

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
	)	
Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	)	Case No. 26-03505
	)	Joint Administration Requested
	)	
Debtors.	)	
	)	

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF DEBTORS (A) FOR AUTHORITY
TO (I) PAY CERTAIN PREPETITION EMPLOYEE WAGES, SALARIES
AND OTHER COMPENSATION, (II) PAY AND HONOR EMPLOYEE
MEDICAL AND OTHER BENEFITS, AND (III) CONTINUE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
PROGRAMS; (B) TO OBTAIN RELATED RELIEF; AND (C) FOR
SHORTENED AND LIMITED NOTICE THEREOF**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “**Motion**”)² pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363, 507, 1107(a), and 1108 for an order authorizing the Debtors to pay certain prepetition employee wage, health insurance, and other related obligations, and for shortened and limited notice thereof, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and the Court having found that (i) the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (ii) venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409, (iii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (iv) notice of the Motion was adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and the Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration in support thereof; and the Court having considered the statements of counsel and the evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at a hearing held before this Court (the “**Hearing**”);

¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Hawthorne Race Course, Inc., (2284); Carey Heirs Properties, LLC, (2654); Suburban Downs, Inc., (2457); and Post Time Catering, Inc., (3590). The Debtors’ mailing address is 3501 S. Laramie Ave, Stickney, IL 60804.

² Capitalized terms but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them given to them in the Motion.

and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED, as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay, perform, and honor, as applicable, the Prepetition Employee Obligations, including payment to any third parties that provide or aid in the monitoring, processing, or administration of the Prepetition Employee Obligations, as and when such obligations are due; provided, however, that payments of wages and salary to any individual Employee after the Petition Date on account of amounts accrued prior to the Petition Date shall not exceed amounts afforded priority status by sections 507(a)(4) and 507(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, in their sole discretion to perform, honor and continue the Employee Insurance Benefits and the Employee Benefit Programs in the ordinary course.
4. The relief granted herein shall not constitute or be deemed an assumption or an authorization to assume any executory contract or agreement to which the Debtors is a party, including any benefit plans or employment agreements.
5. Due to the immediate and irreparable harm that would occur if the Motion were not granted, the requirements set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied with respect to the relief granted herein.
6. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

7. The Debtors are authorized to take all steps necessary to carry out this order.
8. All applicable financial institutions are authorized and directed to process, honor, and pay any and all checks or wire transfer requests, as may be requested by the Debtors to effectuate payment of the Prepetition Employee Obligations.
9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any payment made or to be made under this order, any authorization contained in this order, or any claim for which payment is authorized hereunder, shall be subject to the requirements imposed on the Debtors under any orders of this Court approving any debtor in possession financing for, or any use of cash collateral by, the Debtors and any budget in connection therewith.
10. Nothing in this order may be construed as approving any transfer pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(c), and a separate motion shall be filed for any request that could fall within section 503(c).
11. Shortened and limited notice of the Motion is granted, such that the notice period and parties reflected in the certificate of service attached to the Motion are deemed adequate and sufficient under the circumstances, and no other or further notice of the Motion need be given.
12. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: March 3, 2026



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE