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U.S. District Court
Southern District of West Virginia

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT | FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AUG 2 | 2009

AARON TREADWAY, et al.

Plaintiffs,

CASE NO. 5:06-0191

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**BGS CONSTRUCTION, INC.,** 

Defendant.

## FINAL JUDGMENT ORDER

Plaintiffs have moved pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 60(b)(6) and the terms of the settlement agreement reached by the parties to convert the Order Granting Approval of FLSA Settlement to a Judgment. Rule 60(b)(6) permits a Court to provide relief to any party from a final order for "any reason which justifies relief." The circumstances of this case provide such a reason.

The parties reached a settlement agreement on the eve of trial, after protracted litigation.

Because this is a collective action brought pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §

216(b), the Court's approval of the settlement agreement was required. The Court approved the settlement by Order of May 13, 2009. [Doc. # 176]. This Order was not, however, a Rule 54 judgment upon which plaintiffs could execute.

As part of the settlement agreement, defendant agreed to attempt to obtain security for the settlement proceeds by March 15, 2009. The parties further agreed that, should defendant be unable to obtain security, then plaintiffs could move the Court to have the settlement converted to a judgment. Plaintiffs' Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement, p. 1 [Doc. # 175].

Under the settlement, the first payment of one-fourth of the settlement amount was to be made within 30 days of the entry of an Order approving the settlement agreement. That Order

was entered on May 13, 2009. [Doc. # 176].

As of the date of filing of plaintiffs' motion, defendant had neither obtained security for the settlement proceeds, nor made the initial payment.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Plaintiffs' Motion to Convert Settlement to Judgment is hereby GRANTED. Judgment is hereby entered in favor of plaintiffs and against defendant BGS Construction, Inc., and BGS Construction, Inc., is liable to plaintiffs for:

- \$13,000.00 for the 8 named plaintiffs as compensation for their effort in prosecuting this action, allocated among these plaintiffs as set out in the attached Exhibit A;;
- \$85,500.00 as back wages, allocated among the plaintiffs as set out in the attached
   Exhibit A;
- 3. \$5,301.00 for the employer's share of the FICA tax on the settlement wages;
- 4. \$1,239.75 for the employer's share of the Medicare tax;
- 5. \$85,500.00 as statutory liquidated damages, allocated among the plaintiffs as set out in the attached Exhibit A;;
- 6. \$90,000.00 for plaintiffs' attorney's fees and costs;
- 7. \$500.00 for the expenses of administering the settlement; and
- Post judgment interest at the rate set by federal law from June 13, 2009, the date on which the first installment of payments was due.

The total judgment amount is \$281,040.75, plus interest.

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to remove this matter from the Court's docket and to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: Aug. 21, 2009

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Order submitted by: Garry G. Geffert Co-Counsel for Plaintiffs

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