

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 1:15 P.M.

Ellis County Courts Building, Board Members met In-Person and via WebEx
109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas

Directors Present: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
A Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2
Captain Tommie Eberhart, Designee for County Sheriff
Mary Ridgway, Designee for Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Cindy Ermatinger, Designee for Administrative Judicial District
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney (via WebEx, did not vote)
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney (via WebEx, did not vote)

Directors Absent: Todd Little, County Judge
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer

Others Present: Cherie Batsel, Legal Counsel for Bail Bond Board
Dustin Autrey, AAA Bail Bond Agent
Ken Good, Attorney/Registered Agent for International Fidelity Insurance Co.
Dr. Tecumseh Taylor-King, Act Swift Bail Bond Employee

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Valdez called meeting to order, declared quorum and declared notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act. The following board members announced their presence and were eligible to vote: Judge Cindy Ermatinger, Judge Gene Calvert, Captain Tommie Eberhart, Krystal Valdez, and Mary Ridgway.

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

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.3, the Invocation was led by Director Calvert, and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Director Valdez.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Eberhart, seconded by Director Ridgway, the minutes of the meeting held on April 28, 2022, 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 \$17,037.71 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, a report from the Sheriff's Office concerning the outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Captain Eberhart reported \$1,234,291.02 outstanding with \$1,881.58 available.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.5, and upon a motion by Director Calvert, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the board unanimously approved the resignation of former Municipal Judge Damon Fehler.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.6, and upon a motion by Director Calvert, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the board unanimously approved the request to have the Presiding Officer of the Bail Bond Board (Judge Macon) reach out the surrounding Municipal Judges, and if any are interested, to have it placed on the next agenda for consideration and action by the Board.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.7, and upon a motion by Director Calvert, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the board unanimously approved to continue using WebEx for the remaining 2022 meetings with the limitations for board members. The utilization of WebEx will be reviewed again at the end of the year.

APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Calvert, the Ellis County Bail Bond License Application Renewal from International Fidelity Insurance Company, Dustin Autrey d/b/a AAA Bail Bond, was unanimously approved.

Dustin Autrey was sworn in by Director Valdez

In accordance with Agenda item 3.2, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Ridgway, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application Renewals received from Dustin Autrey, Lauren Wilson, Marissa Medina, and Yolanda Robles, were unanimously approved.

Dr. Tecumseh Taylor-King was sworn in by Director Valdez

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Calvert, the Ellis County Bail Bond New Employee Application received from Dr. Tecumseh Taylor-King, Ph.D., was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT


Upon a motion by Director Ermatinger, second by Director Ridgway, the meeting was adjourned by Director Valdez at approximately 1:36 p.m.



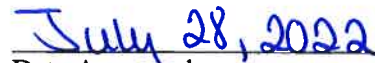
Presiding Officer/Vice-Presiding Officer



Secretary



Date Approved



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