

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

1. Read for approval the minutes for the Regular Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16, 2024.
2. Read for approval all monthly bills and claims submitted to the Court dated through January 6, 2025.
3. Hear the monthly and annual Public Assistance report.
4. Hear update from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.
5. Discussion and potential action concerning the city/county split for the purchase of an Emergency Management pickup to replace the pickup damaged in the straight line windstorm that occurred in May, 2024.
6. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 91168 and approve bank depository.
7. Consider and take necessary action to approve the 2024 audit engagement letter from Atlas CMMS CPAs & Advisors PLLC.
8. Consider and take necessary action to approve donations to Hockley County Memorial Library from Muming Chen in the amount of \$250.00, and Margaret Gleason in the amount of \$75.00.
9. Consider and take necessary action to approve the oaths, bonds and/or Continuation Certificate for the following elected officials and employees: Chris Wischkaemper, Sheriff; Robert Dalton, Constable Pct. 2; Seth Graf, Commissioner, Pct. 3; Anna Dunn Hord, County Attorney; Misty D. Taylor, Tax Assessor-Collector; Alan Wisdom, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Craig Workman, Constable, Pct. 1; Toney Cowan, Constable, Pct. 5; Wendy McNabb, JP, Pct. 1; and Juanita Salazar, Chief Deputy County Clerk, Continuation Certificate.
10. Review the December fire runs as submitted by the City of Levelland.
11. Consider and take necessary action to approve Ad Valorem tax refunds.
12. Consider and take necessary action to Nunc Pro Tunc the agenda dated December 16, 2024 to remove item number 14 from that agenda because it was previously approved by the Court on August 12, 2024.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS.**

BY: Sharla Baldrige  
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

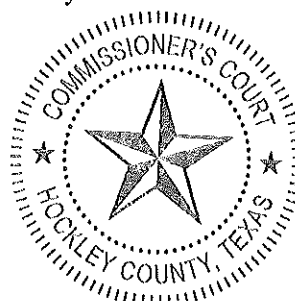
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Jennifer Palermo  
County Clerk, Hockley County, Texas

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025, and said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2025.  
Jennifer Palermo  
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio  
Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
OF HOCKEY COUNTY, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING

January 6, 2025

Be it remembered that on this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 2025, there came on to be held a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court, and the court having convened in Regular session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldrige	County Judge
Alan Wisdom	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Seth Graf	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R "Tommy" Clevenger	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Graf 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court, held on December 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Wisdom, second by Commissioner Clevenger, 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that all monthly claims and bills submitted to the court and dated through January 6, 2025 A.D. be approved and stand as read.

Judge Baldrige and Commissioner Carter Tabled the monthly Public Assistance report from Cara Phelan.

Hear update from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

Motion by Commissioner Wisdom, second by Commissioner Clevenger, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that Commissioners Court approved the city/county split for the purchase of an Emergency Management pickup to replace the pickup damaged in the straight-line windstorm that occurred in May 2024. As per Order regarding Emergency Management truck recorded below.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER REGARDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRUCK

The Commissioners' Court of Hockley County has hereby approved the city/county split for the purchase of an Emergency Management pickup to replace the one damaged during the straight line windstorm that occurred May, 2024, AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, upon motion by Commissioner, Alan Wisdom and seconded by Commissioner, Tommy Clevenger and is unanimously carried.

Sharla Baldrige  
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

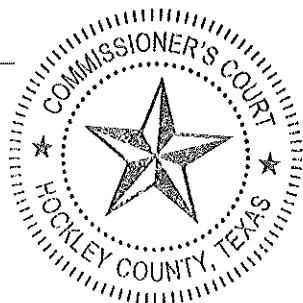
Alan Wisdom  
Alan Wisdom, Commissioner, Pct 1

Larry Carter  
Larry Carter, Commissioner, Pct 2

Seth Graf  
Seth Graf, Commissioner, Pct 3

Tommy Clevenger  
Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Pct 4

ATTEST: Jennifer Palermo  
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners  
Court of Hockley County, Texas



## Christina Lopez

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**From:** Sharla Baldrige  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 2, 2025 10:54 AM  
**To:** Christina Lopez  
**Subject:** Agenda item - EMC Truck details

Discussion and potential action concerning the city/county split for the purchase of an Emergency Management pickup to replace the pickup damaged in the straight line windstorm that occurred in May, 2024.

Please print this email from Cole for the Commissioners files.

Thanks

**From:** Cole Kirkland <ckirkland@levellandtexas.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2024 9:33 AM  
**To:** Sharla Baldrige <sbaldrige@hockleycounty.org>; James Fisher <jfisher@levellandtexas.org>  
**Cc:** Andrea Corley <acorley@levellandtexas.org>  
**Subject:** RE: EMC Truck details

Judge / James,

If the insurance estimate documentation I have for my pickup is the actual pay out, the numbers would look something like this:

\$53,620.00 - Purchase Price  
-\$20,683.90 - Insurance payout  
\$32,936.10 - Total less insurance.  
+6,000.00 - Upfitting including moving all transferable lights and equipment from old pickup to new.  
\$38,936.10 Grand Total

\$19,468.05 City/County Split.

Cole Kirkland, CPM  
Emergency Management Coordinator  
Lovelland-Hockley County  
Office of Emergency Management  
Office: 806-568-5487  
Mobile: 806-893-0079

**From:** Sharla Baldrige <sbaldrige@hockleycounty.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2024 8:49 AM  
**To:** James Fisher <jfisher@levellandtexas.org>  
**Cc:** Cole Kirkland <ckirkland@levellandtexas.org>; Andrea Corley <acorley@levellandtexas.org>  
**Subject:** Re: EMC Truck details

Good morning James, will you be deducting what the insurance company gives you for the damaged vehicle off of this quoted price? Do you know that amount is yet?

Thank you,

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Graf, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that Commissioners Court approved the Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 91168 and approve bank depository. As per Irrevocable Letter of Credit recorded below.



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## IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

### BENEFICIARY:

HOCKLEY COUNTY  
802 HOUSTON ST  
STE 104  
LEVELLAND, TX 79336

**Letter of Credit No.** 91168

**Effective Date:** December 31, 2024

We hereby establish our irrevocable letter of credit in your favor, for the account of HTLF Bank, Denver, CO, whereby we hereby irrevocably authorize you to draw on us up to a maximum aggregate amount of US \$55,000,000 (Fifty-Five Million Dollars). Multiple draws are prohibited. The Expiration Date of this letter of credit is January 31, 2025.

A draw under this letter of credit must be made by presenting to us at the location identified below a certificate (Drawing Certificate) in the form of Exhibit A (with all blanks appropriately completed). No further documentation, including this letter of credit, shall be required to make a draw, it being understood that a Drawing Certificate is to be the sole operative instrument of drawing.

This letter of credit is not transferable or assignable.

To the extent not inconsistent with the express terms hereof, this letter of credit is issued subject to the International Standby Practices 1998, International Chamber of Commerce Publication 590 (ISP98). As to matters not governed by ISP98, this letter of credit is subject to the laws of the State of Colorado, including without limitation the Colorado Uniform Commercial Code.

