

# **ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 27, 2021, 1:15 P.M.**  
**Ellis County Courts Building, Board Members met via WebEx**  
**109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas**

**Directors Present:** Lieutenant Wendy Hammonds, Designee for County Sheriff  
Melanie Reed, District Clerk  
Krystal Valdez, County Clerk  
Paul Manigrasso, Criminal Defense Attorney  
Ann Montgomery, District Attorney  
A. Gene Calvert, Jr., Judge, County Court at Law #2  
Chris Macon, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1  
Cheryl Chambers, County Treasurer

**Directors Absent:** Ed Jendrzey, Municipal Judge  
Richard K. Shinpaugh, Licensed Bail Bond Surety Designee  
Cindy Ermatinger, District Judge, 443<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District  
Leeanne Bridges, Designee for County Judge

**Others Present:** Cherie Batsel, Assistant County & District Attorney  
Michelle Laquay, Coordinator for 443<sup>rd</sup> District Court  
Damon Fehler (acting Presiding Municipal Judge)  
Delia Thomas (Employee Applicant)  
Bianca Chavez (Employee Applicant)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.1. Director Macon called meeting to order, declared quorum and declared notices legally posted pursuant to Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Agenda Item 1.2, and upon a motion by Director Reed, second by Director Montgomery, the motion to open the meeting was unanimously approved.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.1, and upon a motion by Director Chambers, second by Director Montgomery, the minutes of the meeting held on April 22, 2021, were unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.2, a report from the designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board concerning companies that have been reported to the Sheriff for nonpayment of judgments. Cherie Batsel stated there have been none reported.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.3, a report from the designated agent for Ellis County Bail Bond Board concerning outstanding NISI Judgments of Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. Cherie Batsel reported \$137,250.00 outstanding.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.4, Lieutenant Hammonds reported there is \$1,192,745.02 in outstanding bail bonds with \$43,427.58 available.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.5, resuming in-person/hybrid monthly meetings. Upon a motion by Director Montgomery, second by Director Calvert, beginning in June, meetings will be conducted in-person in the Multipurpose Courtroom, Room #265, Ellis County Courts Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 109 S. Jackson St., Waxahachie, Texas; the meetings will also be available via WebEx for those not able to meet in-person, the motion was unanimously approved.

In accordance with Agenda Item 2.6, and upon a motion by Director Reed to replace Ed Jendrzey with Acting Presiding Municipal Judge Damon Fehler on the Ellis County Bail Bond Board, second by Director Montgomery, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **APPLICATIONS**

#### ***Delia Moreno Thomas was sworn in by Director Macon***

In accordance with Agenda Item 3.1, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, second by Director Reed, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Employee Application from Delia Moreno Thomas, a new applicant of Bad Boy Bail Bonds, was unanimously approved.

**NO ACTION** (3.2) Consideration and action as may be appropriate to approve the Ellis County Bail Bond Employee Applications received from Maria Concepcion Villegas, a new applicant of Act Swift Bail Bonds and Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds. This item was tabled in the April meeting.

#### ***Bianca Chavez was sworn in by Director Macon***

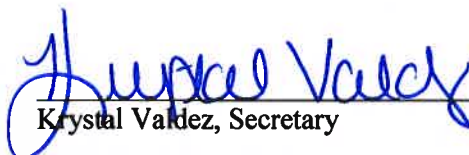
In accordance with Agenda Item 3.3, and upon a motion by Director Valdez, second by Director Reed, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board Employee Applications from Bianca Chavez, a new applicant of Act Swift Bail Bonds and Waxahachie Area Bail Bonds, were unanimously approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Reed, second by Director Fehler, the meeting was adjourned by Director Macon at approximately 1:43 p.m.

  
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Chris Macon, Presiding Officer

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Krystal Valdez, Secretary

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