

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

Thursday, January 24, 2019, 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
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Gene Calvert, County Court at Law #2 Judge
Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4

Directors Absent: Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge
Cindy Polley, County Clerk

Others Present: Ann Montgomery, Assistant County & District Attorney
Dusty Autrey, AAA Bail Bond
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Patricia Marshall, Designee for County Court at Law #2
Erik Test, Designee for County Judge
Terry Ogden, Sheriff's Office
Nicole Dempsey, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Abraham Estrada, Applicant for Act Swift Bail Bonds

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 Reed, seconded by Director Jendrzey, 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 Hinds, 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 Jendrzey.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.1, nominations were received 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. Rick Shinpaugh, of Ellis County Bail Bond/Amigo Bail Bond, was elected.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.2, nominations were received during 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. Defense attorney, Theresa Peel, was elected.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.3, and upon a motion by Director Eberhart, seconded by Director Reed, the Board accepted 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
Theresa Peel, Designee for the Ellis County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Assoc.
Chris Macon, Designee for the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
Nicole Dempsey Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Ed Jendzrey, Municipal Judge
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District
Erik Test, Designee for Todd Little, County Judge
Patricia Marshall, Designee for County Court at Law No. 2
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Rick Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.4, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Jendzrey, the minutes of the meeting held on December 27, 2018, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.5, nominations were received to hold an election for Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Director Reed was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Peel, Director Reed was approved as the Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.6, nominations were received to hold an election for Vice-Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Director Peel was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director and a unanimous vote by the present board members, Director Peel was approved as the Vice-Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.7, nominations were received to hold an election for Secretary of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Director Valdez was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, and a unanimous vote by the present members of the board, Director Valdez was approved as the Secretary. A motion was made by Director Peel, seconded by Director Chambers, to modify the ECBBB rules of 2015 to read "the Recording Secretary is only for minutes and the District Attorney office perform all other functions. The motion is to be placed on next months agenda.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.8, a report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, was given that no bond companies have been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.9, a report from Chief Ogden was given that there were no outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. No action was taken.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.10, a report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, was given that there were no final judgments to report from Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. No action taken.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.11, there was no action taken in changing the Bail Bond Board rules regarding the property bail bondsman exceeding their bond writing limit.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.12, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Peel, the signing of the release of Comerica CD #38510544501 to the Allegheny Casualty Company, was approved and signed by Director Reed.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.13, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ogden, the amending of Comerica CD #385105445535 from Allegheny Casualty Company to International Fidelity Insurance Company, was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.14, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ogden, the signing of the release of Comerica CD #385105445535 to International Fidelity Insurance Company, was approved and signed by Director Reed.

APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Jendrzey, seconded by Director Ogden, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Act Swift Bail Bond**, was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.2, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Peel, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bond**, was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Ogden, seconded by Director Chambers, the meeting was adjourned by Director Reed at approximately 1:33 p.m.



Melanie Reed, Presiding Officer



Krystal Valdez, Secretary

2/28/19

Date Approved

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Date Approved

Exhibit A

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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, 2nd 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 Jendrzey, 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

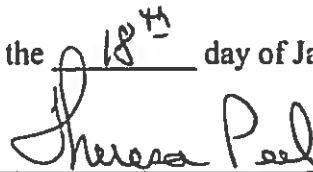
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

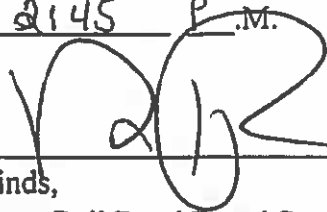
5. ADJOURNMENT

Signed this the 18th 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 18th day of January, 2019 at 2:45 P.M.



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.