

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 16, 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
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge, 443rd Judicial District
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for County Judge
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Ann Montgomery, District Attorney

Directors Absent: A. Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2
Damon Fehler, Municipal Judge
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

Others Present: Cherie Batsel, Assistant County & District Attorney
Bethany Williams, Bad Boy Bail Bonds
Jossman Vega, Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds
Arlece Hunt, Bad Boy Bail Bonds
Kristal Botello, Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds
Alvernon Jones, Jr. Bad Boy Bail Bonds
Tom Benson, Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Chambers 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 Reed, seconded by Director Montgomery, the motion to open the meeting was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.3, the invocation was led by Director Reed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the State of Texas flag by Director Chambers.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Reed, seconded by Director Montgomery, the minutes of the November 18, 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 \$28,750.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, a report regarding outstanding bail bonds was not provided.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.5, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Shinaugh, the 2022 Ellis County Bail Bond Board Meeting Schedule including the continuance of WebEx was unanimously approved.

APPLICATIONS

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board License Application renewal from Lexington National Insurance Corporation, Alvernon Jones, Jr. d/b/a Bad Boy Bail Bonds was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Reed, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Employee Application renewals from Arlece Hunt and Bethany Williams were unanimously approved.

Prior to the consideration of Agenda Item 3.3, the Board Secretary reported concerns that may need to be investigated by the Complaint Committee. Upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the request to formally present the issues to the Complaint Committee for investigation was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Shinaugh, seconded by Director Montgomery, and in accordance with the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Rules, the request for the Board Secretary to issue a temporary license to Tom Benson d/b/a Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds and the employees that are already approved, pending final action by the Complaint Committee, was unanimously approved.

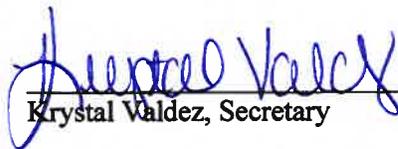
In accordance with Agenda Item 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6 and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Reed, to take no action on the employee application renewals received from the applicants of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds (Jerre Hutson, Jessica Espinoza, Frances Galvan, Miguel Avendano, Maritza Gonzalez, Bianca Chavez, Virginia Rosa); and the new employee applications from Jossman Vega and Krystal Botello, was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Ermatinger, seconded by Director Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned by Director Chambers.


Chris Mason, Presiding Officer
vice

3/3/2022
Date Approved


Krystal Valdez, Secretary

03/03/22
Date Approved