

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 25, 2024, 1:15 P.M.

**Board Members met at the Ellis County Commissioners' Courtroom (2nd Floor)
101 W. Main St Waxahachie, Texas**

Directors Present: Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Judge Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Precinct. 1
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney
Shannan Lampier, Designee for County Judge
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Judge Calla Ross, City of Waxahachie Municipal Court
Lieutenant Flores, Designee for County Sheriff

Directors Absent: Judge Joe Gallo, County Court at Law #3
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, 443rd Judicial District
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney
Mary Ridgway, Designee for District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER & MEETING OPENING

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, nominations were received, and a secret ballot election held to elect 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 were present at the meeting. Ellis County Bail Bondsman Rick Shinpaugh was duly elected.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, nominations were received, and a secret ballot election held to elect 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 Byron Winborne was duly elected.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the Board acknowledged and accepted board members for 2024 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Lieutenant Jami Land, Designee for Ellis County Sheriff Brad Norman
Byron Winborne, Elected by the Local Criminal Defense Attorneys
Judge Chris Macon, Elected by the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District
Shannan Lampier, Designee for County Judge Todd Little
Judge Joe Gallo., County Court at Law No. 3
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Mary Ridgway, Designee for District Clerk Melanie Reed
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Rick Shinpaugh, Elected by the Licensed Bail Bond Surety

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.4, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the board determined a presiding Judge of a Municipal Court shall serve on the board, pursuant to Rule 101(J), and the nomination of Calla Ross, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.5, nominations were received to hold an election for a Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, Director Macon was nominated and duly elected with votes being cast only by board members present.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.6, nominations were received to hold an election for a Vice-Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Valdez, Director Montgomery was nominated and duly elected with votes being cast only by board members present.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.7, nominations were received to hold an election for a Secretary of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Montgomery, Director Valdez was nominated and duly elected with votes being cast only by board members present.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.8, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2023, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.9, a report from the County & District Attorney's Office concerning companies that have been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments. Director Montgomery stated there were none.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.10, a report from County & District Attorney's Office concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Director Montgomery reported there were none.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.11, a report from the Sheriff's Office concerning outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Lieutenant Land reported \$210,426.02 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.12, the current lists of employees as of January 1, 2024 from Ellis County Bail Bond companies were accepted; No Limit Bail Bond did not provide a list.

APPLICATIONS

All Applicants were sworn in by Director Macon

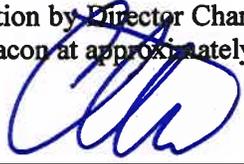
In accordance with Agenda Item 4.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Renewal Application received from Bankers Insurance Company, Agent Elvin John Rosa d/b/a Act Swift Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 4.2, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Renewal Applications received from the following applicants of Act Swift Bail Bonds were unanimously approved: Maritza Gonzalez, Maria C. Villegas-Diaz, Virginia Rosa, Cornelius Buckley.

In accordance with Agenda Item 4.3, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Kiara Toney, a new employee applicant of No Limit Bail Bonds was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

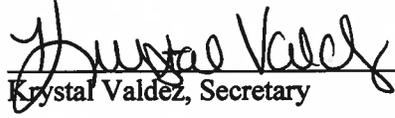
Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon at approximately 1:37 p.m.



Presiding Officer

2/22/24

Date Approved



Krystal Valdez, Secretary

2-22-24

Date Approved