

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

**Friday, January 22, 2016, 1:00 P.M.
Ellis County Courts Building, Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, 109 S. Jackson St.,
Waxahachie, Texas**

Directors Present: Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Cindy Ermatinger, 443rd District Judge
Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

Directors Absent: Gene Calvert, County Court at Law #2 Judge
Courtney Stamper, Criminal Defense Attorney Designee
Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Cindy Polley, County Clerk
Capt. Terry Ogden, Designee for the County Sheriff

Also Present: Ann Montgomery, Ellis County & District Attorney
John Perkins, III, Defense Bar
Tom Benson, Agent, Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds
Michael Avendano, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Ruby Barrientos, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Diana Barrientos, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Martin Cervantes, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Fran Galvan, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Martiza Gonzalez, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Jerre Hutson, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Linda McKnight, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Gordon Parmelee, III, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Juan Valdez, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond
Maria Villegas, Waxahachie Area Bail Bond

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 Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Garcia, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 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 Shinpaugh, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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, no 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. No criminal defense attorneys voted at the meeting. Defense Attorney, John Perkins, III, requested that the secret ballot be tabled until the February 26, 2016 board meeting.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.3, and upon a motion by Director Vance, seconded by Director Rick, the Board accepted members for 2016 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Capt. Terry Ogden, Designee for Johnny Brown, Ellis County Sheriff
_____, Designee for the Ellis County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Assoc.

_____, Designee for the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Ed Jendzrey, Municipal Judge
Judge Bob Carroll, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District
Sara Garcia, Designee for Carol Bush, County Judge
Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge
Cindy Polley, 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 Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Garcia, the minutes of the last meeting held December 18, 2015 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 Shinpaugh was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Hinds, seconded by Director Reed, Director Shinpaugh 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 Garcia was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Hinds, seconded by Director Reed, Director Garcia 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 Hinds was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, Director Hinds was approved as the Secretary.

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

APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.1, upon a motion by Director Hinds, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board convened to executive session. Upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Hinds, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board re-convened. The License Application received from **Tom Benson, Agent, doing business as Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was discussed. Upon a motion by Director Hinds, seconded by Director Reed, the license of Waxahachie Area Bail Bond was passed and approved. Mr. Benson's current bond writing limit for Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds is \$412,440.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.2, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Michael Avendano, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.3, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Diana Barrientos, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.4, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Ruby Barrientos, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved..

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.5, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Martin Cervantes, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.6, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Frances Galvan, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.7, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Martiza Gonzalez, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.8, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Jerre Hutson, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.9, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Felicia Martell, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was tabled until the February 26, 2016 meeting.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.10, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Linda McKnight, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.11, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Gordon E. Parmelee, III, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

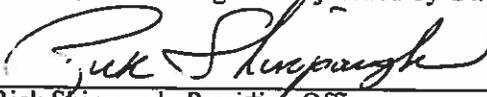
In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.12, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Elsa Rosa, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was tabled until the February 26, 2016 meeting.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.13, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Juan Angel Valdez, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.14, upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Garcia, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Maria C. Villegas, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds** was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Garcia, seconded by Director Reed, the meeting was adjourned by Director Shinpaugh at approximately 2:09 p.m.



Rick Shinpaugh, Presiding Officer



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, January 22, 2016 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 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 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 2016 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter



1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Capt. Terry Ogden, Designee for Johnny Brown, Ellis County Sheriff
_____, Designee for the Ellis County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Assoc.
_____, Designee for the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Ed Jenzrey, Municipal Judge
Judge Bob Carroll, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District
Sara Garcia, Designee for Carol Bush, County Judge
Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge
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_____, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

- 2.4 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve minutes of the December 18, 2015 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-Moran, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, concerning any bond company that has been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments.

3. APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond License Application received from **Tom Benson, doing business as Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Michael Roberto Avendano, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**

- 3.3 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Diana Barrientos, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.4 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Ruby Barrientos, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.5 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Martin Cervantes, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.6 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Frances Galvan, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.7 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Maritza Gonzalez, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.8 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Jerre Hutson, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.9 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Felicia Martell, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.10 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Linda McKnight, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.11 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Gordon E. Parmelee, III, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.12 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Elsa Rosa, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.13 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Juan Angel Valdez, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**
- 3.14 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Maria C. Villegas, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**

5. **RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

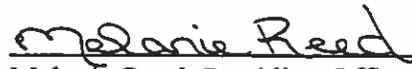
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners Court of Ellis County 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 Commissioners Court 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

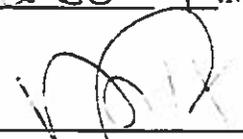
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Signed this the 15th day of January, 2016



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 15th day of January, 2016 at 2:30 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.