

**ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

Thursday, November 29, 2018, 1:00 P.M.  
Ellis County Courts Building, Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, 109 S. Jackson St.,  
Waxahachie, Texas

**Directors Present:** Theresa Peel, Criminal Defense Attorney  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer  
Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4  
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge  
Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge  
Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney

**Directors Absent:** Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee  
Gene Calvert, County Court at Law #2 Judge  
Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge  
Cindy Polley, County Clerk  
Tommie Eberhart, Ellis County Sheriff  
Melanie Reed, District Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Proper notice of the meeting having been given in compliance with the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Texas, and upon a motion by Director Ermatinger, seconded by Director Jendrzey, the meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m., and a quorum declared by Director Peel. A copy of the posted written notice calling such meeting is attached to these minutes and marked as Exhibit A.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Director Ermatinger, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the State of Texas flag led by Director Chambers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Jendrzey, the minutes of the meeting held on October 25, 2018 were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.2, no report was made.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.3, the report was given by Director Eberhart, through Vance Hinds, that there were no outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bond. No action was taken.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.4, no report was made.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.5, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the updated employee list from Act Swift Bail Bond was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.6, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the updated employee list from Waxahachie Area Bail Bond was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.7, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the updated employee list from Bad Boy Bail Bond was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.8, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the updated employee list from AAA Bail Bonds was approved.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 2.9, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, seconded by Director Ermatinger, the updated employee list from AAA Bail Bonds #2 was approved.

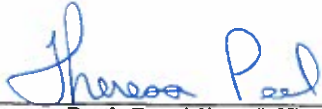
**APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.1, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Blas Roberto Cervantes, an applicant of Act Swift Bail Bond, was withdrawn. No action was taken.

In accordance with Meeting Agenda Item 3.2, the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from Blas Roberto Cervantes, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bond, was withdrawn. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Ermatinger, seconded by Director Egan, the meeting was adjourned by Director Peel at approximately 1:05 p.m.



Theresa Peel, Presiding Officer

12/27/18

Date Approved



Vance Hinds, Secretary

12/27/18

Date Approved

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, Ellis County Courts Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 109 S Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas, at which time the following will be discussed and considered, to-wit:

- Board Member:** Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge
- Board Member:** Gene Calvert, Jr., County Court at Law No. 2 Judge
- Board Member:** Sara Garcia, Designee for the County Judge
- Board Member:** Vance Hinds, Designee for Patrick Wilson, District Attorney
- Board Member:** Ed Jendrzej, Municipal Judge
- Board Member:** Steve Egan, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4
- Board Member:** Theresa Peel, Criminal Defense Attorney
- Board Member:** Captain Tommie Eberhart, Designee for the County Sheriff
- Board Member:** Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer
- Board Member:** Melanie Reed, District Clerk
- Board Member:** Cindy Polley, County Clerk
- Board Member:** Rick Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee

**1. OPENING MEETING**

- 1.1 Presiding Officer of the Board will call the meeting to order, declare a quorum if at least four members of the Board are present, declare notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.
- 1.2 Motion to Open Ellis County Bail Bond Board Meeting.
- 1.3 Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- 2.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting.
- 2.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve the Ellis County Bail Bond Board's 2019 Meeting Schedule.
- 2.3 Discussion and action as may be appropriate concerning Ellis County Bail Bond Board's 2019 Designee Forms that should be completed and returned to the Secretary of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board prior to the January 24, 2019 meeting.
- 2.4 Receive report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, concerning any bond company that has been reported to the Sheriff for

nonpayment of judgments.

- 2.5 Consideration and action concerning the report from Captain Eberhart, concerning the outstanding bail bonds of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.
- 2.6 Receive report from Ann Montgomery, designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board, concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.
- 2.7 Consideration and action concerning the request for replacement of Certificate of Deposit for Agent Tom Benson d/b/a Act Swift Bail Bonds. The CD #8100003979486 will be replaced with CD #0069294828 upon approval by the Ellis County Bail Bond Board.
- 2.8 Consideration and action concerning the request of returning Comerica CD #385105445501 to the Allegheny Casualty Company. Agent Connie Ballard d/b/a Areawide Bail Bonds is no longer conducting business in Ellis County.
- 2.9 Consideration and action concerning the request of returning Comerica CD #385105445535 to the Allegheny Casualty Company. Agent Gregory Bell d/b/a Freedom Bell Bail Bonds is no longer conducting business in Ellis County.
- 2.10 Consideration and action concerning the updated employee list received from Act Swift Bail Bonds.
- 2.11 Consideration and action concerning the updated employee list received from Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds.

### **3. APPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Act Swift Bail Bond.**
- 3.2 Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Application received from **Abraham Estrada, an applicant of Waxahachie Area Bail Bond.**

### **4. RECESS TO CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

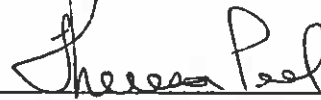
#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Ellis County Bail Bond Board reserves the right to adjourn into **Executive Sessions** at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed in this agenda, in the order deemed appropriate, as authorized by Texas Government Code 551, or to seek the advice of its attorney and/or other attorneys representing Ellis County on any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the Bail Bond Board under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 or as otherwise may be permitted under 551.

**ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

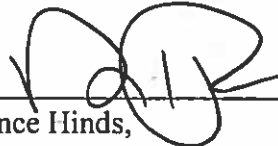
**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Signed this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2018



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Theresa Peel, Presiding Officer  
Ellis County Bail Bond Board

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Ellis County Bail Bond Board is a true and correct copy of said Notice, that said Notice was posted at the doors of the Ellis County Courthouse, a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2018 at 11:15 A.M.



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Vance Hinds,  
Ellis County Bail Bond Board Secretary

*If you or your Designee have a disability that requires special arrangements and you plan to attend this public meeting, please call (972)825-5011 within 72 hours of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to meet your needs at the meeting.*