

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL  
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD  
August 8, 2003**

Chairman Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Don Smith, Frank Sturgeon, Eugene Reynolds, Marc Oudin, Phyllis Carruth, Gary Edwards, and Xollie Duncan. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Alice Lightle, Executive Director, Linda Longstreth, Board staff and members of the audience.

Following a review of the Board Minutes for July 11, 2003. Sturgeon moved to approve. Oudin seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**License Approvals:**

Eight (8) non-controversial license applications and four (4) non-controversial tentative license application were submitted for Board approval. Longstreth informed the Board that there was a controversial license application and asked that they address the regular license approvals prior to submission of the controversial items. Oudin moved to approve the listed license approvals and tentative license approvals. Sturgeon seconded. Motion carried

**Controversial License/Vera Wilson:**

Sturgeon advised the Board that Chief Percy Wilburn from Lake Village was on his way and had not yet arrived. The Board opted to continue with the business meeting and return to the controversial license application of Vera Wilson when the Chief arrived.

**Forfeitures:**

The Forfeiture Report was provided for the Board's information. The Board was advised that Assistant Attorney General, Alice Lightle, had reactivated the Burns Bail Bond lawsuit against the Bank of Northeast Arkansas in an attempt to collect on bond forfeiture judgments listed as past due on the forfeiture report. They were also informed that Longstreth would be working with Alice Lightle concerning the other past due forfeitures listed to determine whether resolution could be reached. Longstreth requested that the Board vote to suspend the bail bond company license of those companies listed with forfeitures due and payable between August 8, 2003 and September 12, 2003. Edwards moved to suspend the bail bond company license of any company with forfeitures due and payable between August 8, 2003 and September 12, 2003, if the company fails to pay by close of business on the day the forfeiture is due. Carruth seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**July Vouchers Paid:**

Longstreth presented the July vouchers paid and offered to respond to questions. There being none, the Board proceeded.

**Quarterly Reports:**

The Quarterly Reports for the second quarter (April 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003) were presented to the Board as informational and Longstreth offered to respond to questions. There being none, the Board proceeded.

**Statutory Transfer of Funds:**

Longstreth informed the Board that the transfer from Board funds to State General Revenues as required by statute was completed. The transfer amount was \$182,518.80.

**Appeals Update:**

Longstreth advised the Board that when Alice Lightle, Assistant Attorney General, became legal counsel for the Board there were fifteen (15) cases on appeal to Pulaski County Circuit Court. As of August 8, 2003 Alice has resolved seven (7) of the pending appeals. There are currently eight (8) cases on appeal, either to Pulaski County Circuit Court or to the Court of Appeals. Alice was commended for her efforts in resolving the old appeals.

**AG's Response to Board Requests:**

The Board was advised that the inclusion of the Attorney General's communication was to inform the Board of the status of the opinions requested after the July 11, 2003 meeting. For the benefit of those Board members who were unable to attend the July meeting, Longstreth reviewed the Board's July vote to request a reconsideration of the civil service processor conflict, to have the Board office look into whether it is legal for a bail bond company owner/officer to own both a bail bond company and an interlock company or an ankle bracelet company. Edwards requested that the Board vote to determine whether the Board intended to follow the Attorney General's Opinion on the civil service processor conflict. After discussion, it was determined that no action would be taken until after a response was received from the Attorney General concerning the reconsideration.

**Controversial License/Vera Wilson:**

Chief Percy Wilburn arrived and the Board returned to consideration of the bail bond license request of Vera Wilson. The Court Reporter was present and the discussion recorded accordingly. The Board voted to license Vera Wilson as an agent for Exit Bail Bond Company.

**Public Comments:**

Chairman Smith asked for Public Comments. There being none the meeting was adjourned to hearings.

Submitted for approval:

This 12th day of September, 2003 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman