

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 1:15 P.M.

**Board Members met at the Ellis County Courts Building Multi-Purpose Courtroom
109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas**

Directors Present: Mary Ridgway, Designee for District Clerk
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Judge Joe Gallo, County Court at Law #3
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, 443rd Judicial District
Shannan Lampier, Designee for County Judge

Directors Absent: Judge Calla Ross, City of Waxahachie Municipal Court
Lieutenant George Flores, Designee for County Sheriff
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney
Judge Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Precinct. 1
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

Others Present: Samantha Johnson, Counsel for Ellis County Bail Bond Board
Tom Benson, Agent for Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds
Cherie Batsel, Counsel for Ellis County Bail Bond Board

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Valdez called the meeting to order, declared quorum and declared notices were legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.2, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ridgway, the motion to open the meeting was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ridgway, the minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2023 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. Samantha Johnson 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. Samantha Johnson reported \$11,000.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, a report from the Sheriff's Office concerning outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Lieutenant Flores reported via email there is \$363,780.02 outstanding, with \$872,392.58 available.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.5, an amendment to Rule 208(f) of the Ellis County Bail Bond Rules, was unanimously approved. With the change, the Rule now reads as follows:

Rule 208 (f) Approval & Security Requirements for Individuals

A license holder may withdraw the security, or a portion of the security deposited or executed under Texas Occupations Code §1704.160 and the security shall be returned to the license holder or the license holder's heirs or assigns, if the person requesting the withdrawal is:

1. A license holder in good standing and in the amount of the security remaining after the withdrawal is:
 - (A) at least the minimum amount required by Section 1704.160; and
 - (B) an amount sufficient to maintain the ratios required by Section 1704.203 or
2. A former license holder who has ceased to engage in the bonding business, or a former license holder's heir or assign, and the amount of the security remaining after the withdrawal is sufficient to:
 - (A) pay any outstanding judgments; and
 - (B) secure any unexpired obligation on a bail bond executed by the former license holder.

If necessary, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board may adopt rules to limit the number of times in a year security may be returned to a license holder under this section.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.6, and upon a motion by Director Gallo, seconded by Director Ridgway, the request by Tom Benson to withdraw the real property from the property account for Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Gallo, the meeting was adjourned by Director Valdez at approximately 1:20 p.m.


Chris Macon, Presiding Officer


Krystal Valdez, Secretary

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