

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

On this the 23rd day of July, 2021, 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
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher
JP 1 Judge, BJ Teer
County Treasurer, Danny Davis
Sherriff's Office, Lt. Whitney Waller
CCL Coordinator, Lindsay Smith
Randy Adler, Attorney Bankers
Above and Beyond Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
Brison and Brison Bail Bonds II, John Baumgartner
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Miguel Cadena
A Williams Bail Bonds, Barbara Williams

And the meeting being called to order at 2:04 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 30, 2021.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Teer 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 the Renewal Application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Mr. Adler said this was the third renewal and company takes care of business without problems. County Clerk Tracy affirmed everything in the application was in order. A motion to approve was made by Tracy Smith and seconded by Cheryl Fulcher. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and renewal was approved.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Not Guilty Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Mr. Adler appeared with Mr. Baumgartner. Again said no issues with this company and this was their 2nd renewal. A motion to approve was made by Whitney Waller and seconded by Cheryl Fulcher. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and renewal was approved.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Lone Star Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Miguel Cadena appeared to present the application. Tracy Smith explained application wasn't submitted 30 days prior to meeting. The consent of financial information form was not notarized, nor was the certification signed by Eddie Harris. Mr. Duffey reminded the board about the rule that allows counties with quarterly meetings, rather than monthly, to give license holders until the next regular meeting to renew, if their expiration date is between meetings. Mr. Cadena was directed to resubmit the missing or incorrect items before the next quarterly meeting. A motion to table this item was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Whitney Waller. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and renewal was tabled.

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

- (1) Mrs. Barbara Williams appeared to present the application. She explained she had submitted her application last year, but was informed it wasn't time to renew yet. She resubmitted her renewal application this year but that is the reason most documents are dated for a year ago. Tracy Smith explained a sworn financial statement was supposed to be made within 90 days of the application. Mrs. Williams did update completion of courses, tax receipts and an insurance policy. Judge Newsom directed Mrs. Williams to resubmit with updated financial information. A motion to table this item was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Cheryl Fulcher. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and renewal was tabled.

VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on procedure of filing and tracking real property liens for bonding companies.

- (1) Mr. Davis requested location of filing these documents be changed from Treasurer's office to County Clerk's Office. Ms. Tracy Smith believed all records of collateral should be kept in the Treasurer's Office. Judge Teer and Mrs. Fulcher asked about the current procedure.
- (2) Attorney, Randy Adler was asked to speak to this issue. He explained collateral is generally kept in one place, usually the Treasurer's Office. He read a statute regarding security requirements, but said it may not be clear as to who keeps the records of collateral. Main issue is that someone knows where it is in the County. Recommended to be kept under lock and key.
- (3) A motion to table this item was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Judge Harrison. Motion was called to a vote. Ms. Tracy Smith opposed. Motion passed by majority and item was tabled.

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

- (1) Lindsay Smith thanked Ms. Waller for her help with the election. She announced Mr. C.J. Duffey as the election winner for Bail Bond Board Sureties' representative. A motion to accept the recommendation to make Mr. Duffey the representative was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Whitney Waller. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and representative was approved.

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


- (1) Ms. Fulcher wanted to ensure the tabled item (real property liens) will be added back to the next meeting's agenda. She also asked about an overview of the Bail Bond Secretary job description.
- (2) Mr. Adler overviewed new legislation for the education of bond companies present at the meeting. HB1005, both the bail bond surety's and defendant's Driver License and address should be disclosed on face of the bond. He also spoke about the Damon Allen Act and what it could impact.
- (3) Ms. Fulcher asked that the jail collect good contact info for receipt holder on cash bonds.
- (4) Ms. Tracy Smith reminded bond companies to please turn in copies of their applications to all appropriate offices when turning in a renewal.

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 BJ Teer. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by Judge Newsom at 2:39 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this 22 day of October, 2021.


Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board