

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

On this the 3rd day of May, 2019 the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Hopkins County Courthouse in Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

County Judge, Robert Newsom
County Court at Law Judge, Clay Harrison
County Clerk, Tracy Smith
JP 1 Judge, BJ Teer
Treasurer/Veterans Service Office, Danny Davis
Sheriff's Office, Melvin Jackson
County Attorney Office, Amy Griggs
Bondsmen Representative, CJ Duffey
Miguel Cadena Bail Bonds, Miguel Cadena
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
A-Able Bail Bonds, Denny Downing
A-Able Bail Bonds, John Baumgartner

And the meeting being called to order at 10:08 am., 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 Meetings on February 8, 2019.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Tracy Smith. 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 Employee Application for Thelma Jean Harman.**
 - (1) Mr. Baumgartner, on behalf of Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II, came before the Board to request approval of Ms. Harmon's employee application. The application was turned in to the Board in sufficient time and was in proper order. Mr. Baumgartner gave the Board a brief overview of Ms. Harman's experience, training, and education. After a short review by the Board members, a motion to approve the employee application for Thelma Jean Harman was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion was passed and the employee application for Thelma Jean Harman was approved.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Release of Collateral for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II.**
 - (1) Mr. Dennis Downing came before the Board to request a release of collateral for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II. Mr. Downing did inform the Board that he had been using his license under Baker's Insurance agency for the past year and is looking to get some cash released. He did mention that he would leave enough cash/cd to cover any outstanding liability. Ms. Smith did state that she did run a pending cases report and stated that Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II was in good standing. Motion to approve the release of collateral in the amount of \$80,000 for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II was made by Judge Teer and seconded by Clerk Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the release of collateral for Brison & Brison Bail Bonds II was approved.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Take Comments from the Public and Discuss Future Agenda Items.**
 - (1) Mr. Duffey wanted to make a public announcement letting everyone know regarding solicitation. There have been several times that families have been told to call a certain bonding agency by inmates and is wanting to make sure that solicitation is kept out of the jail and keep peace between everyone.

- (2) Ms. Griggs, addressed the bondsmen in regards to reports of bondsmen acting as attorneys and promising defendants certain offers on their cases. Ms. Griggs was wanting the Board to remind the bondsmen that they are not attorneys and that their defendants' cases would be handled properly by the Judge.

V. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.

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

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this 2 day of August, 2019.



Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board