

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 26, 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
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Ann Montgomery, District Attorney
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for County Judge
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge, 443rd Judicial District

Directors Absent: Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney
Damon Fehler, Municipal Judge
A. Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk

Others Present: Cherie Batsel, Assistant County & District Attorney
Ken Good, Attorney for Agent
Michele Moore, Allegheny Casualty Company
Anthony Rieper, Agent, A-1 Bail Bonds & Freedom Bail Bonds
Jessica Espinoza (Employee Applicant)
Rhonda Sue Sandlin (Employee Applicant)
Hayden Rieper (Employee Applicant)
Zackery Rieper (Employee Applicant)
Diana Rieper (Employee Applicant)

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Chambers, the minutes of the July 22, 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 \$47,750.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, Lieutenant Hammonds reported there is \$1,190,290.02 in outstanding bail bonds with \$45,882.58 available.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.5, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Reed, a committee consisting of Director Shinpaugh, Director Chambers and Director Valdez was created to bring amendments and revisions to the board for consideration, was unanimously approved.

APPLICATIONS

Jessica Espinoza was sworn in by Director Macon

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, second by Director Reed, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Employee Applications from Jessica Espinoza, a new employee of Act Swift Bail Bonds and Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds, were unanimously approved.

(Tabled) In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, second by Director Montgomery, the applications received from Lucinda Rodriguez, an applicant of Act Swift Bail Bonds and Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds were tabled.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, second by Director Chambers, the Ellis County Bail Bond License Application received from Allegheny Casualty Company, Anthony Scott Rieper, Agent d/b/a A-1 Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

Rhonda Sandlin, Hayden Rieper, Zackery Rieper & Diana Rieper were sworn in by Director Macon

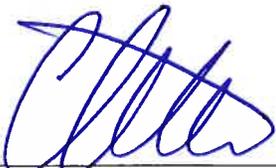
In accordance with Agenda Item 3.4, and upon a motion by Director Reed, second by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Applications received from Rhonda Sue Sandlin, Hayden Rieper, Zackery Rieper & Diana Rieper, employees of A-1 Bail Bonds, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.5, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, second by Director Chambers, the Ellis County Bail Bond License Application received from American Surety Company, Anthony Scott Rieper, Agent d/b/a Freedom Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.6, and upon a motion by Director Reed, second by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Applications received from Rhonda Sue Sandlin, Hayden Rieper, Zackery Rieper & Diana Rieper, employees of Freedom Bail Bonds, were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

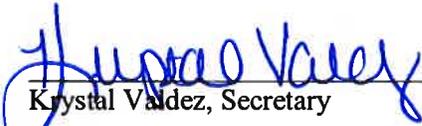
Upon a motion by Director Chambers, second by Director Montgomery, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon.



Chris Macon, Presiding Officer

23 SEPTEMBER

Date Approved
2021



Krystal Valdez, Secretary

9-23-21

Date Approved