



Rusty Roberts, president of the Association of Bail Agents of Tulsa (ABAT), was excited to be selected as ABAT Bondsman of the Year during the group's fourth annual Christmas Dinner.

Meet Your Board

Bill Chenhall - NE Region Coordinator

Bill Chenhall got his start in the bail bond industry back in the 1960's. Bill was working as a plant controller for American Bakeries in Kansas City, when they offered to transfer him to Chicago. The Windy City didn't appeal to Bill, so he picked up and moved to his farm outside of Haskell, Oklahoma. A friend was getting out of the bonding business, so Bill stepped in temporarily to put food on the table. The next thing he knew, he had a quarter of million dollars in open liability that he

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2004-2005 DUES SCHEDULE

CE/Dues -	\$550.00
Legal -	\$25.00
Total -	\$575.00

PLEASE NOTE THAT CE DUES ARE NOW \$575.00!

In the courts...

State v. Rich

In State v. Rich, 2004 WL 2390085 (Ohio App. October 22, 2004) the surety (Capital Bonding Corp.) appealed denial of its motions to remit bond forfeitures in two cases in which it surrendered the defendants after forfeiture was entered. In the two cases the trial court made identical findings, including that the surety was negligent in writing the bond because the defendant had failed to appear on prior occasions. The Court of Appeals first held that the 30 day period to appeal ran from the date the clerk entered the defendant's sentence, not the date the bond was forfeited or the date the motion for remission was denied. The Court also held that the trial court did not abuse its discretion in one of the cases because the record supported its findings but that in the other case there was no evidence the defendant had failed to appear on a prior occasion or that the state was inconvenienced by the failure to appear. In the latter case, the Court reversed and remanded for a determination of how much of the forfeiture should be remitted.

Holland Appointed Insurance Commissioner



Kim Holland

Tulsa businesswoman Kim Holland has been appointed Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner.

During her career, Holland has worked in the Oklahoma insurance industry for 25 years, spending the last two decades with the Team Insurance Group (formerly the Quarles Group) where she served as executive vice-president.

Holland has also been active in public service, as a board member of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the entity responsible for implementing state health programs related to Medicaid. She has also served on the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council and the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Holland is also a past chairman of the Oklahoma Academy, a non-partisan, think tank.

Holland said, "My top priorities are restoring public confidence in the office and creating a fair and balanced regulatory environment that protects the interests of all Oklahomans."

Please mark your calendars for the following dates in 2005

2005 Schedule D Board Meetings

OKC	January 27	OBA Building	10:00 a.m.
OKC	March 10	OBA Building	10:00 a.m.
OKC	May 5	OBA Building	10:00 a.m.
OKC	June 6	OBA Building	1:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting

OKC	June 6	OBA Building	3:00 pm
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Continuing Education

OKC	CE #1	June 7	Reed Center, MWC	8:00 a.m.
Catoosa	CE #2	June 14	Cherokee Casino & Resort	8:00 a.m.

Midwest City - CE #1
Reed Center
5800 Will Rogers Rod
405-741-7333
No hotel arrangements yet

Tulsa/Catoosa - CE #2
Cherokee Casino & Resort
I-44 & Exit 240-A
Catoosa, OK
800-760-6700
OBA Rate \$79.00 + tax
Reservation Cut-Off Date is 5/16/05

... Meet Your Board

couldn't walk away from. He's been in the business ever since.

In the 1980's, Bill changed the name from Chenhall Bonding Company to Bail Bonds of Tulsa, and is in business with his brother-in-law and fellow OBA member, David Hamilton.

Bill has been married to Maxine for 50 years, and has five children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dicky Kidd - SE Region Coordinator

Not long after Dicky Kidd graduated from college, he and a partner started a Ford dealership. Then in 1986, he decided to come back home to Durant. He took over the family business his mother started, Kidd Bonding Company, and has been running it ever since. His mother, who got her start as one of Dudley Goolsby's first agents, served on the first Board of the Oklahoma Bondsmen Association. Her son is continu-

ing her record of service to the industry.

Dicky married Carolyn soon after college, and today they have two children and two grandchildren.

Zig Ziegler - NW Region Coordinator

A couple of decades ago, Zig Ziegler took a gamble and bought some prime real estate in downtown Oklahoma City. Three months later, it was announced that they would be building the new jail right across the street - a pretty good location for Colt Bail Bonds.

