract in the file violation of LR 6.1 and 7.1.**

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Nay: County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
Passed

**Violation #2 - Receipt does not contain the style and number of the case
violation of OC 1704.305**

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Exhibit #8 Sean Anthony Ricks File
Violation #1 - No Contract in file violation of LR 6.1 and 7.1

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #2 - 6 Receipts do not have the style and number of case (one has the SO#) or court in file violation of OC 1704.305.

Moved to accept the SO # as an identifier for the case number.

Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #2 - 5 Receipts do not have the style and number of case or court in file; violation of OC 1704.305.

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Exhibit # 9 - Crystal Martinez File

Violation #1 No Contract in the file which is a violation of LR 6.1 and 7.1.

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #2 - Receipts do not have the style of the case and is a violation of OC 1704.305.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Exhibit # 10 - Phillip Horton File

Violation #1- No completed contract (contract in the file but it is blank) in the file which is a violation of LR 6.1 and 7.1.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker

County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #2- Receipt states collateral was not received, but it was received and not listed or described in the file as well as the style and number of the case which is a violation of OC 1704.305 and LR 7.2.

No Finding on OC 1704.305- Collateral Violation due to testimony of Mr. Horton.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #2- Receipt states collateral was not received, but it was received and not listed or described in the file as well as the style and number of the case which is a violation of OC 1704.305 and LR 7.2.

No finding on LR 7.2

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #3 The file does not contain the case style which is a violation of OC 1704.202.

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Exhibit #12 - Copy of Original Title (Not entire file) Melissa Ontiveros regarding Anders Monterey file

Violation #1 - Unless there is a violation of Local Rules regarding title, without the complete file.

No Finding

Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Exhibit # 13 - Stephen Ybarra File
Violation #1- Contract not signed violation of LR 6.1 and 7.1.

County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

**Violation #2 Receipt does not contain style, number of case and court
which is in violation of OC 1704.305.**

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Violation #3- Entire file does not contain style, case # and court which is a violation of OC 1704.202

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney
Passed - Unanimously

Consider any submitted Bail Bond Applications submitted within the 30 day window. (Freedom/Libertad Bail Bonds)

Sheri Woodfin stated that she was opposed to the revocation, at this time, due to the strides of improvement that have been made since the initial audit.

Mr. Good suggested that if an agreement was made for a certain number of days to not write bonds, he would not allow his client to write bonds for that number of days and would not appeal.

Moved to suspend Ricky Villarreal dba Freedom/Libertad Bail Bonds for 45 days, probated, as of midnight tonight, with the agreement with the Insurance Company, for him not to write bonds for 45 days.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Passed - Unanimously

Moved to renew application for certification by Ricky Villarreal dba Freedom/Libertad Bail Bonds, based on improvements, but suspend writing of any bonds from midnight tonight (November 14, 2017) through midnight December 29th, 2017.

District Clerk Sheri Woodfin

Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker

Aye: Treasurer, Chairman Dianna Spieker
County Clerk, Secretary Elizabeth McGill
District Clerk Sheri Woodfin
Sheriff Designee Beth Holland-Mull
County Judge Designee Sandi Kenney

Passed - Unanimously

Announcements:

1. Next meeting will be December 19, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Chairman Dianna Spieker adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.

I, Elizabeth McGill, Secretary of Tom Green County Bail Bond Board, do hereby attest that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Tom Green County Bail Bond Board Hearing that met in Special Session on November 14, 2017 as a continuance of November 1, 2017 Hearing. Hearing was also videoed, recorded and transcribed by Court Reporter Sharla Bredemeyer.

**Elizabeth "Liz" McGill
Secretary of the Tom Green County Bail Bond Board**