

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

**Friday, September 25, 2015, 1:00 P.M.**

**Ellis County Courts Building, Grand Jury Room, 109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas**

**Directors Present:** Courtney Stamper, Criminal Defense Attorney Designee  
Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4  
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney  
Ed Jendrzej, Municipal Judge  
Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge  
Capt. Terry Ogden, Designee for the County Sheriff  
Melanie Reed, District Clerk  
Cindy Polley, County Clerk

**Directors Absent:** Cindy Ermatinger, 443<sup>rd</sup> District Judge  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee  
Gene Calvert, County Court at Law #2 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 Jendrzej, seconded by Director Egan, the meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m., and a quorum declared by Director Reed. 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 Jendrzej, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.1 and upon a motion by Director Egan, seconded by Director Ogden, the minutes of the last meeting held August 28, 2015 were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.2, the Board received the report from Ann Montgomery-Moran through Director Vance Hinds, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, that no bond companies have been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments since the last Board meeting.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.3, the Board discussed the new procedures for the Election of Certain Ellis County Bail Bond Board members pursuant to Section 1704.0535 of the Occupations Code as amended by House Bill 2894 which became effective September 1, 2015. Proposed Notices will be discussed at the next meeting with procedures on their dissemination. The Board took no action on this item and it was tabled until the October 23, 2015 meeting.

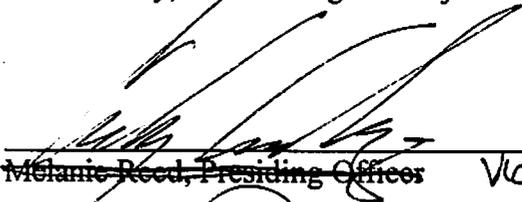
In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.4, the Board discussed the possibility of the Board receiving a property bondsman application in the near future. The Board took no action on this item and it was tabled until the October 23, 2015 meeting.

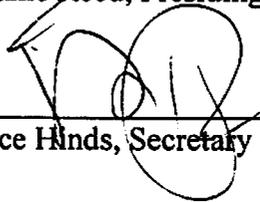
In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.5, the Board discussed the importance of identifying

correctly on the paperwork, the charge for which a person is being held in the Ellis County Jail. The Board also discussed approving a form for the 17.96 affidavit to be used by all licensed bondsmen. The Board took no action on this item and it was tabled until the October 23, 2015 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Garcia, seconded by Director Polley, the meeting was adjourned by Director Reed at approximately 1:39 p.m.

  
~~Melanie Reed, Presiding Officer~~ Vice President

  
Vance Hinds, Secretary

**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 **Friday, September 25, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., in the Grand Jury Room, 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 the 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:** Courtney Stamper, Criminal Defense Attorney  
**Board Member:** Capt. Terry Ogden, 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 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.

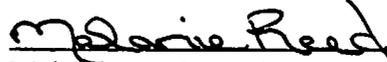
**2. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- 2.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve minutes of the August 28, 2015 meeting.
- 2.2 Receive report from Ann Montgomery-Moran, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, concerning any bond company that has been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments.
- 2.3 Discussion of the new procedures for the Election of Certain Ellis County Bail Bond Board members in January of 2016 pursuant to Section 1704.0535 of the Occupations Code as amended by House Bill 2894 which became effective September 1, 2015.
- 2.4 Discussion of procedures related to an individual's application for Ellis County Bail Bond License using property as security.
- 2.5 Discussion relating to paperwork filed by bond companies with the Ellis County Jail.

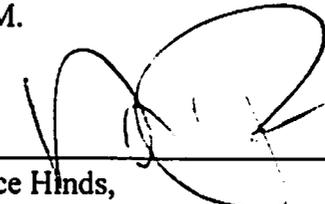


3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Signed this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015

  
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Melanie Reed, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, at 8:30 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.*

## Tex. Occ. Code § 1704.0535

This document is current through the 2015 regular session, 84th Legislature, S.B. 45, S.B. 293 (ch. 2), S.B. 415(ch. 15), S.B. 459, S.B. 529 (ch. 37), S.B. 835 (ch. 6), S.B. 901 (ch. 54), S.B. 903 (ch. 3), S.B. 1749 (ch. 29), and S.B. 1985 (ch. 4).

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### Notice

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► This section has more than one version with varying effective dates.

*Second of two versions of this section.*

### Sec. 1704.0535. Election of Certain Bail Bond Board Members. [Effective September 1, 2015]

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- (a) The board shall annually conduct a secret ballot election to elect the members of the board who serve as the representative of licensed bail bond sureties and the representative of the criminal defense attorneys by electing:
  - (1) a licensed bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety board member; and
  - (2) a criminal defense attorney who is practicing in the county.
- (b) Each individual licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety is entitled to cast one vote for each license held to elect the board member who is a surety or agent for a corporate surety.
- (c) Each attorney who has a principal place of business located in the county and who is not legally prohibited from representing criminal defendants in the county is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is a criminal defense attorney.
- (d) Each elected justice of the peace in the county who is not legally prohibited from voting in an election for the purpose is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is a justice of the peace.

### History

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Enacted by Acts 2003, 78th Leg., ch. 942 (S.B. 1336), § 8, effective June 20, 2003; am. Acts 2015, 84th Leg., ch. HB2894 (H.B. 2894), § 1, effective September 1, 2015.

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