

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 1:15 P.M.

Ellis County Courts Building, Board Members met In-Person and via WebEx
109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas

Directors Present: Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney
Lieutenant Wendy Hammonds, Designee for County Sheriff
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Damon Fehler, Municipal Judge
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
A. Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for County Judge
Nichole Kyle, Designee for District Judge

Others Present: Lieutenant Daniel Gonzales, Sheriff's Office
Tom Benson, Bail Bond Agent
Shelly Matheson, Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc.

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 Calvert, second by Director Reed, the motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with 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 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.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.3, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Calvert, the Board unanimously approved board members for 2022 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Lieutenant Daniel Gonzales, 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, County & District Attorney
Damon Fehler, 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 Judge

Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Rick Shinpaugh, Elected by the Licensed Bail Bond Surety

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, and upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2021, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with 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 Calvert, seconded by Director Reed, Director Macon was unanimously approved as the Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.6, nominations were received to hold an election for Vice-Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Director Montgomery was nominated and elected with votes being cast only by board members present. Upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Chambers, Director Montgomery was unanimously approved as the Vice-Presiding Officer.

In accordance with 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 Chambers, seconded by Director Reed, Director Valdez was unanimously approved as the Secretary.

In accordance with 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. Cherie Batsel stated there have been none reported.

In accordance with 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. Cherie Batsel reported \$30,250.00 outstanding.

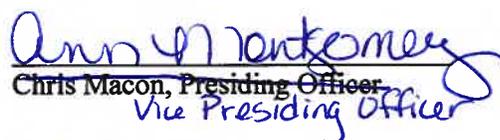
In accordance with Agenda Item 2.10, a report from Lieutenant Gonzales was given that there is \$1,234,290.02 in outstanding bail bonds.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.11 concerning the current list of employees as of January 1, 2022 for Ellis County bond companies, no lists were received, item will be placed on next agenda.

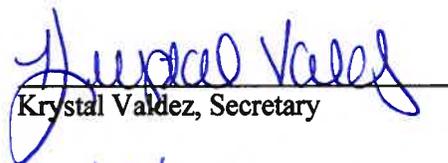
In accordance with Agenda Item 2.12, consideration and action concerning Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc.'s request for release of CD #2931 deposited with Ellis County for Dustin Autrey dba Aggie Bails, license #104, upon a motion to take no action by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Chambers, the motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Chris Macon, Presiding Officer
Vice Presiding Officer

3/3/2022
Date Approved


Krystal Valdez, Secretary

03/3/22
Date Approved