

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

On this the 2nd day of August, 2019 the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hopkins County Courthouse in Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

County Judge, Robert Newsom
County Clerk, Tracy Smith
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher
District Attorney, Will Ramsay
Sheriff's Office, Whitney Waller
Bondsmen Representative, CJ Duffey
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
A-Able Bail Bonds, Denny Downing
A-Able Bail Bonds, John Baumgartner
Lone Star Bail Bonds. Eddie Harris
Della Ramirez Bail Bonds, Della Cleveland
Attorney, Randy Adler

And the meeting being called to order at 2:04 pm., 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 Meetings on May 3, 2019.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by CJ Duffey and seconded by Cheryl Fulcher. 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 Take Appropriate Action on the Release of Remaining Collateral for Della Ramirez Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Ms. Cleveland came before the Board to request that the remaining collateral be returned to her since she is no longer in business. Ms. Fulcher and Ms. Smith did state that Ms. Cleveland was paid in full and there were no outstanding debts or forfeitures. With no further discussion, motion to release the remaining collateral for Della Ramirez Bail Bonds was made by Cheryl Fulcher and seconded by Will Ramsay. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the request for the release of remaining collateral for Della Ramirez Bail Bonds was approved.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Mr. Adler, as representative of Banker's Insurance Company, came before the HCBBB to request a renewal for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds. Mr. Adler addressed the Board informing the Board that the application was in order and nothing outstanding or unpaid. With no further discussion, motion to approve the renewal application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds was made by Will Ramsay and seconded by Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the request for renewal application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds was approved.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Mark Bassham #3 Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Mr. Adler was also before the Board as a representative of Banker's Insurance Company with the request for approval of the renewal application for Mark Bassham #3 Bail Bonds with Mr. Hyde as the agent. To Mr. Adler's knowledge, everything was in order and there was nothing outstanding or unpaid. Mr. Duffey questioned if Mark Bassham #3 was in the same office as Mr. Hyde's law office. Mr. Adler did inform the Board that nothing had changed since the last situation where they did not have a bail bond office with a law office. Ms. Smith did mention that Mr. Hyde did have a default judgment with his other bonding company. After a brief discussion regarding the default judgment, Mr. Ramsay did state that he felt

confident that they would be able to come to an agreement. Motion to approve the renewal application for Mark Bassham #3 Bail Bonds was made by Will Ramsay and seconded by CJ Duffey. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the renewal application for Mark Bassham #3 Bail Bonds was approved.

VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Lone Star Bail Bonds.

- (1) Mr. Harris addressed the Board in regards to his request for approval of his renewal application. Mr. Harris stated that his application was in order and that he had no delinquent bonds. With no questions from the Board or its members, motion to approve the renewal application for Lone Star Bail Bonds was made by CJ Duffey and seconded by Will Ramsay. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the renewal application for Lone Star Bail Bonds was approved.

VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the New Application for John Baumgartner dba Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II.

- (1) Mr. Adler, as representative of Banker's Insurance Company, came before the HCBBB to request the approval of a new application for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II. Mr. Baumgartner will be the agent. Mr. Baumgartner will be purchasing an existing bonding company that is currently licensed in Hopkins County to Mr. Denny Downing. After the transition of the company from Mr. Downing to Mr. Baumgartner, Mr. Adler did tell the Board that the only thing that would change as far as the county is concerned, would be who signs the bonds. And as far as the public is concerned, there would be no change. The company would still have the same name, location, phone number, and same people. The public would still report just like they did when it was under Mr. Downing's operation. Pending the approval of the Board, Mr. Adler recited the steps that would need to be taken care of before Mr. Baumgartner could take over. The account would need to be funded with a new \$50,000.00 CD, the abandonment would need to be filed by Mr. Downing, and then the new Assumed Name Assumption would need to be filed by Mr. Baumgartner. All steps would be done simultaneously on the same day to make the transition as easy as possible. Mr. Baumgartner introduced himself to the Board and answered a few questions from the Board. With no further questions or discussion from the Board or its members, motion to approve the new application for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II was made by Will Ramsay and seconded by Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the new application for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II was approved.

VIII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Deliver Election Results.

- (1) After receiving and counting the ballots from the bondsmen, it was announced that CJ Duffey was elected as the Bondsmen Representative.

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


- (1) None.

X. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this 25 day of October, 2019.


Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board