

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 12th, 2021**

Chairman Curt Clark called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Jim Ibison, Ricky Joyner, Curt Clark, Clayton Edwards, Kevin Molder, Derrick Person and Linda Craig.

Assistant Attorney General Brad Nye was present. Board Staff was present.

Minutes presented for previous meeting were approved. Person made motion to approve previous minutes Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Hearings

J.E. Bail Bonding, Inc. (Edwards & Gilley) vs First Arkansas Bail Bonds, Inc. (Mathis & Pye)

Nate Steel (Attorney for First Arkansas Bail Bonds Inc.) was present. Brad Parnell, Justin Mathis, and Sherman Pye were present for First Arkansas Bail Bonds, Inc. After the hearing began, Defense Attorney Steel stipulated to the evidence. After hearing the evidence, the Arkansas Professional Bail Bonding Board went into deliberations off the record. Back on the record the Board found Justin Mathis and Sherman Pye to be in violation of Arkansas Statute 17-19-205. The board issued penalties on both Justin Mathis and Sherman Pye. Penalties are two(2) weeks suspension of license each and Twenty-five hundred dollar (\$2500.00) fine each to be paid within 30 day of March 12th, 2021 and one agent at a time to serve the two(2) week suspension starting also on March 12th, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: There was zero (0) transfers. There were zero (0) agent suspensions or terminations. There were zero (0) reinstatement.

Appeal Update:

Assistant Attorney General provided an update on all cases under appeal.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

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

Forfeitures - Open: Fourteen (14) New Forfeitures'

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, the Chair called for motions. Ibison moved to notice 10-day letter for an immediate hearing those licensees whose forfeitures were not paid in a timely manner. Molder seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried with all in favor.

License Approvals:

There were eleven (11) licenses issued since last meeting.

Sale of Fair Deal Bail Bonding, Inc. Clark presented to the board the sale of Fair Deal Bail Bonding Inc. to Tyler Parnell agent of First Arkansas Bail Bonds to accept the sale. Ibison made a motion to accept the sale and Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sale of Advantage Bail Bonds, Inc. Clark presented to the board the sale of Advantage Bail Bonds, Inc. to Ricky Joyner of Bryce's Bail Bonding, Inc. Ibison made a motion to accept the sale. Molder seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sale of Ben's Bail Bonds, Inc. Clark presented to the board the sale of Ben's Bail Bonds Inc to Arthur Harris of Ben's Bail Bonds, Inc. Person made a motion to accept the sale. Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

Investigators Report: Informed board of cases. Introduced new investigator Scott Handford to board.

Executive Director's Report / Review:

Executive Director Randy Murray informed the board of House Bill 1618 & HB 1667 and being against the bills. Murray also informed the board he was unable at this time to collect the \$10,000.00 bond forfeiture on John Chism Bail bonds. Murray reported sending two certified letters to Chism's bank for collection. Murray and Nye working on next step.

Public Comments:

No public comments

Meeting was adjourned.

Clark made a motion to adjourn and Ibison seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 9th day of April, 2021 _____

Curt Clark, Chairman