

# ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 23, 2023, 1:15 P.M.

Board Members met at the Ellis County Courts Building Multi-Purpose Courtroom  
109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas

**Directors Present:** Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney  
Mary Ridgway, Designee for District Clerk  
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk  
Judge Joe Gallo, County Court at Law #3  
Judge Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Precinct. 1  
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
Judge Cindy Ermatinger, 443<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

**Directors Absent:** Judge Calla Ross, City of Waxahachie Municipal Court  
Lieutenant George Flores, Designee for County Sheriff  
Ann Montgomery, County & District Attorney  
Shannan Lampier, Designee for County Judge

**Others Present:** Randy Adler, Attorney and Registered Agent for Bankers Insurance Company  
Tom Benson, Agent for Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds  
Cherie Batsel, Counsel for Ellis County Bail Bond Board  
Amy Fincher, Ellis County Bailbond  
LaToya Thomas, No Limit Bail Bonds  
Gwendolyn Thomas, No Limit Bail Bonds

## CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Macon called the meeting to order, declared quorum and declared notices were legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.2, and upon a motion by Director Ermatinger, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the motion to open the meeting was unanimously approved.

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Chambers, the minutes of the meeting held on January 26, 2023 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 \$10,500.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, a report from the Sheriff's Office concerning outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Lieutenant Flores reported via email there is \$363,780.02 outstanding, with \$872,392.58 available.

**APPLICATIONS**

*Director Macon swore in all applicants.*

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Gallo, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Amy Fincher, a new employee of Ellis County Bailbond was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Chambers, the Ellis County Bail Bond License Application received from Bankers Insurance Company, Agent Corey C. Toney d/b/a No Limit Bail Bonds was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Manigrasso, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Applications received from LaToya Rashon Thomas and Gwendolyn Thomas, new employee applicants of No Limit Bail Bonds, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.4, and upon a motion by Director Ermatinger, seconded by Director Chambers, the request by Tom Benson to withdraw the real property from the property account for Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds was tabled to the March meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Shinpaugh, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon at approximately 2:00 p.m.

  
Chris Macon, Presiding Officer

3-23-23  
Date Approved

  
Krystal Valdez, Secretary

3-23-23  
Date Approved