

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

On this the 30th day of April, 2021, the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met remotely using Zoom:

County Judge, Robert Newsom  
8<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Eddie Northcutt  
County Court at Law Judge, Clay Harrison  
Sheriff's Office, Whitney Waller  
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher  
County Clerk, Tracy Smith  
District Attorney Will Ramsay  
County Treasurer, Danny Davis  
County Attorney's Office, Amy Griggs  
CCL Coordinator, Lindsay Smith  
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton  
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, C.J. Duffey  
Not Guilty Bail Bonds, John Baumgartner  
Denny Downing  
Texas Bail Bonds #1, Mark Bassham

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 that the meeting has been duly called to order and quorum was present.**
  - (1) Chairman Judge Newsom called the meeting to order.
  
- II. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Quarterly Meeting on January 29, 2021.**
  - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Northcutt and seconded by Danny Davis. 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 new employee application for Not Guilty Bail Bonds**
  - (1) Mr. Baumgartner asked for approval of new employee, Ms. Neal, to work in Hopkins County. She has worked for his company for 2 years in other counties, Collin and Hunt. Mr. Will Ramsay made a motion to approve the application of the new employee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cindy Horton. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the employee application was approved.
  
- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on Lone Star Bail Bond's request for release of security, real property located at 4400 CR 2200.**
  - (1) Ms. Tracy Smith informed the board that there are still pending cases and therefore liability in her court for this company. No one was present to present from Lone Star Bail Bonds. Ms. Tracy Smith made a motion that the item should be tabled at this time. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cindy Horton. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously.
  
- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the renewal application for A Fresh Start Bail Bonds**
  - (1) Mr. Duffey requested a renewal and informed the board his application was completed. Ms. Cindy Horton made a motion to approve the renewal application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whitney Waller. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the renewal application was approved.
  
- VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on request for release of CD by Mr. Denny Downing.**

- (1) ) Mr. Downing explained there were 3 previous cases holding up the release of this CD, but now are disposed. Ms. Tracy Smith confirmed no pending cases remain in her courts. Ms. Cheryl Fulcher confirmed all cases are resolved in District Court. Mr. Will Ramsay made a motion to approve the release of CD funds to Mr. Downing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and CD will be released.

**VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the renewal application for Texas Bail Bonds #1.**

- (1) Mr. Mark Bassham appeared on behalf of Mr. Heath Hyde who was traveling. Mr. Hyde attended the new Bail Bond Board School on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Tracy Smith said some of the paperwork is dated 2020. Mr. Bassham explained they tried to renew last year, but it was too early so they resubmitted the old application with some needed updates. Judge Newsom and Ms. Cindy Horton confirmed this was allowed. Ms. Cindy Horton made a motion to approve the renewal application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the renewal application was approved.

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

- (1) Mr. Danny Davis advised there are no outstanding renewal fees due to his office. Ms. Tracy Smith said there are no outstanding judgments owed to her office.
- (2) Ms. Amy Griggs made a request for more information to be added to bond paperwork to include phone number and email address. She explained the Court is trying to contact people with information about upcoming dockets. She asked if the jail could add a line for this information. Ms. Cindy Horton said her forms already had a place for this.
- (3) Ms. Tracy Smith asked if anyone knew an updated address for Bargain Bail Bonds. Their mail was returned.

**VI. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.**

- (1) There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Tracy Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Danny Davis. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Judge Newsom at 2:29 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

To certify which, witness my hand this 23 day of July, 2021.



Judge Robert Newsom

**Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board**