

**ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 27, 2018, 1:00 P.M.  
Ellis County Courts Building, Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, 109 S. Jackson St.,  
Waxahachie, Texas**

**Directors Present:** Theresa Peel, Criminal Defense Attorney  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
Tommie Eberhart, Ellis County Sheriff  
Cindy Polley, County Clerk  
Melanie Reed, District Clerk  
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge  
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney

**Directors Absent:** Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee  
Gene Calvert, County Court at Law #2 Judge  
Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge  
Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4  
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge

**CALL TO ORDER**

Proper notice of the meeting having been given in compliance with the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Texas, and upon a motion by Director Jendrzey, seconded by Director Reed, the meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., and a quorum declared by Director Peel. A copy of the posted written notice calling such meeting is attached to these minutes and marked as Exhibit A.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Director Reed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the State of Texas flag led by Director Eberhart.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Eberhart, seconded by Director Reed, the minutes of the meeting held on November 29, 2018, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.2, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Reed, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board's 2019 Meeting Schedule, was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.3, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board's 2019 Designee Forms will be sent out to all individuals that are currently on the board and to newly elected officials.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.4, no report was made.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.5, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, and seconded by Director Polley, the Sheriff's Office designee shall contact Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds to verify if they are exceeding their bond writing limit, with the stipulation that if they are over, an emergency meeting will be called to suspend the bond company.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.6, no report was made.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.7, and upon a motion by Director Jendrzey, seconded by Director Reed, the request for replacement for the Certificate of Deposit #8100003979486 for Agent Tom Benson d/b/a Act Swift Bail Bonds with CD #0069294828, was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.8, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Polley, the return of Comerica CD #38510544501 to the Allegheny Casualty Company, was approved

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.9, and upon a motion by Director Eberhart, seconded by Director Jendrzey, the return of Comerica CD #385105445535 to the Allegheny Casualty Company, was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.10, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Polley, the updated employee list from Act Swift Bail Bonds, was approved. (With the condition that Abraham Estrada was not approved by the Bail Bond Board to write bonds.)

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.11, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Eberhart, the updated employee list from Waxahachie Area Bail Bond was approved. (With the condition that Abraham Estrada was not approved by the BBB to write bonds.)

**APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.1, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Act Swift Bail Bond, was tabled.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.2, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bond, was tabled.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Reed, the meeting was adjourned by Director Peel at approximately 1:44 p.m.

  
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Presiding Officer

  
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Secretary

  
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Date Approved

  
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Date Approved

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COUNTY CLERK  
ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, Ellis County Courts Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 109 S Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas**, at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

**Board Member:** Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge  
**Board Member:** Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge  
**Board Member:** Sara Garcia, Designee for County Judge  
**Board Member:** Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney  
**Board Member:** Ed Jendrzej, Municipal Judge  
**Board Member:** Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4  
**Board Member:** Theresa Peel, Criminal Defense Attorney  
**Board Member:** Tommie Eberhart, Designee for the County Sheriff  
**Board Member:** Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
**Board Member:** Melanie Reed, District Clerk  
**Board Member:** Cindy Polley, County Clerk  
**Board Member:** Rick Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

**1. OPENING MEETING**

- 1.1 Presiding Officer of the Board will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if at least four members of the Board are present, declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.
- 1.2 Motion to Open Ellis County Bail Bond Board Meeting.
- 1.3 Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- 2.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to receive nominations and to hold a secret ballot election for a licensed bondsman to become an Ellis County Bail Bond Board member, pursuant to 1704.0535 of the Occupations Code, with votes being cast only by licensed bail bond companies that are present at the meeting.
- 2.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to receive nominations and to hold a secret ballot election for a criminal defense attorney to become an Ellis County Bail Bond Board member, pursuant to 1704.0535 of the Occupations Code, with votes being cast only by criminal defense attorneys that are present at the meeting.
- 2.3 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to acknowledge and accept board members for 2019 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter

1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Chief Terry Ogden, Designee for Charles E. Edge, Ellis County Sheriff  
\_\_\_\_\_, Elected by the Local Criminal Defense Attorneys  
\_\_\_\_\_, Elected by the Ellis County Justices of the Peace  
Nicole Dempsey, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney  
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge  
\_\_\_\_\_, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District  
Erik Test, Designee for Todd Little, County Judge  
Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge  
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk  
Melanie Reed, District Clerk  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_\_, Elected by the Licensed Bail Bond Surety

- 2.4 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve minutes of the December 27, 2018 meeting.
- 2.5 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to receive nominations and to hold an election for a Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board, with votes being cast only by board members present.
- 2.6 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to receive nominations and to hold an election for a Vice-Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board, with votes being cast only by board members present.
- 2.7 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to receive nominations and to hold an election for a Secretary of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board, with votes being cast only by board members present.
- 2.8 Receive report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, concerning any bond company that has been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments.
- 2.9 Consideration and action concerning the report from Chief Ogden, concerning the outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.
- 2.10 Receive report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.
- 2.11 Consideration as may be appropriate to change the Bail Bond Board rules regarding the property bail bondsman exceeding their bond writing limit.
- 2.12 Approval for the Chairman of the Bail Bond Board to sign a Release of Assignment for CD #385105445501 for Allegheny Casualty Company pursuant to the Board's decision on December 27, 2018 in regards to agenda item 2.8.

- 2.13 Consideration and action to amend the Bail Bond Board's approval to return CD #385105445535 approved on December 27, 2018 in regard to agenda item 2.9 to reflect International Fidelity Insurance Company.
- 2.14 Approval for the Chairman of the Bail Bond Board to sign a Release of Assignment for CD #385105445535 for International Fidelity Insurance Company.

3. ***APPLICATIONS***

- 3.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application renewal received from **Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Act Swift Bail Bonds.**
- 3.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application renewal received from **Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**

4. ***RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION***

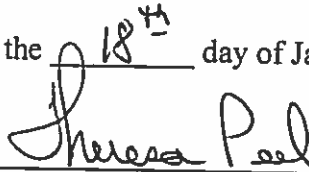
***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

The Ellis County Bail Bond Board reserves the right to adjourn into **Executive Sessions** at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, as authorized by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of its attorney and/or other attorneys representing Ellis County on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Bail Bond Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be permitted under 551.

***ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION***

5. ***ADJOURNMENT***

Signed this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019



Theresa Peel, Presiding Officer  
Ellis County Bail Bond Board

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board is a true and correct copy of said Notice, that said Notice was posted at the doors of the Ellis County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 at 2:45 P.M.

  
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Vance Hinds,  
Ellis County Bail Bond Board Secretary

*If you or your Designee have a disability that requires special arrangements and you plan to attend this public meeting, please call (972)825-5011 within 72 hours of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to meet your needs at the meeting.*