

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

**Thursday, January 25, 2017, 1:00 P.M.
Ellis County Courts Building, Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, 109 S. Jackson St.,
Waxahachie, Texas**

Directors Present: Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge
Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4
Theresa Peel, Criminal Defense Attorney
Gene Calvert, County Court at Law #2 Judge
Cindy Polley, County Clerk
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge
Chief Deputy Terry Ogden, Designee for the County Sheriff

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Tommie Eberhart, Ellis County Sheriff
Tom Benson, 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 Jendrzey, seconded by Director Calvert, the meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m., and a quorum declared by Director Chambers. 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 Chambers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the State of Texas flag.

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 Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Reed, the Board accepted members for 2018 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Lieutenant Tommie Eberhart, Designee for Charles E. Edge, Ellis County Sheriff
Theresa Peel, Designee for the Ellis County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Assoc.
Steve Egan, Designee for the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, 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 Reed, seconded by Director Peel, the minutes of the last meeting held December 28, 2017 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 Peel was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Jendzrey, seconded by Director Polley, Director Peel 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 Egan was elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Jendzrey, Director Egan 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 Chambers, seconded by Director Polley, Director Hinds was approved as the Secretary.

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

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

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 10, a report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, through Director Hinds, was given that there were no outstanding NISI judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.11, no action was taken concerning whether or not the Board wants to consider changing the Bail Bond Board rules to specify the types of property provided as collateral for property bond companies.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.12, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the annual employee lists from the bail bond companies pursuant to Rule 307, were unanimously approved.

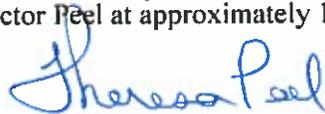
APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application renewal received from Felicia Martell, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.2, the Ellis County Bail Bond License Application received from Lexington National Insurance Corporation, Alvernon Jones, Jr., Agent d/b/a Bad Boy Bail Bonds to update the business address, was tabled.

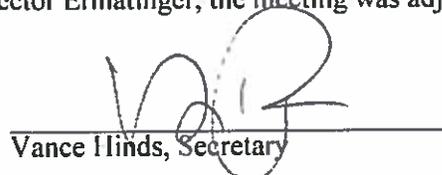
ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the meeting was adjourned by Director Peel at approximately 1:48 p.m.



Theresa Peel, Presiding Officer

3/22/18
Date Approved



Vance Hinds, Secretary

3/22/18
Date Approved

**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 25, 2018 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:

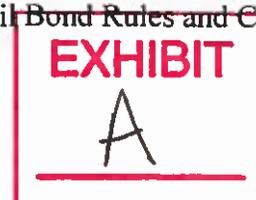
Board Member: Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge
Board Member: Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge
Board Member: Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge
Board Member: Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
Board Member: Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge
Board Member: Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4
Board Member: Theresa Peel, Criminal Defense Attorney
Board Member: Chief Deputy 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 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 2018 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter



1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Lieutenant Tommie Eberhart, Designee for Charles E. Edge, Ellis County Sheriff
_____, Designee for the Ellis County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Assoc.
_____, Designee for the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
(Have not received Designee Form)
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
_____, Municipal Judge (Have not received Designee Form)
Judge Ermatinger, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District
_____, Designee for Carol Bush, County Judge
(Have not received Designee Form)
Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge
_____, County Clerk (Have not received Designee Form)
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
_____, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

- 2.4 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve minutes of the December 28, 2017 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 Lieutenant Eberhart, 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 and action as may be appropriate concerning whether or not the Board wants to consider changing the Bail Bond Board rules to specify the types of property provided as collateral for property bond companies.

2.12 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to receive annual employee lists from the bail bond companies pursuant to Rule 307.

3. **APPLICATIONS**

3.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application renewal received from **Felicia Martell, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.**

3.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to amend Ellis County Bail Bond License Application received from **Lexington National Insurance Corporation, Alvernon Jones, Jrs., Agent d/b/a Bad Boy Bail Bonds** to update the business address.

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

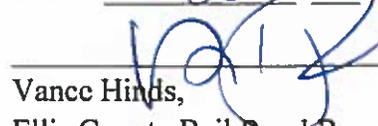
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Signed this the 19 day of January, 2018



Cheryl Chambers, 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 19th day of January, 2018 at 3:00 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.