

ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 1:15 P.M.

**Members met at the Ellis County Commissioners' Courtroom (2nd Floor)
101 W. Main St Waxahachie, Texas**

CALL TO ORDER & MEETING OPENING

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Valdez 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 Calvert, seconded by Director Ross, the motion to open the meeting was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, 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 agents present at the meeting. Ellis County Bail Bondsman Dusty Autrey was duly elected and unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.2, nominations were received, and a secret ballot election was 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 present at the meeting. Criminal Defense Attorney Byron Winborne was duly elected and unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Calvert, seconded by Director Chambers, the Board acknowledged and accepted board members for 2025 in accordance with Ellis County Bail Bond Rules and Chapter 1704 of the Texas Occupations Code as follows:

Chief Terry Ogden, Ellis County Sheriff Designee
Judge Grace Pandithurai, 443rd Judicial District Court
Judge Gene Calvert, County Court at Law No. 2
Shannan Lampier, County Judge Designee
Deborah Bonner, County & District Attorney Designee
Judge Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1
Mary Ridgway, District Clerk Designee
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
Byron Winborne, Local Criminal Defense Attorney
Dusty Autrey, Licensed Bail Bond Agent

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.4, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Calvert, the board determined a presiding Judge of a Municipal Court shall serve on the board, pursuant to Rule 101(J), and the nomination of Calla Ross, was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.5, nominations were received to hold an election for a Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Upon a motion by Director Calvert, seconded by Director Chambers, Judge Chris Macon was nominated and duly elected as Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.6, nominations were received to hold an election for a Vice-Presiding Officer of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Upon a motion by Director Calvert, seconded by Director Ross, Cheryl Chambers was nominated and duly elected as Vice-Presiding Officer.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.7, nominations were received to hold an election for a Secretary of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board. Upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Calvert, Krystal Valdez was nominated and duly elected as Secretary.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.8, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Autrey, the minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2024, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.9, a report from the County & District Attorney's Office concerning companies that have been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments. No report provided.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.10, a report from the County & District Attorney's Office concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. No report provided.

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.11, to receive the current lists of employees as of January 1, 2025 from all Ellis County Bail Bond companies. Upon a motion by Director Valdez, seconded by Director Autrey, the employee lists were unanimously accepted and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Director Autrey, seconded by Director Ogden, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:33 p.m.



Presiding Officer

2-27-2025

Date Approved



Secretary

2-27-25

Date Approved