

# ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 22, 2021, 1:15 P.M.

Ellis County Courts Building, Board Members met in person and via WebEx  
109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas

**Directors Present:** Lieutenant Wendy Hammonds, Designee for County Sheriff  
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1  
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk  
Ann Montgomery, District Attorney  
A. Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2  
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for County Judge  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney  
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee  
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge, 443<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

**Directors Absent:** Melanie Reed, District Clerk  
Damon Fehler, Municipal Judge

**Others Present:** Cherie Batsel, Assistant County & District Attorney  
Michelle Laquay, Coordinator for 443<sup>rd</sup> District Court  
Arlece Hunt (Employee Applicant)  
Alvernon Jones, Agent, Bad Boy Bail Bond  
Steven Bell, Attorney for Agent

## CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Macon called meeting to order, declared quorum and declared notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.2, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Shinpaugh, the motion to open the meeting was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.2, the invocation was led by Director Chambers, the pledges were led by Director Valdez.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Chambers, the minutes of the June 24, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.2, a report from the designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board concerning companies that have been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments. Cherie Batsel stated there have been none reported.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.3, a report from the designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Cherie Batsel reported \$168,750.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, Lieutenant Hammonds reported there is \$1,158,245.02 in outstanding bail bonds with \$77,927.58 available.

**APPLICATIONS**

*Arlece Hunt was sworn in by Director Macon*

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, second by Director Manigrasso, and a vote of “nay” by Director Montgomery, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Employee Application from Arlece Hunt, a new employee of Bad Boy Bail Bonds, was approved.

**NON-AGENDA DISCUSSION**

The Ellis County Bail Bond Board members discussed the need for amendments to the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Rules.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Chambers, second by Director Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon at approximately 1:45 p.m.



Chris Macon, Presiding Officer

*26 AUGUST 2021*

Date Approved



Krystal Valdez, Secretary

*8-26-21*

Date Approved