A Drawing Certificate must be presented to us at our offices at 500 S.W. Wanamaker, Topeka, Kansas 66606 by physical delivery or by facsimile (at facsimile number 785.234.1723). A draw received by us on or before the Expiration Date and in compliance with the terms of this letter of credit will be duly honored by us. If a drawing is presented to us before 11:00 a.m., Central Time, payment will be made to you to the account number or address designated by you of the amount specified, in immediately available funds, on the same Business Day. If a drawing is presented to us after 11:00 a.m., Central Time, payment will be made to you to the account number or address designated by you of the amount specified, in immediately available funds, on the following Business Day. "Business Day" means any day that the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is open for business.

This letter of credit sets forth in full the terms of our obligations to you, and such undertaking shall not in any way be modified or amended by reference to any other document herein or by reference to this letter of credit in any other document.

By accepting this letter of credit, you hereby irrevocably submit to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts within the State of Colorado if any claim or dispute may arise with respect to this letter of credit.

Sincerely,

Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka



Motion by Commissioner Graf, second by Commissioner Carter, 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners court approved the 2024 audit engagement letter from Atlas CMMS CPA's & Advisors PLLC. As per CMMS letter recorded below.

December 27, 2024

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners  
Hockley County, Texas

Dear Honorable County Judge and Commissioners:

The following represents our understanding of the services we will provide the **Hockley County, Texas**.

You have requested that we audit the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discreetly presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hockley County, Texas, as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended and the related notes, which collectively comprise the Hockley County, Texas' the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We are please to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAP,) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subject to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis;
2. Budgetary Comparison Schedules;
3. Schedule of Changes in Net Position Liability and Related Ratios – GASB 68;
4. Schedule of GASB 68 Contributions;
5. Notes to Schedule of GASB 68 Contributions.

Supplementary information other than RSI that accompany the Hockley County, Texas's basic financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and perform certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the supplementary information to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with U.S. GAAS. We intend to provide an opinion on the following supplementary information in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole:

1. Combining Balance Sheet – Non-Major Governmental Funds;



2. Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Non-Major Governmental Funds;
3. Combining Statement of Net Assets – Non-Major Enterprise Funds;
4. Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Non-Major Enterprise Funds;
5. Combining Statement of Cash Flows – Non-Major Enterprise Funds;
6. Combining Balance Sheet – Agency Funds;
7. Schedule of Delinquent Taxes Receivable;
8. Reconciliation of Current Year Tax Roll;
9. Reconciliation of Delinquent Tax collections;
10. Schedule of Insurance Coverage;
11. Schedule of Surety Bonds.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibilities***

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Hockley County, Texas's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

#### ***Compliance with Laws and Regulations***

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the Hockley County, Texas's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

*Management Responsibilities*

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management and those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a. For the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- b. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements; and
- c. To provide us with:
  - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
  - ii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;
  - iii. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - iv. A written acknowledgement of all the documents that management expects to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report; and
  - v. A final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor's report.
- d. For including the auditor's report in any document containing basic financial statements that indicates that such basic financial statements have been audited by us;
- e. For identifying and ensuring that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
- f. For adjusting the basic financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole; and
- g. For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
- h. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
- i. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- j. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility: (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria; (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information; (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management and those charged with governance, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

### *Nonattest Services*

With respect to any nonattest services we perform, preparing the financial statements and related notes of the Hockley County, Texas in conformity with US generally accepted accounting principles.

*At the end of the year, we agree to perform the following:*

- *Propose adjusting or correcting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by Hockley County, Texas's management.*
- *Preparation of financial statements*

We will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the Hockley County, Texas. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the Hockley County, Texas in performing its responsibilities.

Hockley County, Texas's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the nonattest services are as follows:

- We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards, including financial statement services under U.S. GAAP.
- The nonattest services are limited to the financial statements previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries.

### **Reporting**

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the Hockley County, Texas's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to governing body of Hockley County, Texas. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

### *Other*

We understand that your employees will prepare all confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we selected for testing.

If you intend to publish or otherwise reproduce the basic financial statements and make reference to our firm, you agree to provide us with printers' proofs or masters for our review and approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.

Regarding the electronic dissemination of audited financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your Internet website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document.

Professional standards prohibit us from being the sole host and/or the sole storage for your financial and non-financial data. As such, it is your responsibility to maintain your original data and records and we cannot be responsible to maintain such original information. By signing this engagement letter, you affirm that you have all the data and records required to make your books and records complete.

#### **Provisions of Engagement Administration, Timing and Fees**

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately March 1, 2025 and to issue our reports no later than September 2, 2025.

Loni Woodley is the engagement partner for the audit services specified in this letter. His responsibilities include supervising CMMS CPAs' services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the audit report.

Our fees are based on the amount of time required at various levels of responsibility, plus actual out-of-pocket expenses. Invoices will be rendered every two weeks and are payable upon presentation. We estimate that our fee for the audit will be between \$36,000. We will notify you immediately of any circumstances we encounter that could significantly affect this initial fee estimate. Whenever possible, we will attempt to use the Hockley County, Texas's personnel to assist in the preparation of schedules and analyses of accounts. This effort could substantially reduce our time requirements and facilitate the timely conclusion of the audit. *Government Auditing Standards* require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the basic financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least five years from the date of our report.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to those charged with governance the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners  
Hockley County, Texas  
December 27, 2024  
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Our audit engagement ends on the delivery of our audit report. Any follow-up services that might be required will be a separate, new engagement. The terms and conditions of that new engagement will be governed by a new, specific engagement letter for that service.

Hockley County, Texas agrees to hold CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC and its partners, employees, heirs, executors, personal representatives, successors, and assigns harmless from any and all claims of Hockley County, Texas which arise from knowing misrepresentation to CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC by the management of your County, or the intentional withholding or concealment of information from CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC by the management of Hockley County, Texas, even where a court might hold that negligence was a factor, whether on the part of the Hockley County, Texas, it's staff, or on the part of the auditor, or its staff. Hockley County, Texas also agrees to indemnify and defend CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC for any and all claims made against CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC by third parties which arise from any of these actions by the management of Hockley County, Texas, even where a court might hold that negligence was a factor.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available governmental regulatory agencies or their designees, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of CMMS CPAs & Advisors, PLLC personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to governmental regulatory agencies or their designees, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office. The governmental regulatory agencies or their designees, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the basic financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to be your financial statement auditors and look forward to working with you and your staff.

Respectfully,

*CMMS CPAs and Advisors, PLLC*

CMMS CPAs & Advisors, PLLC  
Certified Public Accountants

#### MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

We have reviewed this letter and we believe this letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the terms of the engagement

Management:

Signature: Sharla Baldrige  
Print: Sharla Baldrige  
Title: County Judge  
Date: 1-6-2025

Honorable County Judge and Commissioners  
Hockley County, Texas  
December 27, 2024  
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Further, Hockley County, Texas hereby designates the following member of its staff, whom it believes has suitable skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee any non-attest services we provide:

Name: Shirley Pennie  
Title: Auditor



Motion by Commissioner Clevenger, second by Commissioner Wisdom, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that Commissioners Court approved the donations to Hockley County Memorial Library from Muming Chen in the amount of \$250.00, and Margaret Gleason in the amount of \$75.00. As per Order to approve donations recorded below.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER TO APPROVE DONATION TO THE HOCKLEY COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The Commissioners' Court of Hockley County has hereby approved the \$250 donation given by Muming Chen to the Hockley County Memorial Library **AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, upon motion by Commissioner, Tommy Clevenger, seconded by Commissioner, Alan Wisdom and unanimously carried.

Sharla Baldrige  
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

Alan Wisdom  
Alan Wisdom, Commissioner, Pet 1

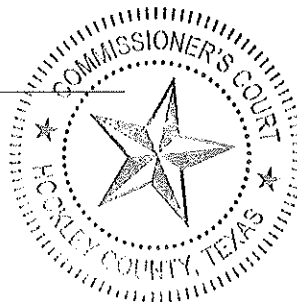
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Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Pet 4

ATTEST

Jennifer Palermo  
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners  
Court of Hockley County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

**ORDER TO APPROVE DONATION TO THE HOCKLEY COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The Commissioners' Court of Hockley County has hereby approved the \$75 donation given by Margaret Gleason to the Hockley County Memorial Library **AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, upon motion by Commissioner, Tommy Clevenger, seconded by Commissioner, Alan Wisdom and unanimously carried.

Sharla Baldrige  
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

Alan Wisdom  
Alan Wisdom, Commissioner, Pct 1

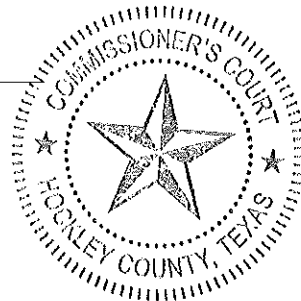
Larry Carter  
Larry Carter, Commissioner, Pct 2

Seth Graf  
Seth Graf, Commissioner, Pct 3

Tommy Clevenger  
Tommy Clevenger, Commissioner, Pct 4

ATTEST:

Jennifer Palermo  
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk,  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners  
Court of Hockley County, Texas



MUMING CHEN  
KYLIE CHEN  
LEVELL AND, TX 79336-6721

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12-23-24 Date

Pay to the Order of Hockley County Memorial Library \$ 250.00  
Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars



Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Texas  
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For Charitable Contribution Muming Chen MP  
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MARGARET GLEASON  
[REDACTED] 385 PH, 806-891 [REDACTED]  
LEVELL AND, TX 79336

DATE 11-30-24

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Hockley Co. Friends of the Library \$ 75.00  
Seventy-five and 00/100 DOLLARS

City Bank  
city.bank (800) 687-2265

MEMO donation Margaret Gleason MP  
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Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Graf, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that Commissioners Court approved the oaths, Bonds and/ or Continuation Certificate for the following elected officials and employees: Chris Wischkaemper, Sheriff: Robert Dalton, Constable Pct 2: Seth Graf Commissioner, Pct 3: Anna Dunn Hord, County Attorney: Misty D Taylor, Tax Assessor-Collector: Alan Wisdom, Commissioner, Pct 1: Craig Workman, Constable, Pct 1: Toney Cowan, Constable, Pct 5: Wendy McNabb, JP Pct, 1: and Juanita Salazar, Chief Deputy County Cler, Continuation Certificate. As per Bonds recorded below.



# Western Surety Company

## CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

Western Surety Company hereby continues in force Bond No. 65365136 briefly described as CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 for JUANITA REYNA \_\_\_\_\_ , as Principal,  
 in the sum of \$ FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars, for the term beginning January 21 , 2025 , and ending January 21 , 2026 , subject to all the covenants and conditions of the original bond referred to above.

This continuation is issued upon the express condition that the liability of Western Surety Company under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the total sum above written.

Dated this 28th day of October , 2024 .



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Larry Kasten  
 Larry Kasten, Vice President

**THIS "Continuation Certificate" MUST BE FILED WITH THE ABOVE BOND.**

Figure: 28 TAC § 1.601(a)(2)(B)

Have a complaint or need help?

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Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

**Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America**

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Call: Customer Service at **1-605-336-0850**

Toll-free: **1-800-331-6053**

Email: [uwservices@cnasurety.com](mailto:uwservices@cnasurety.com)

Mail: P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

**The Texas Department of Insurance**

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

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Teléfono gratuito: **1-800-331-6053**

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**El Departamento de Seguros de Texas**

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Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sloux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

bond with bond number 65365136

for JUANITA REYNA

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$40,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

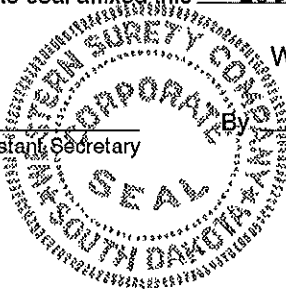
This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President Larry Kasten with the corporate seal affixed this 28th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



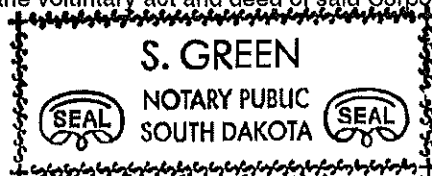
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 28th day of October, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.





Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 67255111

That we, Chris Wischkaemper, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto <sup>1</sup>Governor \_\_\_\_\_, his successors in office, in the sum of <sup>2</sup>Ten Thousand and 00/100 \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2024.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Sheriff in and for <sup>3</sup>Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of 4 year s commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup>

faithfully perform the duties of office established by law; account for and pay to the person authorized by law to receive them the fines, forfeitures, and penalties the sheriff collects for the use of the state or a county; execute and return when due the process and precepts lawfully directed to the sheriff, and pay to the person to whom they are due or to the person's attorney the funds collected by virtue of the process or precept; and pay to the county any funds illegally paid, voluntarily or otherwise, to the sheriff from county funds.

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Chris Wischkaemper Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

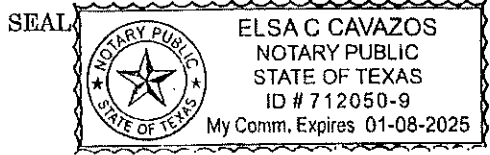
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } <sup>SS</sup>

Before me, a Notary Public on this day, personally appeared Chris Wischkaemper, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Levelland, Texas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

Elisa Cavazos  
Hockley County, Texas



OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

SEAL \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

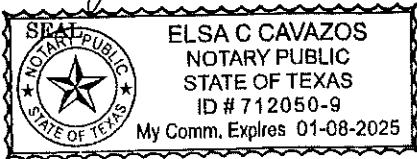
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Chris Wischkaemper, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Sheriff, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed C. Wischkaemper

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Levelland, Texas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

Elisa Cavazos  
Hockley County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Chris Wischkaemper as  
Sheriff in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer Paterno Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Date 1-6, 2025  
Sharla Baldrige County Judge,  
Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

I, Jennifer Paterno County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing Bond dated the 6th day of January, 2025, with its certificates of  
authentication, was filed for record in my office the 9th day of January, 2025, at  
9:00 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 6th day of January, 2025, at  
9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Seymour,  
Texas, the day and year last above written.

