

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

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2021, 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 Attorney's Office, Amy Griggs  
District Clerk's Office, Cindy Caviness  
County Treasurer, Danny Davis  
Sheriff's Office, Whitney Waller  
CCL Coordinator, Lindsay Smith  
Bondsmen Representative, CJ Duffey  
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton  
Brison and Brison Bail Bonds II, John Baumgartner  
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris  
A Williams Bail Bonds, Barbara Williams  
Attorney Bankers, Randy Adler

And the meeting being called to order at 2:06 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**
  - (1) Chairman Judge Newsom called the meeting to order.
  
- II. Approval of the Minutes from Previous Quarterly Meeting on July 23, 2021.**
  - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by C.J. Duffey and seconded by Whitney Waller. 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 Renewal Application for A Williams Bail Bonds**
  - (1) Barbara Williams presented her renewal application, which had been on the previous agenda, but she was asked to renew her financial statement in the application. There being no questions for Ms. Williams, Whitney Waller made a motion to approve the renewal application. The motion was seconded by CJ Duffey. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and A Williams Bail Bonds was granted a 3 year renewal of their license.
  
- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Lone Star Bail Bonds**
  - (1) Eddie Harris appeared for Lone Star Bail Bonds. There being no questions, C.J. Duffey made a motion to approve the renewal application. The motion was seconded by Danny Davis. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and Lone Star Bail Bonds was granted a 3 year renewal of their license.
  
- V. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on the Renewal Application for Miguel Cadena Bail Bonds**
  - (1) Attorney Randy Adler spoke on this item. He said Miguel Cadena Bail Bonds is in good standing and their submissions are always timely and asked the Board to approve their renewal. Whitney Waller made a motion to approve the renewal application. The motion was seconded by Danny Davis. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and Miguel Cadena Bail Bonds was granted a 2 year renewal of their license.
  
- VI. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on procedure of filing deeds of trust and tracking real property liens for bonding companies**
  - (1) Danny Davis explained that the state statute doesn't state that a copy of the deed has to be filed with the Treasurer. Mr. Davis said that land held as collateral in our county, Hopkins, does not file a copy of deed with him. Danny asked why there is a difference in procedure for land held outside or inside the county. He explained the originals are always filed in the County where the land is located. He would like some consistency on the filings.

- (2) Judge Newsom explained some history of the bail bond board and that the administrative assistant position in the CCL was created to help with Bail Bond Board. Judge Newsom suggested a lockbox be kept in the CCL office for all documents. Mr. Davis said he is responsible for safeguarding collateral and would be fine to keep storage of documents as it is. He just asked that a certified copy of deeds in our county be filed with him as well.
- (3) Lindsay Smith suggested she could help Mr. Davis track which companies do not have certified copies on file at this time and get all files in compliance. Mrs. Smith asked if Mr. Davis could make a list of which ones he currently has.
- (4) Judge Newsom asked if there should be an amendment changing the custodian of these records to the CCL coordinator from the Treasurer. Mr. Davis said no because he is bonded to care for the collateral. Mr. Davis clarified he is asking for consistent implementation of the rule for real property documentation.
- (5) Whitney Waller made a motion that all real property, both in county and out of county, should file a certified copy of the deed with the Hopkins County Treasurer's office. The motion was seconded by Cindy Caviness. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**VII. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Discuss and/or Take Appropriate Action on request for the release of deposit for Agent Keely Anders, d/b/a/ A&A Bail Bonds (Bankers Insurance Company)**

- (1) Attorney Randy Adler appeared on this item. He said this license has been inactive for a while. There are no outstanding bonds with either County Clerk or District Clerk. Mr. Adler asked if CD could be released since there is no real or potential liability. Cindy Caviness confirmed there were no pending cases in District. Lindsay Smith had a message from Tracy Smith, Clerk that there were no pending cases in county. Whitney Waller made a motion to approve the release. The motion was seconded by CJ Duffey. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed.

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


- (1) C.J. Duffey shared about a computer program used to turn in applications which may be beneficial for Hopkins County. Judge Newsom encouraged him to gather more information for presentation at the next meeting.
- (2) C.J. Duffey asked Whitney to email out a monthly bond list.

**IX. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.**

- (1) There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Whitney Waller and seconded by Cindy Caviness. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

To certify which, witness my hand this 28 day of January, 2022.

  
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Judge Robert Newsom  
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board