

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 24, 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: Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for County Judge
Mary Ridgway, Designee for Melanie Reed, District Clerk

Directors Absent: A Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2
Damon Fehler, Municipal Judge
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney
Lieutenant Daniel Gonzales, Designee for County Sheriff
Cindy Ermatinger, Designee for Administrative Judicial District

Others Present: Cherie Batsel, Legal Counsel for Bail Bond Board
Tom Benson, Bail Bond Agent
Roger Moore, Attorney
Ron Bunch, Attorney
Martin Cervantes
Virginia Rosa
Taylor Sutton
Jerre Hutson
Fran Galvan
Miguel Avendano

CALL TO ORDER

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

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.3, the Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance were led by Director Chambers.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2022, 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 \$17,844.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, a report from the Sheriff's Office concerning the outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. The item was passed due to no report being provided to the board.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants of Act Swift Bail Bonds were sworn in by Director Montgomery

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Chambers, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Employee Applications received from Jerre Hutson, Frances Galvan, Virginia Rosa, Martin Cervantes and Miguel Avendano, new employees of Act Swift Bail Bonds, were unanimously approved. Martin Cervantes clarified his role with Act Swift, and stated that his duties for the bond company would not conflict with his duties as a licensed peace officer.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, the board received the Ellis County Standing Complaint Committee referral as to Act Swift Bail Bonds and Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Pursuant to recommendations, and upon a motion by Director Shinsaugh, seconded by Director Chambers, the board unanimously approved to accept Mr. Benson's waiver of the hearing and the required notice, and will receive a written reprimand from the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Chambers, second by Director Valdez, the meeting was adjourned by Director Montgomery at approximately 1:29 p.m.



Presiding Officer/Vice-Presiding Officer

4-28-22

Date Approved



Secretary

4-28-22

Date Approved