

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

On this the 24th day of April 2015 the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hopkins County Courthouse in Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

8th District, Judge Eddie Northcutt
County Judge, Judge Robert Newsom
County Clerk, Debbie Shirley
District Attorney, Will Ramsay
Treasurer, Jim Thompson
Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Lester
JP Precinct #1 Judge, B.J. Teer
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris
A+ Bail Bonds, Robert McElroy
Ramirez Bail Bonds, Della Cleveland
Ramirez Bail Bonds, David Miller
Ramirez Bail Bonds, Rafaela Miller
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
Bargain Bail Bonds, Charli Wallace
Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds, JT Brisson
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
Attorney for Bankers Insurance, Randy Adler
Cathy Phillips

And the meeting being called to order at 2:15 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 5, 2015.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Duffey and seconded by Judge Teer. 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 Exchange of Collateral for Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Mr. J.T. Brisson requested that this issue be removed from the agenda.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Name Change of Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds to Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds I, New Phone Number, New Employees, and New Collateral.**
 - (1) Mr. Brisson notified the Board that Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds would be shut down and new collateral would be put in the name of Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds I once the application is approved. Ms. Shirley stated that she did review the application and Mr. Brisson met all the criteria that was on the checklist. There was a correction made as to the new name of the business; it should read Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds II and not Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds I. Mr. Brisson went on to say that he had a new manager that will be taking over after the end of the year, Dennis Downing. And after Mr. Downing has his 1 year of experience, Mr. Brisson will be stepping down. Motion to approve the new application for Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds II was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Mr. Jim Thompson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the new application for Brisson & Brisson Bail Bonds II was approved.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Name Change of A-Able Bail Bonds to A-Able Bail Bonds I.**
 - (1) Ms. Shirley pointed out that pointed out that the agenda item should state "to approve new application" instead of "name change". And that the name should read A-Able Bail Bonds II not A-Able Bail Bonds I.

Mr. Brison stated that no new bonds would be made under A-Able Bail Bonds any longer. Mr. Randy Adler appeared on behalf of Bankers Insurance Company and did state that they were appointing Mr. Brison as their agent and that he would be operating under the dba of A-Able Bail Bonds II. Ms. Shirley stated that Mr. Brison had met all the required criteria per the application. With no other questions, a motion to approve that new application for A-Able Bail Bonds II was made by Mr. CJ Duffey and seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the new application for A-Able Bail Bonds II was granted.

VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Request to Release Statutory Deposit for Stanley Scott Brison License #020.

(1) Mr. Adler was present on behalf of Bankers Insurance and informed the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board that there was no outstanding liability on the bond. Ms. Shirley agreed by stating that in misdemeanor court there were no outstanding cases for Mr. Stanley Brison. Motion to approve the release of the statutory deposit for Stanley Scott Brison was made by Mr. Ramsay and seconded by Ms. Shirley. Motion was called to a voted and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the statutory deposit for Stanley Scot Brison was released.

VII. Mr. Duffey to Present to the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board Phone Records and Invoices from Solutions Advance Technology That Can be an Advantage to Hopkins County Bail Bond Association.

(1) Mr. Duffey presented to the Hopkins Count Bail Bond Board information on Solutions Advance Technology phone system that is being used in Hunt County. He stated that the phone system that is currently being used at the Hopkins County Jail is Secure Us and charges the families \$15 per phone call and bondsmen about \$5 per phone call. Mr. Duffey requested from the Board to consider Solutions phone service when the contract with Secure Us is up. Mr. Lester replied that this was an issued that needed to go through Commissioners Court instead of the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board.

VIII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on Modifying the Changes in our Local Rules Pertaining to Sherriff's Department and Badges Along with Other Rules that May Need Modifying.

(1) Mr. Duffey started off by reminding the Board that the local rules state that the Sheriff's Office is supposed to present the bondsmen with their badges. And that needs to be modified because now the bondsmen get their badges from Flippin Printing. All bondsmen and runners need to present their badges when bonding out inmates at the jail. He proceeded to inform the bondsmen that Flippin Printing is located on Jefferson the street across the street from the courthouse and charge \$25 per badge. It was decided that this agenda item was to revise the local rules and name as Flippin Printing as the agency that supplies the badges for the Hopkins County Bail Bondsmen. Motion to approve the removal of "badges being made from the Sheriff's Office" to "Flippin Printing" was made by Mr. Duffey and seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. After a 10 day posting the local rules will be changed from "badges being made from the Sheriff's Office" to "Flippin Printing".

IX. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Approval of the New Badges and Bail Bonds Cards/ID for all Bondsmen and Runners ID Cards.

(1) Agenda item was previously addressed and therefore skipped.

X. Mr. Duffey to Address All Hopkins County Bondsmen on Getting Involved In Our Local Hopkins County Bondsmen Association.

(1) Mr. Duffey mentioned that he can't force all the local bondsmen to get involved with the Hopkins County Bail Bondsmen Association and would leave the issue alone.

XI. The Hopkins County Bail Bonds Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action Regarding Proper Procedures involving Clients with Warrants and Having the Bailiff or Sheriff to Arrest Them.

(1) Mr. Duffey came before the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board on this issue. Bondsmen are having issues with clients that come to court with warrants and are able to leave without being arrested. Mr. Duffey also informed the bondsmen that it is also their responsibility to let the bailiff know that their client has a warrant.

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

- (1) Ms. Shirley had a previous request that it was the bondsmen responsibility to make arrangements prior to the date of the hearing or be at the hearing on a bond forfeiture docket, but the bondsmen have complied and the docket is better.
- (2) County Clerk Disposals. Mr. Duffey stated that he receives letters from the County Clerk's Office on dismissals. Ms. Shirley state the way it works is that the bondsman must go to the Clerk's Office and request a Pending Cases or Disposed Cases report and review it to make sure that all cases are handled correctly.
- (3) Ms. Shirley requested to have an item to be put on the agenda to review the members that are on the Application Review Committee.

XIII. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2015

Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board