

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

On this the 7th day of April 2014 the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hopkins County Courthouse in Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

Hopkins County Judge, Robert Newsom
JP #2, Ronny Glossup
CCL Judge, Amy Smith
County Clerk, Debbie Shirley
Treasurer, Treva Watson
Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Lester
Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Clanton
8th District Court Coordinator, Cheryl Fulcher
CCL Coordinator, Liz Vice
Bargain Bail Bonds II, Charli Wallace
Brison & Brison Bail Bonds, J.T. Brison
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, Della Robinson
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
A+ Bail Bonds, Robert McElroy
Texas Bail Bonds #1, Julie Woolley

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 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 January 6, 2014.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, motion to approve minutes was made by Judge Glossup, and seconded by Ms. Treva Watson. 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 Bail Bond Employee Application for Linda June Hudson.**
 - (1) Charli Wallace came before the Board and requested that the employee application for Linda June Hudson be approved. After reviewing the application, motion to approve was made by CJ Duffey and seconded by Debbie Shirley. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and employee application for Linda June Hudson was approved.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Renewal for A Fresh Start Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Application for renewal for A Fresh Start Bail Bonds was received by Hopkins County Bail Bond Board Review Committee within the appropriate time frame. Ms. Shirley stated that she took time to review the application and did find some minor details that were not in order. Ms. Shirley further stated that she spoke with Mr. Duffey concerning these items and that he corrected these items in a timely manner. Mr. Lester also stated that he was working with Mr. Duffey to get his liability report in order. Mr. Duffey and Mr. Lester both reviewed liability report for A Fresh Start Bail Bonds and they agreed that there were a lot of old bonds, both out-of-county and in-county, which need to be taken off of the report. After a brief discussion, motion to approve renewal was made by Judy Amy Smith and seconded by Ms. Watson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the license renewal for A Fresh Start Bail Bonds was approved.

V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Renewal for Texas Bail Bonds #1.

- (1) Julie Wolley came before the Board as the representative for Texas Bail Bonds #1. Ms. Shirley stated that she had received the application for renewal in the appropriate time and had reviewed it. Ms. Shirley did state that she had to request some items that were lacking. One of the items included out of county bail bonds counting against their Hopkins County Bail Bond Board liability but that they had been working on taking care of the out-of-county bonds.
- (2) Board asked to address agenda item #9. Issue is something that affects all licensed bondsmen. Mr. Eddie Harris with Lone Star Bail Bonds addressed the Board regarding said issue. Mr. Harris stated that he felt that it was not right for out-of-county bonds to affect their Hopkins County liability. There was further discussion as to whether counting out-of-county bonds against bondsmen's liability was right or wrong or against the statute. Discussion continued until there was a motion to not count out-of-county bonds against their Hopkins County liability when renewing or when applying to the Bail Bond Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Duffey and called to a vote. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed and it was approved that out-of-county bail bonds will not affect Hopkins County bondsmen liability when renewing or applying for a license.
- (3) Board returned to agenda item #4. Ms. Wolley addressed the Board regarding their out-of-county bonds and liability report. Mr. Lester stated that Texas Bail Bonds was in good standing as far as their liability. Motion to approve license renewal for Texas Bail Bonds #1 was made by Ms. Treva Watson and seconded by Judge Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and license renewal for Texas Bail Bonds #1 was approved.

VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Renewal for A+ Bail Bonds.

- (1) Mr. McElroy came before the Board to represent A+ Bail Bonds. Ms. Shirley reviewed Mr. McElroy's application for renewal and state that the application was in order. After brief discussion, motion to approve license renewal was made by Mr. CJ Duffey and seconded by Judge Glossup. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and license renew for A+ Bail Bonds was approved.

VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Application for Double C Bail Bonds.

- (1) Ms. Cindy Horton came before the Board to request a license for Double C Bail Bonds. Ms. Shirley stated that she did review Ms. Horton's application and that everything seemed to be in order. Ms. Horton did state that she was waiting on approval from the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board in order to deposit her CD with the Treasurer. After a brief discussion, motion to approve license application for Double C Bail Bonds was made by Judge Amy Smith and seconded by Ms. Watson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and license application for Double C Bail Bonds was approved.

VIII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Renewal for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds.

- (1) Mr. J.T. Brison came before the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board requesting a renewal for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds. Mr. Brison's application was turned into the review committee on time and was complete. Ms. Shirley reviewed Mr. Brison's application and confirmed that the application was in order. Motion to approve license renewal for Brison & Brison was made by Mr. CJ Duffey and seconded by Judge Amy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and license renewal for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds was approved.

IX. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve the Request for Exchange of Collateral for Mr. J.T. Brison.

- (1) Mr. Brison came before the Board to request an exchange of collateral. Mr. Brison let the Board know that his deed and appraisal were not prepared in time, but he was still requesting the exchange of collateral from the Board. Mr. Brison stated that he had a \$30k lot in Pittsburgh in a gated community and 36 acres north of Mt. Pleasant valued at \$90k that he was wanting to pledge to the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board. Motion to approve the exchange of collateral was made by Ms. Shirley and seconded by Ms. Watson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the exchange of collateral for Mr. J.T. Brison was approved.

X. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action Regarding Out of Court Liability Affecting Liability of Licensed Hopkins County Bondsmen.

(1) Item taken out of order. Addressed under item #V.

XI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action Regarding Employee Badges.

(1) Mr. Duffey stated that it was a must for bondsmen to have an identity and it was against the statute code that if they did not have badges and yearly certificates to hang on walls. Board had a motion to Table the item in order to research the cost of a machine or for Julie to research a way to get the badges made. Motion was seconded by CJ Duffey. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Item was tabled.

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

(1). None

XIII. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2014

Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board