

**MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE HOPKINS COUNTY BAIL
BOND BOARD**

On this the 6th day of October 2014 the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hopkins County Courthouse in Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

JP #1, Yvonne King
County Court at Law Judge, Amy Smith
County Clerk, Debbie Shirley
Treasurer, Treva Watson
Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Lester
CCL Coordinator, Liz Vice
Maria's Bonding Business, David Miller
Maria's Bonding Business, Rafaela Miller
Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds, Kathy Tomberlin
A+ Bail Bonds, Robert McElroy
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, Della Cleveland
Bargain Bail Bonds II, Charli Wallace
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris
Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds, JT Brisson
Texas Bail Bonds #1, Julie Woolley
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton

And the meeting being called to order at 2:07 p.m., Judge Newsom, Chairman of the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board, presided over this organizational meeting, whereupon the following resolutions were duly adopted upon motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, to wit:

- I. Announcement by the Chairman whether a quorum is present, that the meeting has been duly called and that the notice of the meeting has been posted for the time and manner required by law.**
 - (1) Chairman Judge Smith called the meeting to order and stated that there was a quorum of Board members present and that the notice for the meeting had been posted in accordance with the manner required by law.

- II. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Quarterly Meeting on July 26th, 2014.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, motion to approve minutes was made by C.J. Duffey, and seconded by Ms. Treva Watson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

- III. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Application for David Miller dba Maria's Bail Bonding Business.**
 - (1) Ms. Shirley stated that she had reviewed the application from Mr. Miller and had noted that he had not completed the 12 months of previous bondsmen experience. Mr. Miller's application was denied at this time due to the lack of required bondsmen experience. The Board members informed Mr. Miller that he may re-apply once experience has been met.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Application for Rafaela Miller dba Maria's Bail Bonding Business.**
 - (1) Mrs. Miller's application was withdrawn due to the fact that husband and wife cannot be co-owners of a bail bonding business.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Employee Application for Kathy Tomberlin.**
 - (1) Ms. Tomberlin appeared before the Board to present her employee application for employment with Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds. Ms. Tomberlin's application was reviewed and a question as to the employee application fee was brought up. It was believed that the application fee is to pay for the employee badges. After a brief discussion and review of her application, motion to approve Ms. Tomberlin's application was made by CJ Duffey and seconded by Kevin Lester. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

- VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Mr. JT Brisson's Request for Exchange of Collateral.**
 - (1) Mr. Brisson came before the Board to request that his 3 cd's of approximately \$100,000.00 be released and

he be allowed to substitute real estate in its place. His real estate is worth approximately \$150,000.00. Mr. Brison believed that his real estate would cover any outstanding liability with the county. Ms. Watson discussed with him what cd's he needed released and she stated that she would get the proper paperwork together to get that taken care of. Ms. Shirley ran a report to make sure that Mr. Brison was within his limits to be able to withdraw his cd's. The report had not been updated and was still showing out of county bonds. After reviewing the report, there was a motion made by Mr. Duffey to table the issue until the Board and Mr. Brison could get the correct figures. At that point Mr. Brison then offered to withdraw the \$50,000.00 cd only and place the request to withdraw the other two cd's on the next bail bond board agenda. Mr. Duffey then withdrew his previous motion to table. Mr. Duffey then made another motion to approve Mr. Brison's new request of the \$50,000.00 cd and to table the other 2 cd's for the next bail bond board meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.

VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on Complaint Filed by Mr. JT Brison.

- (1) Mr. Brison's complaint was discussed at the Bondsmen Association meeting prior to the Bail Bond Board meeting and Mr. Brison agreed to drop the complaint.

VII. Ms. Debbie Shirley to Address the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board Regarding Her Concerns on Proper Bail Bond Procedures.

- (1) Ms. Debbie addressed the Board with her concerns about bond procedures. Her concern is that the bondsmen turn their clients in and then go off their bond. The problem Ms. Shirley has is that the bondsman then turns right around and bonds them out again. Ms. Shirley stated that it was her concern/belief that bondsmen were not allowed to do that. Mr. Harris explained to Ms. Shirley that bondsmen were allowed to do it as long as they want to and explained it is their job to make sure their clients show up for court.
- (2) Ms. Shirley had a second issue regarding bond forfeiture notices being sent out. She asked the bondsmen if a prejudgment is done with the County Attorney's Office to have that taken care of before the hearing. If the case is taken care of then those individuals do not need to show up to court, but if nothing has been taken care of, those individuals need to show up to court.

IX. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Take Comments from the Public and Discuss Future Agenda Items.

- (1) Employee Badges.
- (2) What the \$500 application fee is to be used for.
- (3) Mr. Brison's request to withdraw his remaining 2 cd's.

X. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.

- (1) There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn made by Mr. CJ Duffey and seconded by Ms. Watson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2015

Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board