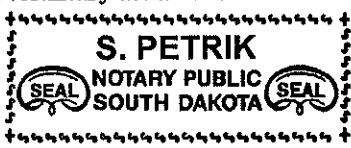
By Dan Kiser Deputy

Jennifer Paterno Clerk  
County Court Hockley County  
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 7th day of November,  
2024, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical  
person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the  
aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the  
free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



S. Petrik  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Sheriff

bond with bond number 67255111

for Chris Wischkaemper  
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 10,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

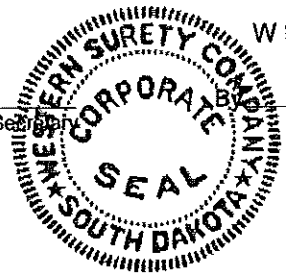
Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 7th day of November, 2024.

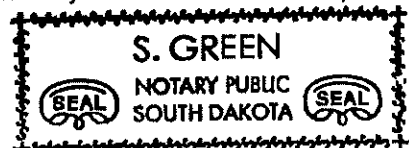
ATTEST  
L. Bauder L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary  
Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 7th day of November, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green Notary Public  
My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: BOND No. 65310936

That we, Seth Graf, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto Hockley County Treasurer, his successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2024.


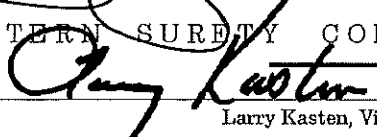
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of County Commissioner in and for Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of four years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup> faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

  
Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By   
Larry Kasten, Vice President

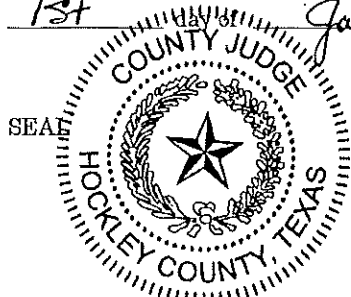
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge on this day, personally appeared Seth Graf, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Levelland, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2025.



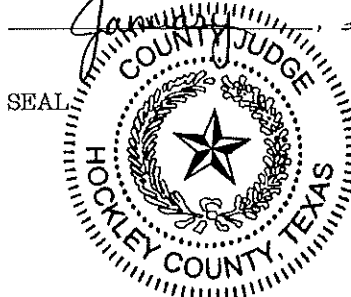
Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Seth Graf, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Commissioner, Precinct 3, Hockley County, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Levelland, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2025.



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

SEAL \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Seth Graf as Commissioner, Act 3 in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Date 1-6, 2025  
Sharla Baldrige County Judge,  
Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

I, Jennifer Palermo County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 6th day of January, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 6th day of January, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 6th day of January, 2025, at 4:00 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Loveland, Texas, the day and year last above written.

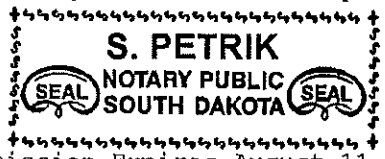
By Pam Kiser Deputy

Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 12th day of October, 2024, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



S. Petrik  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

Figure: 28 TAC § 1.601(a)(2)(B)

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Email: [uwservices@cnasurety.com](mailto:uwservices@cnasurety.com)  
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The Texas Department of Insurance

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# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President, as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One County Commissioner County of Hockley

bond with bond number 65310936

for Seth Graf as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 3,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

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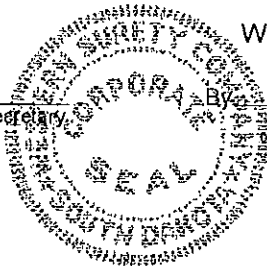
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In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 12th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



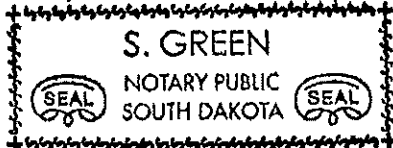
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 12th day of October, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.



Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 54939424

That we, Anna D. Hord, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto 1Governor, his successors in office, in the sum of 2Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2024.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, duly Appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of County Attorney in and for 3Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of one year commencing on the 10th day of January, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup> faithfully pay over in the manner prescribed by law all money that he collects or receives for any county or the state.

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Anna D. Hord Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

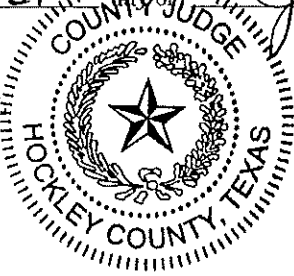
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge on this day, personally appeared Anna Ford known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Levelland, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2025.

SEAL



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

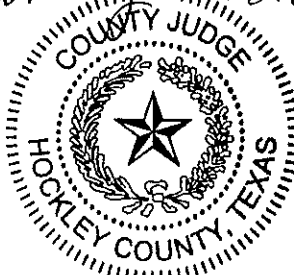
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Anna Ford, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Hockley County Attorney, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed Anna Ford

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Levelland, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2025.

SEAL



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Anna Hord as Hockley County Attorney in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Date 1-6, 2025  
Sharla Baldrige County Judge,  
Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Hockley } ss

I, Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 6th day of January, 2025, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 6th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM, and duly recorded the 6th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM, in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Lewelland, Texas, the day and year last above written.

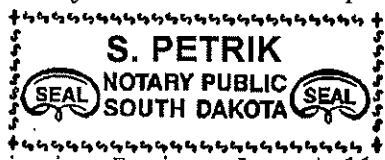
By Pam Kiser Deputy

Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County  
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 29th day of October, 2024, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



S. Petrik  
Notary Public

Figure: 28 TAC § 1.601(a)(2)(B)

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

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bond with bond number 54939424

for Anna D. Hord

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 2,500.00

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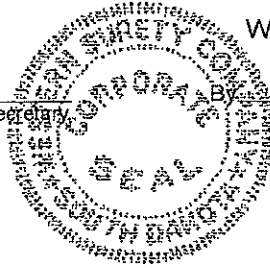
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ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



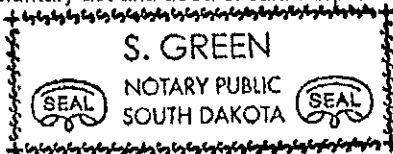
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

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COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 29th day of October, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

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Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 65311069

That we, Alan Wisdom, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto <sup>1</sup>County Treasurer, his successors in office, in the sum of <sup>2</sup>Three Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2024.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected (Elected—Appointed) to the office of County Commissioner in and for <sup>3</sup>Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of four year s commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup> faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Alan Wisdom Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

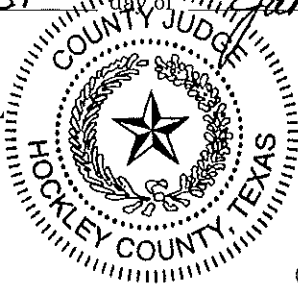
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge on this day, personally appeared Alan Wisdom, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Levelland, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2025.

