

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
Eastern Division

In Re:	)	Case Number: 26-03505
HAWTHORNE RACE COURSE, INC., et	)	(Jointly Administered)
al.,	)	Chapter: 11
	)	Honorable Timothy A. Barnes
	)	
Debtor(s)	)	

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART, MOTION OF DEBTORS IN
POSSESSION TO PAY CERTAIN NECESSARY PREPETITION DEBTS**

This matter coming on to be heard on the motion (the “Motion”) of Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., Suburban Downs, Inc., Carey Heirs Properties, LLC, and Post Time Catering, Inc. debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), pursuant to sections 105(a) and 363(b) of title 11 of the United States Code, for the entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to pay certain necessary prepetition debts; the Court having considered the relief requested in the Motion, the evidence submitted and arguments made by all parties in interest at the hearing on the Motion held on March 10, 2026, as well as the evidence submitted at the initial hearing on the Debtors’ motion to obtain debtor in possession financing held on March 4, 2026; the Court finding that due notice of the Motion has been given; counsel for the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association having represented that upon funding of the accrued purse balances and replacement of returned checks issued for unpaid purses (“Purses”) to the thoroughbred horsemen (collectively, the “ITHA Horsemen”), the ITHA Horsemen shall participate in the thoroughbred season at Hawthorne within the same course of business as they have done in prior thoroughbred seasons; the Court finding and concluding that for each of the payments authorized to be made by this Order: (a) the creditor will not provide goods or services to the Debtors if it is not paid for prepetition amounts due; and (b) the other creditors will be at least as well off as they would be if the payment is not made; and the Court concluding that good cause exists for the entry of this Order;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Debtors are authorized to pay:
 - a. Purses due to the ITHA Horsemen in the amount of \$1,390,577.09.
 - b. Monies due to simulcast partners up to \$750,000; provided, that (1) any such simulcast partner agrees in writing that it will reactivate the simulcast signal and will provide services to the Debtors within the same course of business as they have done prior to deactivating the signal, and (2) Debtors shall thereafter file a Notice disclosing the name of such simulcast partner and the amount paid.
2. The Motion is continued for further hearing, to consider the remaining relief requested in the Motion, to March 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: March 12, 2026

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