

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 28, 2021, 1:15 P.M.
Ellis County Courts Building, Board Members met via WebEx
109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas

Directors Present: Byron Winborne, Criminal Defense Attorney
Lieutenant Daniel Gonzales, Designee for County Sheriff
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Ed Jendrzej, Municipal Judge
Ann Montgomery, District Attorney
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer

Directors Absent: A. Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge, 443rd Judicial District
Erik Test, Designee for the County Judge

Others Present: Leeanne Bridges, County Judges Office
Lieutenant Wendy Hammonds, Sheriff's Office
Tony Rieper, Bail Bond Agent
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Macon calls meeting to order, declares quorum and declares notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.2, and upon a motion to open the meeting by Director Reed, second by Director Jendrzej, the motion was unanimously approved.

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. Ellis County Bail Bondsman Rick Shinpaugh 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 Paul Manigrasso was elected. Upon a motion to approve by Director Valdez, second by Director Winborne, the motion was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.3, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, second by Director Reed, the Board unanimously approved board members for 2021 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Lieutenant Wendy Hammonds, Designee for Brad Norman, Ellis County Sheriff
Paul Manigrasso, Elected by the Local Criminal Defense Attorneys
Chris Macon, Elected by the Ellis County Justices of the Peace
Ann Montgomery, District Attorney
Ed Jendrzej, Municipal Judge

Judge Cindy Ermatinger, Designee for the Administrative Judicial District
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for Todd Little, County Judge
Judge A. Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Rick Shinpaugh, Elected by the Licensed Bail Bond Surety

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.4, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, second by Director Chambers, the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2020, 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 Macon was nominated and elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Valdez, second by Director Shinpaugh, Director Macon was unanimously 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 Chambers was nominated and elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Reed, second by Director Shinpaugh, Director Chambers was unanimously 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 Valdez was nominated and elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Reed, second by Director Shinpaugh, Director Valdez was unanimously approved as the Secretary.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.8, 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. Ann Montgomery stated there have been none reported.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.9, a report from the designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Ann Montgomery reported \$129,750.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.10, a report from Lieutenant Hammonds was given that there was \$1,153,495.02 in outstanding bail bonds with \$82,677.58 available.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.11 through 2.19, concerning the current list of employees as of 1/01/21. Upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Shinpaugh, employee lists for AAA Bail Bond, AAA #2, Act Swift Bail Bond, Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds, Ellis County Bail Bond, Doc's Bail Bond, Amigo Bail Bond, Bad Boy Bail Bonds and Freedom Bail Bonds were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Shinpaugh, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon at approximately 1:32 p.m.



Chris Macon, Presiding Officer



Krystal Valdez, Secretary

February 25, 2021
Date Approved

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