SEAL



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

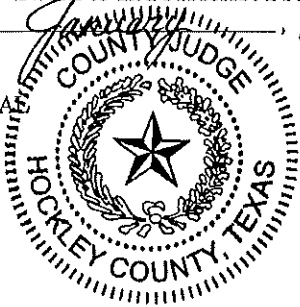
OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Alan Wisdom, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Commissioner, Pct. 1, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed Alan Wisdom

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Levelland, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2025.

SEAL



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Alan Wisdom as Commissioner, Pct. 1 in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Date 1-6, 2025  
Sharla Baldrige County Judge,  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

I, Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 6th day of January, 2025, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 6th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM, and duly recorded the 6th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock AM, in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

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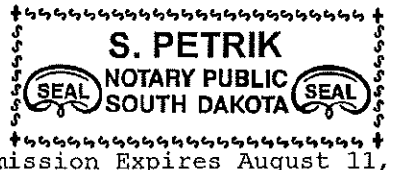
By Pam Kiser Deputy

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(Corporate Officer)

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S. Petrik  
Notary Public

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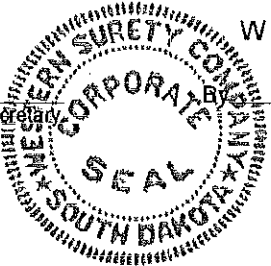
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ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



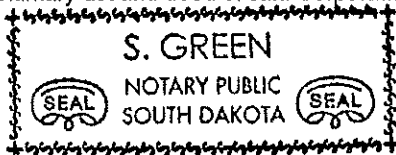
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 12th day of October, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

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Figure: 28 TAC § 1.601(a)(2)(B)

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

**Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America**

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Call: Customer Service at **1-605-336-0850**

Toll-free: **1-800-331-6053**

Email: [uwservices@cnasurety.com](mailto:uwservices@cnasurety.com)

Mail: P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamacion o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compania de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en ingles) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, tambien debe presentar una queja a traves del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compania de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podria perder su derecho para apelar.

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Llame a: Servicio al Cliente al **1-605-336-0850**

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Correo electronico: [uwservices@cnasurety.com](mailto:uwservices@cnasurety.com)

Direccion postal: P.O. Box 5077, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley Pct # 1 } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: BOND No. 67263251

That we, Craig Workman, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto <sup>1</sup>The Governor and the Governor's successors in office, his successors in office, in the sum of <sup>2</sup>Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2024.

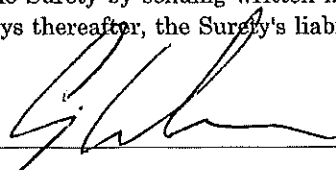
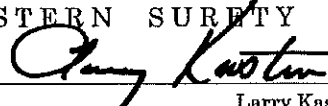
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Constable in and for <sup>3</sup>Hockley Pct # 1 County, State of Texas, for a term of 4 years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup> faithfully perform the duties imposed by law.

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

  
Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By   
Larry Kasten, Vice President

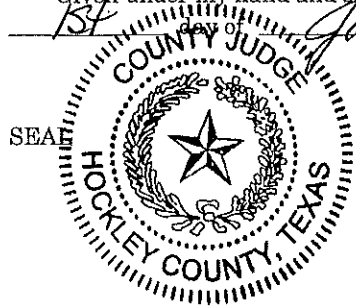
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge on this day, personally appeared Craig Workman, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

SEAL

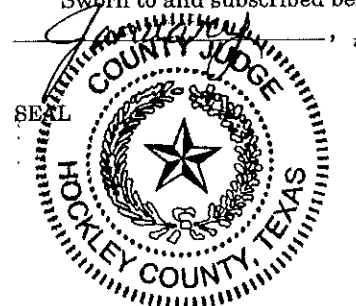
\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Craig Workman, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable, Pct. 1, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed Sharla Baldrige

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Levelland, Texas, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Craig Workman as  
Constable, Pct. 1 in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date 1-6, 2025

Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Charla Baldrige County Judge,  
Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Jennifer Palermo County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing Bond dated the 6th day of January, 2025, with its certificates of  
authentication, was filed for record in my office the 6th day of January, 2025, at  
9:00 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 6th day of January, 2025, at  
9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Levelland,  
Texas, the day and year last above written.

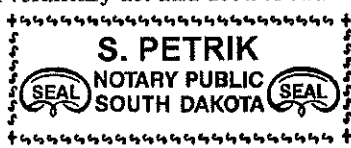
By Pam Kiser Deputy

Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA } ss  
County of Minnehaha

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 15th day of November,  
2024, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical  
person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the  
aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the  
free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



S. Petrik  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Constable

bond with bond number 67263251

for Craig Workman

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 5,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 15th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten

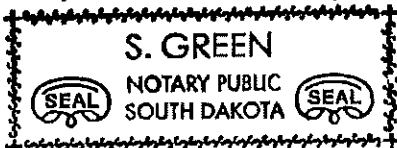
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss



On this 15th day of November, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green

Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

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**CITY OF SUNDOWN**

809 S Slaughter  
PO Box 600  
Sundown TX 79372-0600  
(806) 229-3131

Please return this portion with your payment.  
When paying in person please bring both portions of this bill.



**VPF - VOLUNTARY PARK FUND**

VOLUNTARY PARK FUND PAYMENT IS OPTIONAL  
AND MY BE DEDUCTED FROM THE BILL

HOCKLEY CO PRECINCT #2  
802 HOUSTON SUITE #103  
LEVELLAND TX 79336

Account Number	Amount Due
03-0080-03	\$170.41
Due Date	After Due Date Pay
11/30/2024	\$187.35
Service Address	
1208 SLAUGHTER S	

VISIT US ONLINE/PAY YOUR BILL AT:  
<https://municipalonlinepayments.com/sundowntx>  
Payments by phone 866-283-2765

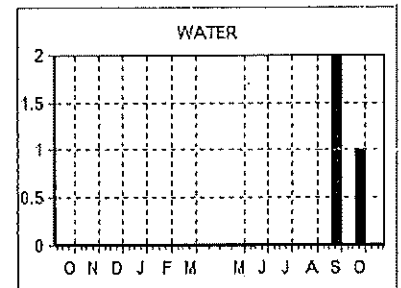
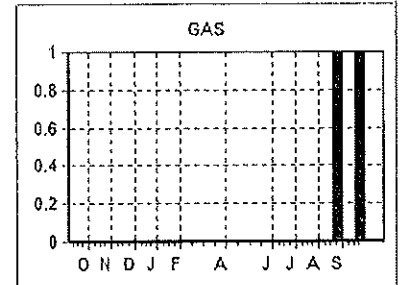
There will be a \$30.00 charge on all returned checks.

**CUSTOMER ACCOUNT INFORMATION - RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS**

Name		Service Address		Account Number	
HOCKLEY CO PRECINCT #2		1208 SLAUGHTER S		03-0080-03	
From	Service Date To	Bill Date	Due Date	Amount Due	After Due Date Pay
09/30/24	10/31/24	11/15/2024	11/30/2024	\$170.41	\$187.35

10% Penalty if not paid by 5:00 pm on the last day of the month. \$50.00 Service Fee on payments not received by the 10th of the following month.  
\$50.00 Non-emergency after hours fee.

SERVICE	CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	USAGE	TOTAL
LAST BILL				166.32
PAYMENTS AS OF 10/24/2024				166.32-
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GAS	233	232	1	22.60
WATER	4269	4268	1	27.80
GARBAGE				76.80
SEWER				42.21
VOLUNTARY PARK FUND				1.00
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CURRENT BILL				\$170.41
AMOUNT DUE				\$170.41
AMOUNT DUE AFTER 11/30/2024				\$187.35



\*\*\*\*\* MESSAGES \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* BILLS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2024 \*\*\*  
USE NIGHT DROP FOR PAYMENTS AFTER HOURS  
DISCONNECT DATE IS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON ON NOV 27TH AND  
CLOSED ALL DAY NOV 28TH AND NOV 29TH

Drop box available on south side of City Hall.  
If you suspect a gas leak - call (806) 229-3131 24 hrs/day  
CITY OF SUNDOWN - 809 S Slaughter - PO Box 600 - Sundown, TX 79372-0600 - (806) 229-3131



Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 66545579

That we, Wendi McNabb, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2024.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Justice of The Peace in and for Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of two years commencing on the 31st day of December, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup> faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into his hands during the term of office

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Wendi McNabb  
Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

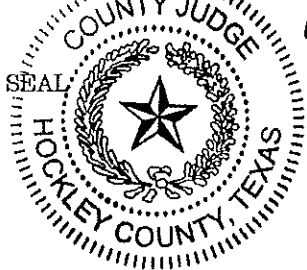
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge on this day, personally appeared Wendi McLabb, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Levelland, Texas, this 2nd day of January, 2025.



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

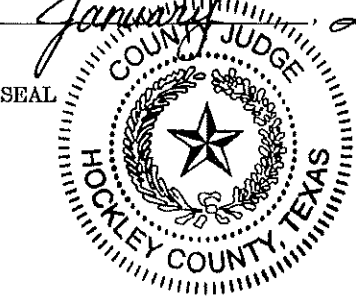
SEAL \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Wendi McLabb, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of JP, Pct. 1, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed Wendi McLabb

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Levelland, Texas, this 2nd day of January, 2025.



Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Wendi McLabb as AP, Pet. 1 in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer Paterno Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Date 1-6, 2025  
Sharda Baldrige County Judge,  
County Judge, Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

I, Jennifer Paterno, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 6th day of January, 2025, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 6th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., and duly recorded the 6th day of January, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_, Document # \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Lewisland, Texas, the day and year last above written.

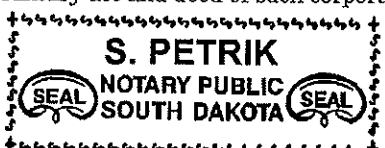
By Pam Kiser Deputy

Jennifer Paterno Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 23rd day of August, 2024, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



S. Petrik  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Justice of The Peace County of Hockley

bond with bond number 66545579

for Wendi Mcnabb

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 5,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

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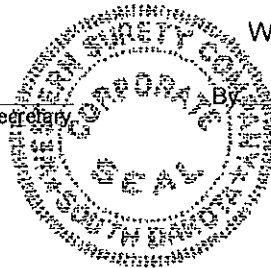
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"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 23rd day of August, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



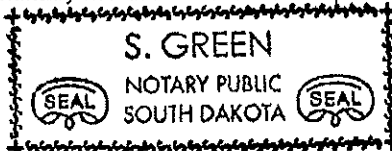
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 23rd day of August, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

S. Green  
Notary Public

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Figure: 28 TAC § 1.601(a)(2)(B)

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# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President, as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One County Assessor- Collector

bond with bond number 72693441

for Misty D. Taylor as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 100,000.00.

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

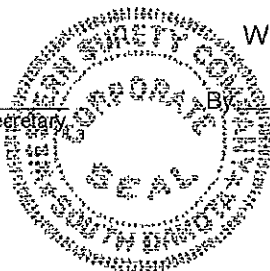
This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 5th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 5th day of December, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

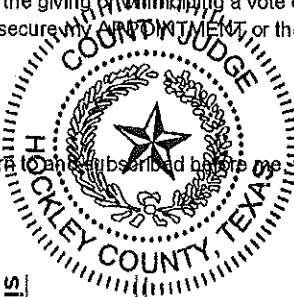
To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.enasurety.com](http://www.enasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services.> Validate Bond Coverage.



OATH OF OFFICE

I, Misty Taylor, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Tax Assessor/Collector of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward

- for the giving or withholding a vote of the election at which I was ELECTED.
 to secure my CONTINUITY, or the confirmation thereof.



Assessor - Collector

sign here Misty Taylor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 1st day of January, 2025

sign here Sharla Baldrige

sign here

APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

(Seal)

Comptroller of Public Accounts

County Clerk Hilberly

Volume Page sign here Denote Palmer

1st day of January, 2025

RECORDED BY COUNTY CLERK

County Judge Sharla Baldrige

sign here Sharla Baldrige 1-6-2025

APPROVED IN OPEN COMMISSIONERS' COURT

ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR OF Misty Taylor OF Tarrant COUNTY

BOND AND OATH

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BOND

- BOND REQUIREMENT: Each person elected or appointed Assessor-Collector must make a bond to the state within twenty days after receiving notice of election or appointment.
- ELECTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR - Bond must be executed after the Commissioners' Court has canvassed the general election returns and Assessor-Collector has received notice of election.
- APPOINTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR - Bond must be executed after official appointment.
BOND AMOUNT: Bond must be made for an amount equal to 5% of the net total of state motor vehicle sales and use tax and motor vehicle registration fees collected in the county during the twelve-month period ending August 31 immediately prior to the date the bond is executed. However, the bond shall not exceed \$100,000 nor be less than \$2,500.
SIGNATURES: The Assessor-Collector must sign the bond as Principal after the election or appointment. A duly authorized agent of the surety company must sign the bond for the surety company after the election or appointment.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The acknowledgement for the Assessor-Collector must be completed after the Assessor-Collector has signed as Principal. The acknowledgement for the surety company must be completed after the agent has signed as the surety.
OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office must be completed after the election or appointment but before the bond is approved by the Commissioners' Court. Check the applicable box.
APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT: The bond must be approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge after the signatures, acknowledgements and the oath of office are completed.
RECORDING BY THE COUNTY CLERK: The bond must be recorded by the County Clerk after it has been approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge.
APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: The completed bond should be sent to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for approval.

Send to:

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Account Maintenance Division
111 E. 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774-0100

BOND OF TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR (Required by TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28)

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY Hockley

Bond number 72693441

PRINCIPAL: Misty D. Taylor, Social Security number 457 99 5535, Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the County of Hockley, elected on January 1st, 2025

SURETY: WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, authorized and qualified to do business as a surety company in the State of Texas. Surety's mailing address: 101 S. Reid St., Ste. 300, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

AMOUNT OF BOND: One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$ 100,000.00)

CONDITIONS: We, the Principal and Surety shown above, and our heirs, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, are responsible to the Governor of the State of Texas, and successors in office, for the amount of this bond payable at the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the City of Austin. If the Principal performs all the duties of the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and honestly accounts for all money that comes into the office during the Principal's full term of office, then this obligation shall be null and void. Otherwise, the obligation shall remain in full force for the full term. An additional bond may be demanded if the Comptroller of Public Accounts determines that the amount of this bond is insufficient. The demand for additional bond shall not affect the validity of this or any other bond given by the Principal. This bond shall be continuous for the full term of office and is executed according to the provisions of TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28.

SIGNATURES: Signature and seal of office of the Principal affixed:

Principal sign here Misty D. Taylor Date 12-9-24



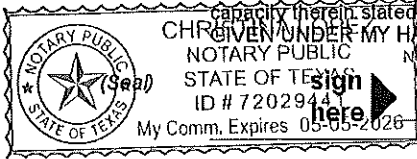
Signature of a duly authorized officer of the Surety and Corporate seal affixed: sign here Larry Kasten, Vice President Date December 5th, 2024

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: (Acknowledgements are necessary BEFORE this bond is filed for approval.)

ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Hockley

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Misty D. Taylor, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, as Principal, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the

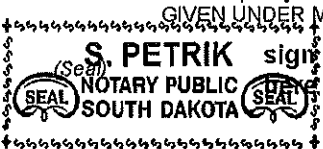


capacity therein stated. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 5th day of December, 2024. My commission expires on 5/5/24

SURETY COMPANY

STATE OF South Dakota, County of Minnehaha

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Larry Kasten, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed as the act and deed of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and as the Vice President thereof, and for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.



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Review the December 2024 fire runs as submitted by the City of Levelland.



CONTACTED AND ARRIVED ON SCENE. OXY PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY SHUT DOWN THE AFFECTED LINE AND FIRE WAS RELEASED FROM SCENE. NO FURTHER AT THIS TIME. \*\*\*\*\*EOR\*\*\*\*\*

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**2024390** 0 12/27/2024 13:11352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle  
Address: 1800 N FM 2646, HOCKLEY CO, TX 79336  
# of Personnel: 7 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 3 **Total Call Duration: 00:50:00**

LEVELLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PAGED TO FM 2646, NORTH OF ALASKA ROAD, IN REFERENCE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, POST LAW ENFORCEMENT PURSUIT. E8 RESPONDED TO LOCATION. UPON ARRIVAL, PATIENT HAD ALREADY BEEN EXTRICATED OUT OF VEHICLE. FIRE PERSONNEL ASSISTED IN MOVING PATIENT TO AMBULANCE VIA STRETCHER. FIRE PERSONNEL WAS RELEASED FROM SCENE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. NO OTHER ACTIONS PERFORMED BY FIRE PERSONNEL ON SCENE. NO FURTHER AT THIS TIME.  
\*\*\*\*\*EOR\*\*\*\*\*

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**2024387** 0 12/24/2024 23:28441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn  
Address: 1507 CACTUS DR, LEVELLAND, TX 79336  
# of Personnel: 3 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 1 **Total Call Duration: 00:20:00**

HOME OWNER CALLED AND ADVISED OF A ELECTRIC PLUG SHORTING OUT LFD UNITS RESPONDED AND CHECKED PLUG WITH THERMAL NO FIRE INDICATED, PLUG WAS DAMAGED AND HOME OWNER TURNED BREAKER OFF ADVISED HE WOULD CONTACT ELECTRICIAN LFD UNITS CLEAR

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**2024385** 0 12/24/2024 16:22112 - Fires in structure other than in a building  
Address: 103 S FM 2646, HOCKLEY CO, TX 79336  
# of Personnel: 13 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 8 **Total Call Duration: 03:58:00**

We received a page from the PD stating that the dryer at the Ethanol plant was on fire. Upon arrival there was smoke showing and upon entry there was fire showing on the second and third levels. We used the two hatches on the 2nd level to access the fire. We then moved to the 3rd floor for investigation and found there to still be some fire in it as well. It was determined that the fire had was in all parts of the drying system. We contacted mutual aid for more personnel and units for extinguishment. Upon completion of extinguishment we stood by to investigate for any further extention. We used the thermal imager in all parts of the drying system to make sure that all fire was out. We then cleaned up everything at the scene and returned to the station to put the trucks back in service reloading and washing hose and refilling all air packs.

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**2024384** 0 12/23/2024 08:50324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.  
Address: Intersection of E STATE HIGHWAY 114 & S OPDYKE GIN RD, OPDYKE, TX



AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT LETTING THE MODULE BURN WAS THE BEST OPTION. THE BURNING MODULE WAS SURROUNDED BY DIRT FIELD WITH NO GUSTY WINDS AND NO SMOKE AFFECTING ANY NEARBY RESIDENTS. FIRE CREW CLEARED SCENE. LPD DISPATCH WAS ADVISED TO LIST THE INCIDENT AS A CONTROLLED BURN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. NO FURTHER AT THIS TIME. \*\*\*\*\*EOR\*\*\*\*\*

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**2024375** 0 12/17/2024 14:17170 - Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other

Address: 1800 N US HIGHWAY 385, HOCKLEY CO, TX 79336

# of Personnel: 3 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00

# of Apparatus: 2 **Total Call Duration: 00:38:00**

We received a call from a resident in the area of a controlled burn that stated the smoke was getting in there home. Upon arrival we found a pile of cotton and some other sticks and wood material. We extinguished the fire and returned to the station.

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**2024373** 0 12/16/2024 17:27463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup

Address: 852 S FM 168, SMYER, TX 79367

# of Personnel: 9 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00

# of Apparatus: 2 **Total Call Duration: 00:33:00**

Dispatched to reports of a vehicle vs a house. While enroute smyer units also checked enroute. Smyer units were on scene in command upon arrival and advised levelland units we could clear the scene and return to the station.

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**2024370** 0 12/13/2024 16:30463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup

Address: Intersection of JUSTIN RD & S US HIGHWAY 385, HOCKLEY CO, TX

# of Personnel: 8 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00

# of Apparatus: 3 **Total Call Duration: 00:47:00**

Dispatched to a motorcycle collision at the intersection of 385 and Justin rd. Upon arrival patient was on the ground. Assisted ems in patient loading and packaging. Once patient was loaded Fire dept personnel helped direct traffic until released by the state trooper. Once released units returned to the station and back into service.

