

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD**  
**SYLVIA OLSZOWY, PRESIDING OFFICER**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD CONVENED AT 12:00 NOON ON THE DATE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS AGENDA, IN THE ALAN. B SADLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT BUILDING, 501 N. THOMPSON, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CONROE, TEXAS.

**1.0. CALL TO ORDER** **TIME: 12:00 NOON**

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

***Board Members present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Paul Damico, designee for Judge Phil Grant, 9<sup>th</sup> District Court, Sylvia Olszowy, Presiding Officer, designee for County Judge, Craig Doyal, Taylor Stoehner, designee for District Attorney, Brett Ligon, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace 1, representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Stacie Wheeler, designee for District Clerk, Barbara Adamick, Darin Bailey, designee for County Clerk, Mark Turnbull, Judy Tarango, designee for County Treasurer, Stephanie Davenport.***

***Board members not present: Judge Claudia Laird, County Court at Law # 2, representative for County Courts and Judges, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Court, Rick Brass, Defense Attorney Representative and Vice Presiding Officer.***

***Non Board members present: Sarah Stallberg, Asst. County Attorney and Legal Counsel to the Bail Bond Board, Jan Avery, Bail Bond Board Administrator.***

**3.0 ELECTION:**

- a) Hold election for Presiding Officer to the Bail Bond Board for the 2018 and until a replacement is elected. The election is by nomination, a second, and then a vote by show of hands of the Board members.

***Alexis van de Ven Seda nominated Sylvia Olszowy as the Presiding Officer to the Board, the Board voted unanimously. Sylvia Olszowy is the Presiding Officer for 2018 and until a replacement is elected.***

- b) **Hold election for Vice Presiding Officer to the Bail Bond Board for 2018 and until a replacement is elected. The election is by nomination, a second, and then a vote by show of hands of the Board members.**

***Lt. Jeremiah Richards nominated Rick Brass as Vice Presiding Officer, the Board voted unanimously. Rick Brass is the Vice Presiding Officer for 2018 and until a replacement is elected.***

#### **4.0. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(Public must sign registration prior to the beginning of meeting in order to address the Board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

#### **5.0 MINUTES**

- a) Read and Approve minutes for the meeting January 22, 2018.

***Darin Bailey moved to approve the minutes for the January 22, 2018 meeting, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded. Lt. Richards abstained; all other Board members were in favor. The minutes were approved.***

#### **6.0. TREASURER**

- a) Consider acceptance and take action on Treasurer's Report.

***Judy Tarango presented the report and moved that the Board accept the Treasurer's report, Lt. Jeremiah Richards seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.***

#### **7.0. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- a) Review funds received for the month of January, 2018.
- b) Consider:
  - 1) Updated List of Licensed Surety companies for Posting and Updated – Posted and sent to courts – February 01, 2018, posting date
  - 2) License Expiration Report – updated 01/31/2018

#### **8.0. PRESIDING OFFICER**

- 1) Sarah Stallberg was going to research the statement by Judge Claudia Laird that Corporations with more than one agent should only have one vote not one vote for each agent. She will present the results at the February meeting, meanwhile until settled Alexis van de Ven Seda will remain the Surety Representative on the Board.

***Sarah Stallberg said the question that arose was from an old AG opinion back in the 90's and the code had changed in 2003 stating that each***

***license has one vote. Alexis van de Ven Seda is the Surety Rep to the Board for 2018 and until a replacement is elected.***

- 2) The results from the election for Justice of the Peace read at the January 22, 2018 meeting was for Judge Edie Connelly. When Judge Connelly was informed she stated due to time constraints she would need to decline the position. Judge Connelly provided a letter stating the same, (packet). Ballots and the register were resent to all the Justice of the Peace Judges to vote again. I informed them that Judge Connelly had respectfully declined the position and also that Judge Wayne Mack was willing to continue as the Justice of the Peace representative.

Read the results of the ballots that were resent. The elected Justice of the Peace will assume their position on the Board at the February 20, 2018 meeting.

***The new election ballots showed a unanimous vote for Judge Wayne Mack as the Justice of the Peace to the Bail Bond Board for 2018 and until a replacement is elected.***

- 3) Read the following for the record approved in Commissioner's Court.

The appointment of the County Court at law Judge approved by Commissioner's court on February 13, 2018. – Designee is Judge Claudia Laird, County Court at Law # 2.

The appointment of District Judge and his designee as stated by Judge Olen Underwood, Second Administrative Judicial Region approved by Commissioners Court on February 13, 2018. – Judge Phil Grant, 9<sup>th</sup> District Court and his designee is Paul Damico.

The Bail Bond Board designee of Mark Turnbull, County Clerk approved in Commissioner's Court on February 13, 2018. – Designee – Darin Bailey

The Bail Bond Board designee for County Judge Craig Doyal approved in Commissioner's Court on February 13, 2018. – Designee – Sylvia Olszowy and in her absence Jim Fredericks.

The Bail Bond Board designee for County Treasurer approved in Commissioner's Court on February 13, 2018. – Designee – Judy Tarango, Deputy Treasurer.

The Bail Bond Board designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson approved in Commissioner's Court on February 13, 2018 – Designee – Lt. Jeremiah Richards.

The Bail Bond Board designee for District Clerk approved in Commissioner's Court on February 13, 2018 – Designee – Stacie Wheeler.

The Bail Bond Board designee for District Attorney approved in Commissioner's Court on February 13, 2018 – Designee Taylor Stoechner

***Sylvia Olszowy read the above list of designees to the Bail Bond Board for 2018 and until a replacement is appointed. The designees were approved in Commissioners Court on February 13, 2018.***

- 4) Hearing on License Renewal Application: License Renewal Application of John A. Lagway, agent for Allegheny Casualty Company, License 0076, dba Lagway Bail Bonds – 2.

Swear in John A Lagway and representative from Allegheny if present and proceed to 1)

***Judge Wayne Mack swore in John Lagway.***

- 1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of John A. Lagway.
- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of John A. Lagway agent for Allegheny Casualty Company, license 0076.

***Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license renewal for John A. Lagway, agent for Allegheny Casualty, License 0076. Darin Bailey seconded, all were in favor.***

- 5) Hearing on License Renewal Application: License Renewal Application of Steven Elliott Sondag, License # 0070, dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds.

Swear in Steven Elliott Sondag and proceed to 1)

***Judge Wayne Mack swore in Steven Elliott Sondag.***

- 1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of Steven Elliott Sondag.
- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of Steven Elliott Sondag License # 0070 dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds.

***Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license renewal for Steven Elliott Sondag, dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds, License # 0070, Judge Mack seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.***

- 6) Hearing on License Renewal Application: License Renewal Application of John (Rick) Westcott, agent Bankers Insurance Company, License # 0088 dba In and Out Bail Bonds.

Swear in John (Rick) Westcott and representative from Bankers Insurance if present, and proceed to 1)

***Judge Wayne Mack swore in John (Rick) Westcott***

- 1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of John (Rick) Westcott, agent for Bankers Insurance.
- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of John (Rick) Westcott agent for Bankers Insurance Company, License# 0088 dba In and Out Bail Bonds.

***Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license renewal of John (Rick) Westcott, Judge Wayne Mack seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.***

9.0. **ADJOURN**

***Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to adjourn the meeting, Paul Damico seconded. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.***

THE AGENDA IS ON THIS BULLETIN BOARD AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURT'S BUILDING AT 210 WEST DAVIS AND IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURTROOM ----ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.