

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 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
Sergeant Joel Chandler, Designee for County Sheriff
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Judge Calla Ross, City of Waxahachie Municipal Court
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney
Judge Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Precinct. 1
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Judge A. Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law #2
Shannon Lampier, Designee for County Judge Todd Little

Directors Absent: Melanie Reed, District Clerk
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, 443rd Judicial District

Others Present: Chad Hughes, Ellis County Criminal Defense Bar Association
Dusty Autrey, Bail Bond Agent
Alvernon Jones, Bail Bond Agent
Samantha Johnson, Assistant County and District Attorney
Judge Joe Gallo, County Court at Law #3
Steven Paul Pearson, Bad Boy Bail Bonds
Paula Padron, AAA Bail Bonds
Preston Peyrot, AAA Bail Bonds

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 Montgomery, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, 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. Upon a motion to approve the secret ballot election by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Montgomery, Ellis County Bail Bondsman Rick Shinpaugh was duly elected.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.2, 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. Upon a motion to approve the secret ballot election by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, defense attorney Paul Manigrasso was duly elected.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.3, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Chambers, the Board acknowledged and accepted board members for 2023 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Sergeant Joel Chandler, Designee for Brad Norman, Ellis County Sheriff
Paul Manigrasso, 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
Shannon Lampier, Designee for County Judge Todd Little
Judge Joe Gallo., County Court at Law No. 3
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 Manigrasso, the board determined a presiding Judge of a Municipal Court shall serve on the board, pursuant to Rule 101(J), and the nomination and approval of Calla Ross, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.5, nominations were received to hold an election for a 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 Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Ross, Director Macon was unanimously approved as Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.6, nominations were received to hold an election for a 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 Shinpaugh, Director Montgomery was unanimously approved as Vice-Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.7, nominations were received to hold an election for a 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 Montgomery, seconded by Director Chambers, Director Valdez was unanimously approved as Secretary.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.8, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2022 were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.9, 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. Samantha Johnson stated there have been none reported.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.10, a report from the designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Samantha Johnson reported \$5,630.51 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.11, a report from the Sheriff's Office concerning outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Sergeant Chandler reported \$363,780.02 outstanding, with \$872,392.58 available.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.12, the current list of employees as of January 1, 2023 for Ellis County Bond Companies were received by the board.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.13, the board discussed the proposed 2023 meeting schedule and the continued use of WebEx. Upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Chambers, the board unanimously approved to discontinue using WebEx for the monthly meetings. Upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Ross, the proposed 2023 Ellis County Bail Bond Board Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.

APPLICATIONS

Director Macon swore in all applicants.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Steven Paul Pearson, a new employee of Bad Boy Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Gallo, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Paula Padron, a new employee of AAA Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Shinpaugh, seconded by Director Gallo, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Preston Thomas Peyrot, a new employee applicant of AAA Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Montgomery, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon at approximately 1:45 p.m.



Chris Macon, Presiding Officer



Krystal Valdez, Secretary

23 FEBRUARY 2023

Date Approved

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