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**2024369** 0 12/13/2024 16:04600 - Good intent call, other

Address: Intersection of FM 300 & GUSHER RD, HOCKLEY CO, TX

# of Personnel: 5 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00

# of Apparatus: 2 **Total Call Duration: 00:18:00**

Dispatched to reports of a vehicle vs. animal at the intersection of 300 & gusher st. Caller advised there was a light smoke coming from the vehicle. Determined that the smoke was from the radiator being damaged. All units then cleared the scene and returned to the station.

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**2024365** 0 12/12/2024 13:53463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup  
Address: Intersection of W STATE HIGHWAY 114 & FM 300, LEVELLAND, TX  
# of Personnel: 4 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 2 **Total Call Duration: 00:38:00**

RECEIVED RADIO CALL FROM DISPATCH FOR A MVA IN THE INTERSECTION LFD UNIT RESPONDED UPON ARRIVAL ALL VICTIM'S WERE OUT OF VEHICLE'S LFD UNITS BLOCKED ROADWAY UNTIL TXDOT ARRIVAL ALL LFD UNITS CLEAR

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**2024363** 0 12/11/2024 15:49733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction  
Address: 2402 MOCKINGBIRD LN, HOCKLEY CO, TX 79336  
# of Personnel: 5 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 1 **Total Call Duration: 00:11:00**

Fire Department received a call of a smoke alarm beeping. Fire fighter arrived on scene and make contact with home owner. Home owner advised that their smoke alarms were all beeping. Fire fighter advised that they needed to change the batteries in all of their smoke alarms. Fire fighter cleared the scene and returned to the station.

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**2024356** 0 12/5/2024 10:45 440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other  
Address: 301 DREW DR #208, OPDYKE, TX 79336  
# of Personnel: 2 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 2 **Total Call Duration: 00:23:00**

We received a call from the RP stating that a the electrical panel in their travel trailer sparked after they turned their power back on after a power outage. Upon arrival and after investigation we found not fire or heat with the thermal imager. We then returned to the station and put the trucks back in service.

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**2024355** 0 12/5/2024 09:06 700 - False alarm or false call, other  
Address: Intersection of E STATE HIGH WAY114 & N FM 168, SMYER, TX  
# of Personnel: 3 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00  
# of Apparatus: 2 **Total Call Duration: 00:34:00**

We received a call from the PD stating that there was smoke in the area of Smyer. Upon arrival and after investigation we found no smoke in the area. We then returned to the station and put the truck back in service.

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**2024354** 0 12/5/2024 07:29 651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke

Address: 127 S BARTON LN, OPDYKE, TX 79336

# of Personnel: 6 Hours Paid per Person: Total Man Hours: .00

# of Apparatus: 1 **Total Call Duration: 00:31:00**

Received a call of a pole smoking in the area of boots and saddles church. Once on scene no pole was located that was smoking. After a thorough search of the area units cleared the area unable to locate.

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**Total Number of Incidents in this District: 19**

**Grand Total Call Duration: 0 Days, 15:5**



## Report Filter Settings

**Report Name:** County Monthly by Date - with Narrative

**Filter Name:** Date Range and District

**Filter Expression:** (Not Is Null [IncidentNumber]) And ([AlarmDateTime] is between '12/1/2024 00:00' and '1/1/2025 00:00') And ([DistrictID] equals '2 - 2')

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Clevenger, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that Commissioners Court approved ad valorem tax refunds in the amount of:

Two thousand one hundred fifty-six dollars and eighty-one cents (\$2,156.81) to Prothro Sherri & Scott

One thousand twenty dollars and sixty-five cents (\$1,020.65) to Stevens Micaela

One thousand five hundred eighty-nine dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$1,589.89) to Carrington Mortgage Service

Two thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars and forty-eight cents (\$2,186.48) to Lewis James E

One thousand seventeen dollars and seventeen cents (\$1,017.17) to Planet Home Lending

Three thousand five hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$3,586.58) to Walbrick Richard C & Eula Beth

Six hundred thirty dollars and forty-three cents (\$630.43) to Lubbock South Fork ranch

One thousand three hundred seventy-nine dollars and seventy-two cents (\$1,379.72) to Dave & Eva Klassen

Six hundred ninety-one dollars and fifty-one cents (\$691.51) to Dave & Eva Klassen

Eight hundred seventy dollars and seventeen cents (\$870.17) to PDS TAX Services, Inc

Nine hundred seventy-seven dollars and eight cents (\$977.08) to Mitchell-Napper Michael Devon & Natasha Lee Mitchell

One thousand two hundred nine dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$1,209.79) to Vargas Celia

One thousand three hundred ten dollars and fifty-four cents (\$1,310.54) to Winfield Beau R & Marissa

One thousand six hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents (\$1,669.51) to Morris Logan & Kyla

One thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$1,451.57) to Osornio Marina Nicole & Guellermo

Nine hundred eighty-one dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$981.67) to Worthington Thomas

Seven hundred eighteen dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$718.39) to Rodriguez Juan & Monica

One thousand fifty-one dollars and seventy-two cents (\$1,051.72) to Amall Jose Domingo III

One thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents (\$1,728.92) to Marshall  
Kyler M & Hanna B Wilkinson

One thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$1,296.67) to Baeza Marco

Seven hundred thirty-eight dollars and twelve cents (\$738.12) to Beasley Randall J & Autumn A

One thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars and fifty-one cents (\$1,365.51) to Deleon Felipe  
JR and Elvia Isabel De LA Cerda

As per Misty Taylor Tax-Assessor

## Refund Detail Report

Account #	Fiduciary	Payee	Type	Amount	Interest	Recalc Date	Status	State	Age Days	Modified By	Modified Date
R05096		PROTHRO SHERRI & SCOTT	Double Payment	\$2,156.81	\$0.00	12/31/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	2	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
R05122		STEVENS MICAELA	Double Payment	\$1,020.65	\$0.00	12/31/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	2	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
R05386	135-12265	CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SER	Double Payment	\$1,589.89	\$0.00	12/19/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	14	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
R08624	135-11680	LEWIS JAMES E	Double Payment	\$2,186.48	\$0.00	12/19/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	14	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
R10474	135-12336	PLANET HOME LENDING	Double Payment	\$1,017.17	\$0.00	12/19/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	14	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
R14405	135-88880	WALBRICK RICHARD C & EULA BETH	Double Payment	\$3,586.58	\$0.00	12/19/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	14	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
R16241		LUBBOCK SOUTH FORK RANCH LP	Double Payment	\$630.43	\$0.00	12/18/2024	Open	SubmitToBoard	15	mtaylor@hockley.smi.tax	1/2/2025
<b>Number of Accounts: 7</b>											
<b>Number of Records: 7</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,188.01</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>					





Motion by Commissioner Graf, second by Commissioner Carter, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that Commissioner Court approved to Nunc Pro Tunc the agenda dated December 16, 2024 to remove item number 14 from that agenda because it was previously approved by the Court on August 12, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

The foregoing Minutes of a Commissioner's Court meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, A. D. 2025, was examined by me and approved.

Alan Wisdom  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

[Signature]  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Ray Carter  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

[Signature]  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Sharla Buldrige  
County Judge

Jennifer Palermo  
JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court  
Hockley County, Texas

