

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
January 12th, 2024
Amended**

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Molder, Muldoon, Joyner Wilburn, , Edwards present via Zoom, Clark, and Craig present via Zoom.

Assistant Attorney General Doralee Chandler was present. Board Staff Scott Handford,

Ron Bratton, and Veronica Tuzon was present.

Hearings

Jackson Co. Cir. Court. vs Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. / Deandre Johnson

Present was Kevin Caldwell Owner of Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc and his Attorney.

After hearing facts of the complaint from the APBBLB and Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. a motion was made Muldoon to fine Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. \$100.00 for every day the forfeiture was late after the notice of bond forfeiture and that Jackson Co. forfeiture be satisfied and fine paid before and re-application of business. Wilburn seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the board.

APBBLB vs City Bail Bonds, Inc.

Present was Kevin Caldwell Owner of Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc and his Attorney.

After hearing from the APPBLB AG Attorney and the Attorney for City Bail Bonds, Inc. the case will be continued until the February 9th, 2024, board meeting due to a error in the date of the hearing notice. Curt made a motion to continue until the February meeting, Muldoon seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Craighead County District Court vs J.E. Bonding, Inc / Johnathon Thomphson

Justin Edwards Owner of J.E. Bonding, Inc and Marvin Gilley agent was present.

After hearing facts from the APBBLB staff and the APBBLB AG Attorney, Clark made a motion that J.E. Bonding, Inc. has 14 days to post a \$25,000.00 Super Sidious bond with Craghead County District County during an appeal by the company and if the bond is not posted within the time allotted, forfeiture proceedings will be executed. Muldoon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Crawford County Circuit Court vs G.M. Bail Bonds, Inc.

After hearing the facts of the case from the APBBLB staff and APBBLB AG Attorney, Muldoon made a motion to pay the amount of the forfeiture which statute would allow to Crawford County from the Bail bond recovery fund. Clark seconded. Vote passed unanimously by the board.

Pulaski County Circuit Court vs Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. /

Jordan Hampton

Present was Kevin Caldwell Owner of Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc and his Attorney.

After hearing the facts presented by the APBBLB staff, APBBLB AG Attorney and Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. Clark made a motion due to the fact that Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. is suspended to pay the forfeiture from the bail bond recovery fund and to fine Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. for 13 days late of pay forfeiture at \$100.00 a day for a total of \$1,300.00 and to be paid before the Company and re-apply for a business license. Muldoon seconded. A vote was taken on the motion and passed unanimously.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes presented for previous meeting December 8th, 2023, were approved. Molder made motion to approve previous minutes and Wilburn seconded. Motion passed.

Old business

Appeal update. AG reported on APBBLB vs First Step Bail Bond Co. Inc. that the appeal is still pending.

Board member stipend approval. After a brief discussion with board members about board member stipends. Joyner made a motion to approve board member stipends to the max allowed by Statute and the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing. Clark seconded the motion. A vote was taken motion carried. (Amended) Motion was made at the February 9th meeting to amend the minutes of January by Joyner and seconded by Wilburn to include expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

The Chairman invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid since last meeting. Muldoon made a motion to approve expenses and Molder seconded. Motion passed.

Forfeitures: Twenty (20) new forfeitures.

Transfers- There were one (1) transfer.

License Suspensions and Terminations- There were two (2) License Suspensions and Termination.

License Approvals:

There were one (1) license issued since last meeting.

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented.

A motion Joyner was made to send out a 10-day letter on all forfeitures that are not paid in a timely manner and if not paid by the 10 days that the company be suspended pending a hearing before the board. Muldoon seconded. Motion passed.

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new cases working and working with AG on previous cases.

Director's Report / Review:

Director was present via Zoom and verified that 2nd Chance Bail Bonding did not renew for 2024 and that the company was taking care of it outstanding bonds.

Meeting was adjourned.

Joyner made a motion to adjourn, Molder seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 19th day of February 2024 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman