

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
June 14th, 2024**

Ricky Joyner was acting chair and hearing officer. He called the meeting to order.

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

Assistant Attorney General Doralee Chandler was present. Board Staff was present.

Hearings

APBBLB vs Exit Bail Bonds / CR-22-1474 / Marvin Howington

Chris Keeton was present representing Exit Bail Bonds. AG and staff was present representing the APBBLB.

After hearing the facts of the case from both parties, Edwards made a motion to fine Exit Bail Bonds \$100.00 per day for a total of \$900.00 to be paid by the closing of the day June 28th, 2024. Molder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APBBLB vs Exit Bail Bonds / CR-22-505 / Joshua Nelson

Chris Keeton was present representing Exit Bail Bonds. AG and staff was present representing the APBBLB.

After hearing the facts of the case from both parties, Clark made a motion to fine Exit Bail Bonds \$100.00 per day for a total of \$900.00 to be paid by the closing of the day June 28th, 2024. Wilburn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes presented for previous meeting May 10th, 2024, were approved. Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes and Molder seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

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

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

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

Forfeitures: Twenty-three (23) outstanding forfeitures.

Transfers- There were zero (0) transfer.

License Suspensions and Terminations- There were one (1) License Suspensions and Termination.

License Approvals:

There were six (1) licenses issued since last meeting.

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented.

A motion Joyner 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. Molder seconded. Motion carried.

Prunty Bail Bonding, Inc. Consent Agreement

The board was presented a consent agreement on Prunty Bail Bonding for soliciting. After reviewing the consent agreement, a motion was made by Molder to accept the consent agreement with the \$1000.00 fine. Muldoon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion over the Rule change appendix bail bond sheet addition of the affidavit. The board decided to allow companies to use up their existing bond sheet either writing in or using a rubber stamp, until July 1st, 2024. The board agreed.

A discussion about the investigator pay grade was brought and decided to send a letter to the Secretary Bassett on raising the investigator grade to at least a GS-6.to be signed by all the board members.

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

Director's Report / Review:

Talked about ELP and gave financial report.

Meeting was adjourned.

Joyner made a motion to adjourn,
Edwards seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 12th day of July 2024 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman