

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

On this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015 the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hopkins County Courthouse in Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

8<sup>th</sup> District, Judge Eddie Northcutt  
County Court at Law, Judge Amy Smith  
County Judge, Judge Robert Newsom  
County Clerk, Debbie Shirley  
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher  
Treasurer, Jim Thompson  
Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Lester  
Treva Watson  
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris  
Taylor Bail Bonds, Donna Fletcher  
A+ Bail Bonds, Robert McElroy  
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, Della Cleveland  
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey  
Bargain Bail Bonds, Charli Wallace  
Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds, JT Brisson  
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton

And the meeting being called to order at 10:41 a.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 Newsom 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 October 6, 2014.**
  - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, after pointing out that Judge Newsom needed to be changed to Judge Smith, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Smith and seconded by Mr. Duffey. 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 Della Cleveland dba Ramirez Bail Bonds.**
  - (1) Ms. Cleveland presented her application to the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board within the required 30 day period before the meeting date. Ms. Shirley stated that at her time of review there were 2 items that were missing. Ms. Cleveland did follow through and provided those required documents to the Board. Ms. Cleveland has 30 days from the day of approval to file with the Board her deed of trust for the collateral. After answering a few brief questions, Judge Smith made a motion to approve Ms. Cleveland's application. County Clerk, Debbie Shirley, seconded the motion. Chairman called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Motion passed and Ms. Cleveland's license application for Ramirez Bail Bonds was approved.
  
- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Mr. JT Brisson's Request for Release of His Remaining CD's.**
  - (1) Mr. Brisson came before the HCBBB to request the release of his remaining \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit. Mr. Brisson did state that he did have a deed of trust pledged to the County that would more than cover any outstanding liability against his bonding company. Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Lester, did confirm with the Board that he had reviewed Mr. Brisson's outstanding liability and he was in good standing. Ms. Watson informed that Board that she did not receive the appraisal, which was actually given to the Board Secretary. Motion to approve the request for release of cd was made by CJ Duffey and seconded by Judge Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and Mr. Brisson's cd was released to him.

**V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Donna Fletcher's Request for Release of CD.**

(1) Ms. Fletcher came before the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to request the release of her Certificate of Deposit that was used as collateral for Taylor Bail Bonds. Treasurer, Treva Watson, provided a letter stating that the hold on the Certificate of Deposit was being released. A formal motion to release the Certificate of Deposit back to Ms. Fletcher was made by Judge Smith and seconded by Ms. Shirley. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and Ms. Fletcher request for release of CD was granted.

**VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss, Approve, and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Change of Date and Time for the Quarterly Bail Bond Board Meeting.**

(1) Judge Newsom stated before the Board that it had been requested that the meeting date and time be changed to 2:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the respective quarterly month. Motion to approve the change of date and time for the quarterly Bail Bond Board meeting was made by Judge Northcutt and seconded by Ms. Shirley. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the date and time for the quarterly Bail Bond Board meeting was changed.

**VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Proper Handling of the \$500 Application Fee.**

(1) Mr. Miller was not present at the meeting and Mr. Duffey made a motion to Table the agenda item until Mr. Miller ask that it be placed back on the agenda. Motion was seconded by District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Item was Tabled.

**VIII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on Employee Badges.**

(1) Mr. Duffey provided to the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board the information he received from Flippin Printing. The new badges will be similar to the old ones with the exception of the security thumb print that would be added to the new badges. The badges with cost \$25 and will be at the expense of the bondsmen. Motion to approve the new employee badges was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Mr. Duffey. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the employee badges to be made by Flippin Printing were approved.

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

(1) There was a discussion on the proper procedure on a 1716. It was concluded that a signature from a Judge and if they were not available then a Magistrate Judge could provide a signature.  
(2) Judge Northcutt discussed the issues on bond forfeitures.

**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 Judge Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

To certify which, witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Judge Robert Newsom  
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board