

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

On this the 24th day of July 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 Court at Law Judge, Amy Smith
County Clerk, Debbie Shirley
District Attorney, Will Ramsay
Sheriff's Office Representative, Kevin Lester
County Attorney, Dustanna Rabe
County Attorney's Office, Amy E. Griggs
County Attorney's Office, Layla Highfield
County Clerk's Office, Heather Clark
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher
Attorney, Heath Hyde
Attorney for Bankers Ins., Randy Adler
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris
Ramirez Bail Bonds, Della Cleveland
Ramirez Bail Bonds, David Miller
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
Bargain Bail Bonds, Charli Wallace
Brison & Brison Bail Bonds, JT Brison
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
A Williams Bail Bonds, Barbara Williams
Double C Bail Bonds, Channing Horton

And the meeting being called to order at 2:06 p.m., Judge Smith, Acting 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 April 24, 2015.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Duffey and seconded by Mr. Lester. 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 Mr. Brison's Request to Release the CD for A-Able Bail Bonds.**
 - (1) Mr. Brison stated that there was an outstanding liability and requested the item to be tabled until he could get the matter taken care of. This agenda item was tabled.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Agents/Employees of Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II.**
 - (1) Item #4 included with this agenda item. Mr. Brison stated that these were the same employees for both bail bond agencies and their employee applications had not been approved by the Board. Ms. Shirley stated that all proper paperwork was included and everything was in order. Motion to approve agents/employees for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II and A-Able Bail Bonds II was made by Judge Amy Smith and seconded by Ms. Debbie Shirley. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and all agents/employees for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II and A-Able Bail Bonds II were approved.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve Agents/Employees of A-Able Bail Bonds II.**
 - (1) Included with agenda item #3.

VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve New License Application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds.

(1) Mr. Adler appeared on behalf of Bankers Insurance Company and Mrs. Cindy Horton. Ms. Shirley stated that she had reviewed the application and that everything was in order. All of Mrs. Horton's employees are currently approved by the Board and employed by Double C Bail Bonds. With no further discussion a motion to approve the license application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds was made by Judge Amy Smith and seconded by District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the license application for Above & Beyond Bail Bonds was approved.

VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Approve License Renewal for Lone Star Bail Bonds.

(1) Mr. Eddie Harris came before the board for renewal of his application for Lone Star Bail Bonds. County Clerk, Debbie Shirley, did review Mr. Harris' renewal application and did provide Mr. Harris with a courtesy call to inform him of missing paperwork. It was her belief that a renewal application should be treated the same as a brand new application and a deed of trust should have been included in the renewal. And also Mr. Harris did not provide an original tax certificate showing that all taxes were paid. Mr. Harris stated that the Board had a deed of trust in his original application. Also, proof of insurance and a copy of a receipt of paid taxes were not included in the renewal application at first. Mr. Harris stated that the tax receipts were included in his paperwork for the two pieces of property. With no further questions, a motion to approve the license renewal for Lone Star Bail Bonds and employee applications was made by MR. Duffey and seconded by Judge Amy Smith. With the amendment that if something is found that is wrong with the renewal that the Board can reopen the issue. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the license renewal for Lone Star Bail Bonds was renewed.

VIII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on Bond Forfeitures.

(1) Discussion was open to Board members and public. Mr. Duffey stated that the issue is that hearings have been held on forfeitures before the time allowed by statute, 180 days in misdemeanor and 270 in felony court, had expired in some cases. County Attorney, Dustanna Rabe, informed everyone that the law reads that you can have a show cause hearing but you can't enter into an agreement or final judgement until the time has passed. So, you can wait until the time has passed or if your client is picked up within the 180 days you pay court cost, if they are not picked up within the 180 days you pay court cost plus full amount. Ms. Shirley stated that has been the procedure that is being followed now. There was further discussion about the item, but no action was taken.

IX. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on 17.16's.

(1) Mr. Harris that bondsmen could not do a 17.16 in Hopkins County because the Sheriff's Office will not verify incarceration. Mr. Lester responded by stating that he spoke to Ron Lowrie, Chief Dispatcher, and that he had no problem with verifying incarceration if they are brought in. But if dispatch has an emergency, then the matter would take a little longer. After further discussion, Ms. Rabe was asked to put the procedure into writing and get to Mr. Duffey for distribution to all bondsmen and for discussion and/or approval at the next meeting.

X. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board Local Rules.

(1) Ms. Shirley provided the Board members and bondsmen with a copy of proposed updates to the Hopkins County Bail Bond Board Local Rules. Any changes to the local rules would need to be posted for 10 days before they would go into effect. Motion to accept proposed changes to the local rules and post for 10 days was made by Judge Smith and seconded by Mr. Lester. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and changed to the local rules passed after the 10 day posting period.

XI. The Hopkins County Bail Bonds Board to Discuss the Use of Vine Link.

(1) Ms. Amy Griggs spoke to this item and notified the board members and bondsmen that they can go the county website and look at dispositions there, and if they are not there then they are welcome to email Amy or Layla at the County Attorney's Office for help.

XII. The Hopkins County Bail bond Board to Discuss the Monthly Liability Report from the Bondsmen.

(1) Mr. Lester informed the Board that not all bondmen are turning in their monthly liability reports like they are required. Those reports are needed to keep up with liabilities, cases, and make sure everything is up to date.

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

(1) Election

XIV. 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. Lester. 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