

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE HOPKINS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD

On this the 26th day of January, 2024, 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, John Ginn
District Clerk, Cheryl Fulcher
Deputy Clerk, Joey Day
County Clerk, Tracy Smith
Hopkins County Sheriff's Office, Whitney Waller
Hopkins County Sheriff's Office, Wanda Allen
Double C Bail Bonds, Cindy Horton
Not Guilty Bail Bonds, John Baumgartner
Lone Star Bail Bonds, Eddie Harris
A Fresh Start Bail Bonds, CJ Duffey
eBONDS, Nicholas Moss

And the meeting being called to order at 2:01 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 November 3, 2023.**
 - (1) After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Cheryl Fulcher. Cindy Horton 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 the Closure of Lone Star Bail Bonds and Miguel Cadena Bail Bonds (Eddie Harris).**
 - (1) Mr. Harris came to inform the Board that he no longer will be writing bonds in Hopkins County and will be closing his businesses. Judge Newsom asked the clerks if any outstanding or pending bonds were found for either of the companies, and Ms. Fulcher did provide a list of pending without judgement cases that need to be resolved. Mr. Harris did state that he would check into the cases and try to take care of them. Ms. Smith reported that the county clerk's office did not have any pending or outstanding bonds for Mr. Harris. Both of the bonding companies, Lone Star Bail Bonds and Miguel Cadena Bail Bonds, will be removed from the jail list and Mr. Harris will not write any new bonds while he takes care of the outstanding bonds. A motion to approve the removal from jail list was made by Cindy Horton and seconded by Tracy Smith. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- IV. The Hopkins County Bail Bond Board to Take Comments from the Public and Discuss Future Agenda Items.**
 - (1) Whitney Waller asked the representative from eBONDS, Nicholas Moss, from Smith County to speak to the Board about electronic bonds. eBONDS has already been approved by the Hopkins County Commissioners. Mr. Moss came to explain how the system works and answer any questions that the bondsmen or board members may have. With the system, bondsmen will be able to log into a website and create their bonds electronically with a template that has been provided by the county. Cash bonds will also be accepted through the site. Mr. Moss did let everyone know that hopefully eBONDS will be up and running in about 60 days.

- V. Bail Bond Board to Adjourn.**
 - (1) There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl Fulcher and seconded by Cindy Horton. Motion was called to a vote and carried unanimously. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned by Judge Newsom at 2:21 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED:

To certify which, witness my hand this 26 day of April, 2024.



Judge Robert Newsom
Chairman of Hopkins County Bail Bond Board