Originally from Shawnee, Zig sold law books for 16 years before coming into the bonding industry with a friend in 1983. Five years ago, he and his wife, Diana, bought a horse ranch in Shawnee, and now he wouldn't give it up 'for love or money.'

Zig and Diana have been married for 28 years, and have four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Goolsby Resigns as PBUS President

Dudley Goolsby, CBA, former president of the OBA, has resigned his position as president of PBUS, citing health and personal reasons. He will maintain his position on the PBUS Board of Directors, and his role as

Government Relations Liaison for the OBA. Mr. Goolsby served as president for one and a half years, and has received glowing recommendations from his peers at PBUS for his outstanding service.

Government Relations

Dudley Goolsby

This session of the Oklahoma Legislature will be the first after "Term Limits" have taken effect. There will be 39 new House members, and 14 new senators. Combine that with a Republican-controlled House and a Democratic-controlled Senate, and throw in a Democratic Governor, and you have a first for this state in a lifetime - certainly mine.

Many predict gridlock is the most likely outcome of this new dynamic. We will likely see many different fireworks as a result of the power shift in the House. The legislature is constitutionally required to write a budget, and how the legislature divides up money is often the means to philosophical ends. That is to say, that the battles will be fought in the fiscal trenches.

With that said, how does the new face of the Legislature see our industry? If the only story they see about us comes from the newspapers, then that view is dim. However, if individually we take responsibility to get to know our legislator, and share our story with them, then the Legislature will see our industry as it truly is. Our industry is a necessary ingredient to the criminal justice system. The only stakeholders who will work to return clients to court is those who have a financial stake - us! We must communicate to our legislators that we are small businessmen and women whose role is to insure justice is meted out. We work hand in hand with county government to insure our streets are safe. Without us, who will go and find absconders and return them to court? We must make this point over and over to all members of the Legislature.

When was the last time you had coffee with your House member or Senator? What are you waiting for? It is a whole lot easier to take them out for coffee while you still have a job, isn't it?

Criminal Justice Authority Debates Best Way to Run Jail

Ken Neal, Tulsa World

Tulsa County is running short of money needed to operate the Tulsa Jail and the major reason is the state of Oklahoma.

The David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center holds some convicts who should be in state prisons but the state refuses to accept them. Corrections Corporation of America charges the county \$48.10 a day for each prisoner, but the state pays the county only \$24 per day for holding state prisoners.

The difference for a year is easily \$2 million.

This situation comes into the public spotlight because the county will have to cough up about \$3 million to pay CCA for the prisoners held this fiscal year.

County commissioners, the public officials who serve permanently on the seven-member Tulsa County Criminal Justice Authority, say the county has that money in various special accounts. That takes care of this fiscal year, but what about the future?

CCA is the private corrections firm that has operated the jail since it was occupied in 1999. It will not operate the facility at \$48.10 per prisoner, per year, when the current contract ends June 30. The jail authority will seek bids to determine the future operator. CCA will bid along with other firms.

Sheriff Stanley Glanz, who operated the old jail, wants to bid, contending he can operate it more cheaply than CCA.

The authority, made up of the commissioners and the mayor of Tulsa as permanent ex-officio members and three area mayors who serve two years on a rotating basis, will retain authority over the jail, regardless of who operates it.

That's important, because a ¼ cent sales tax earmarked for the jail should not be mingled with the sheriff's budget, should he be picked to run the jail.

The tax produces about \$19 million a year and the authority gets another \$5 million a year from boarding federal prisoners, state prisoners and other fees.

Tulsa has been in an economic slump and the sales tax has not produced as much money as anticipated.

The Tulsa Jail, by the way, is one of the finest local lockups in the country. Its population has not grown as much as planners predicted in 1997. In fact, it usually has 250 beds available. The jail population fluctuates, but if it can be held to about 1,100 current income will be adequate.

Ironically, when counties show they are over capacity, the state is obligated to take their convicts, something Tulsa can't do.

County officials believe the operation could be about \$4 million short in fiscal 2005-06.

The state of Oklahoma ought to pay a realistic fee for convicts it leaves in Tulsa.

It pays private prisons slightly more than \$41 per day, even though municipal jails are much more expensive to operate than state prisons.

The federal government pays about \$61 per day to the county for prisoners held at the Tulsa Jail.

