

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

On this the 22nd day of July, 2022, the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioner's Courtroom, First Floor of the Hopkins County Courthouse Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

County Judge, Robert Newsom
County Court at Law, Judge Clay Harrison
County Clerk, Tracy Smith
Deputy District Clerk, Heather Harrison
JP Precinct 1, Judge BJ Teer
HCSO, Whitney Waller
CCL Coordinator, Lindsay Smith
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
Not Guilty Bail Bonds, John Baumgartner
Texas Bail Bonds #1, Mark Bassham
Texas Bail Bonds #1, Vickie Cunningham

And the meeting being called to order at 1:00 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 April 22, 2022.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Teer. Whitney Waller seconded the motion. 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 approval of Surety's Acknowledgement for Mark Bassham Bail Bonds #3/Bankers Insurance Company.**
 - (1) Mr. Bassham appeared and reminded the board his license was approved last meeting. This document was sent regarding the security deposit. There were no questions. A motion to approve was made by C.J. Duffey. Judge Teer seconded the motion. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the Surety's Acknowledgement was approved.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the New Employee Application for Texas Bail Bonds #1. Tabled item from January 2022**
 - (1) Mark Bassham appeared to speak about the new employee applicant. She works for the bail bond company in other counties, including Hunt County. She has also held previous jobs in Hopkins County. There were no questions for Ms. Cunningham.
 - (2) A motion to approve was made by Tracy Smith. C.J. Duffey seconded the motion. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the new employee application for Vickie Cunningham was approved.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the proposal of new application procedure used by Dallas County Bail Bond Board (Cindy Horton)**
 - (1) Cindy Horton proposed for bonds companies to only submit 2 copies of the application to the board. One copy to the BBB secretary and one copy to the County Clerk. Other board members could request a copy by email from the board secretary. Mr. Duffey and Mr. Baumgartner discussed possible confidentiality and security issues with distributing applicant info by email.
 - (2) A motion to reduce the number of applications submitted to the board from 9 to 2 was made by Judge Teer. Whitney Waller seconded the motion. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and new application procedure was approved.

- VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the New Employee Application for Lone Star Bail Bonds. Tabled Item from January 2022**
 - (1) No one appeared to speak on this item. Judge Teer made a motion to table the item. Tracy Smith seconded the motion. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Item was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to present election results for licensed bail bond sureties' representative.

- (1) Lindsay Smith thanked Whitney Waller for her help with the election. Ms. Smith announced the results of the 2022 election, in which Cindy Horton was elected the Bail Bond Sureties' representative.

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

- (1) Mark Bassham shared possible changes in policy for DPS and Roysse City PD regarding some arrests. Judge Teer responded that he does not believe DPS is making any changes.
- (2) Whitney Waller explained that the jail cannot provide blank bonds to Mark Bassham for his companies. Attorney bonds can be provided but not company bonds.
- (3) Judge Teer shared that there could be an increase in PR bonds for non-violent offenses.

X. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.

- (1) There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Whitney Waller. It was seconded by CJ Duffey. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by Judge Newsom at 1:25 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this 28 day of October, 2022.


Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board