

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

On this the 5th day of May, 2023, the following officials of Hopkins County, Texas met in the Commissioner's Courtroom, First Floor of the Hopkins County Courthouse Sulphur Springs, Texas to wit:

County Judge, Robert Newsom
County Court at Law, Judge Clay Harrison
County Clerk, Tracy Smith
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher
District Attorney, Will Ramsay
CCL Coordinator, Lindsay Smith
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
Not Guilty Bail Bonds, John Baumgartner

And the meeting being called to order at 2:04 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 that the meeting has been duly called to order and quorum was present.**
 - (1) Chairman Judge Newsom called the meeting to order.

- II. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Quarterly Meeting on October 28, 2022.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Judge Harrison. Will Ramsay seconded the motion. 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 release of CD for Big Daddy's Bail Bonds II (American Surety Company)**
 - (1) Danny Davis prepare a letter for the board's review, which was read into the record. The letter approved release of the CD. Motion to release the CD was made by Tracy Smith and seconded by Cheryl Fulcher. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and release of CD was approved.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on determination of closure of all outstanding bonds for A-Able II Bail Bonds and request for written notice from Board (John Baumgartner)**
 - (1) John Baumgartner explained that he received his license for Not Guilty, current company in September 2019. He took responsibility for Mr. Downing's bonds under A-Able II. After 4 years all bonds have cleared.
 - (2) Tracy Smith and Cheryl Fulcher confirmed that there were no outstanding bonds in either court. A motion to approve was made by Will Ramsay. Judge Harrison seconded the motion. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Take Comments from the Public and Discuss Future Agenda Items.**
 - (1) Tracy Smith explained that PR bonds are not being updated correctly with a good mailing address and this is causing an issue with court notices. Tracy has spoken with the Sheriff's Office. This is mainly a problem with PR bonds, rather than bonding companies. Judge Harrison made a suggestion to attach a 1 page addendum for contact information. Cheryl Fulcher was concerned a 2nd sheet would create confusion when sending notice. John Baumgartner shared that Collin County has a 1 page sheet for contact information.
 - (2) Cheryl Fulcher asked if there is a way for the Clerk to clear old bond forfeiture cases off the books where judgment was ordered but not paid. These are all very old cases. Judge Harrison suggested a simple order to close and waive fees owed to the county.
 - (3) Cindy Horton asked how long she's responsible for bonds on unindicted cases. John Baumgartner and Will Ramsay both stated 2 Grand Jury Terms.

- X. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.**
 - (1) There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Judge Harrison. It was seconded by Will Ramsay. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by Judge Newsom at 2:28 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this 21 day of July, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board