Regardless of who runs the jail, the state should pay at least as much as it pays other private contractors. With space available, a part of the Tulsa Jail could be operated as a prison.

Tulsa has done things right with this jail. It owns the facility with no bonded indebtedness; it is safe; it is secure; substance abusers and the sick and ill get the treatment they need. Federal corrections examiners have not found any problems for the last two years. But it does cost more than anticipated.

The Tulsa Jail operation is a far cry ahead of any local lockup in the state.

With extra capacity, the authority can come up with ways to manage the money problem.

Happily, it is a problem that will be solved. It's but a matter of which way it is to be solved.

In the courts...

Writ Filed to Overturn Bond Fees Decision

OBA attorney Larry Tedder has filed a writ with the Oklahoma State Supreme Court seeking to overturn *Kidd vs. Stagg*, the ruling that has recently misinterpreted the payment of bond fees.

Bruce Baldwin Opens Java Dave's in Edmond

Oklahoma bondsman Bruce Baldwin and his family have opened a new Java Dave's Coffee shop in downtown Edmond. Located at 9 S. Broadway, Bruce's shop is located in a space recently vacated by another Java Dave's owner, so they had a built-in clientele established by the previous owner.

Bruce is a licensee, rather than a franchisee, which gives them more freedom when dealing with the Oklahoma-based parent company. So they are free to sell whatever food items they want, as long as they also sell the Java Dave's line. That means they can also sell pastries, cookies and other goodies in their 2,300 square foot store.

The store also boasts a small stage, and Bruce hopes to introduce live acoustic music on Friday nights.

Java Dave's is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m..

In Memoriam

Virginia Brown - November 2004
Terry Findley - November 2004
Bonnie Inman - November 2004
Tina Irvin - January 2005

John and Anita Baker would like to thank you for sharing your prayers, beautiful flowers and kindness during the passing of Anita's mother, Juanita Chandler, on December 9, 2004. Every day, their clients tell them about the boundless joy Juanita radiated to all.



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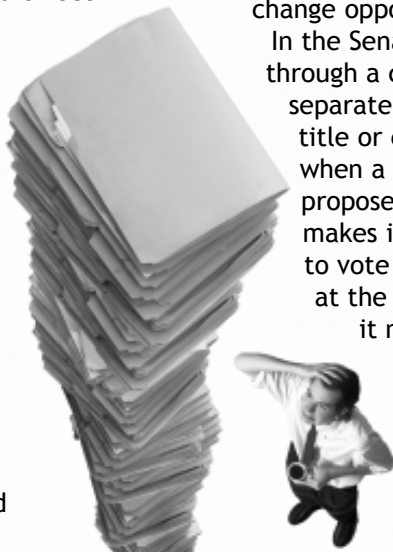
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from Bob Rollins

Record Number of Measures Reached

Another record for the sheer volume of introduced measures was reached. The House introduced 1,059 bills and 29 joint resolutions (having the force and effect of law). The Senate introduced a total of 1,017 bills and 31 joint resolutions.

The first day of session for the 50th Oklahoma Legislature is Monday, February 7th. The first committee deadline is February 24th, the deadline for bills in house of origin to be reported from committee.



Legislators Open Year with Rules Fights

- from the Hill Report

Democrats and Republicans jockeyed for position when the Legislature met to organize itself for the upcoming session, and it wasn't pretty.

Democrats in the Senate rejected a Republican rule change, and in the House, Republicans passed rule change opposed by Democrats.

In the Senate, Cal Hobson rammed through a change that requires a separate motion to restore the title or enacting clause on a bill when a floor substitute is proposed. Republicans say that makes it easier for Democrats to vote for a popular bill while at the same time making sure it never becomes law.

In the House, Speaker Todd Hiatt and the Republicans adopted a new set of rules that

were adopted without debate, angering Democrats.

Democrats claimed they had no notice of the proposed changes and Republicans voted to cut off any debate.

Rep. Jari Askins, House Minority Leader who would have become speaker if Democrats had retained control of the House, said it's the first time in memory that the Legislature's organizational day brought "these kinds of difficulties."

The state was set for conflict in the House when Hiatt issued a memo to all members late last year notifying all members that bill-drafting requests were due not later than December 28th.

Askins questioned Hiatt's authority to issue such a memo and Democrat Darrell Gilbert of Tulsa said he did not comply, and others echoed his comments.