

MINUTES
**Montgomery County Bail Bond
Board**
Darin Bailey
Presiding Officer

Thursday, December 16, 2021

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD CONVENED AT 12:01P.M.ON
N THE DATE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS AGENDA, IN THE ALAN B. SADLER
COMMISSIONER'S COURT BUILDING, 501 N. THOMPSON, 4TH FLOOR, CONROE,
TX 77301.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At any time during the meeting the Board may announce it will go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel or for any other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this agenda. Prior to any such closed session the Presiding Officer, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the section or sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

- I. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 12:01P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Melisa Miller, District Clerk, Vanessa Windham, designee for Brett Ligon, District Attorney, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, Darin Bailey, Designee for Mark Turnbull, County Clerk, Melanie Bush, County Treasurer, Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for Judge Mark Keough, County Judge, Amanda Webb, Defense Attorney Representative.

Board members not present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Paul Damico, Designee for Judge Phil Grant, 9th District Court, representative for District Courts and Judges, Colleen Rice, Designee for County Court at Law #2, Judge Claudia Laird, Representative for County Courts and Judges, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Representative for Judicial Courts and Judges, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Court.

Non Board members present: John McKinney, Asst. County Attorney, Legal Counsel to the Board, Jan Avery, Bail Bond Board Administrator.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

There were no public comments.

IV. MINUTES

A. Approve the minutes for the meeting November 17, 2021.

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the minutes, Melisa Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting as written, Amanda Webb seconded. Jamie Meinkowsky and Vanessa Windham abstained. All other members were in favor, the motion passed.

V. TREASURER

A. Consider, discuss and take action on the Treasurer's Report.

Darin Bailey entertained a motion: Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, Melisa Miller, seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Review funds received for the month of November 2021. Report attached.

B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, December 08, 2021 posting date.
2. License Expiration Report – updated 11/30/2021.
3. Calendar for Board meetings and Rotation List posting for 2022. – 3rd Wednesday of each month is setup for meetings.

The Administrator asked the Board if they wanted to discuss a different time on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. After discussion it was determined by the Board members present that 12:00 noon was the best time to hold the meetings. The Administrator will put the calendar on the Bail Bond Board website, and all the dates have been approved by the County Judge's office for the meetings.

4. Reminder was sent to all licensed bondsman for the election that will take place December 13 – 17 at the elections office. This is for the

surety representative for 2022. Copy of ballot and registry enclosed. The election is taking place this week, the last day is tomorrow, Jan Avery checked with Suzie Harvey to see if a reminder needed to be sent to the bondsman or the Defense Attorney Representative, Suzie stated that multiple people have as of today voted in both elections.

5. Sent ballot and register to Amanda Webb to share info on the local bar association. Berenice Greathouse provided me an attorney listing so I sent an email to all the names on the list along with information on the election for defense attorney representative to the Board for 2022.
6. Ballots and Registry has been sent to Suzie Harvey at the Elections office for both the Surety Representative and Defense Attorney Representative elections.
7. Letter from Judge Laird, County Court of Law Administrative Judge stating The Board of Judges for County Courts at Law has designated Judge Mary Ann Turner, County Court at Law #4 as its Designee to the Montgomery County Bail Bond Board for the year 2022 and until a replacement is decided.

Jan stated that she had spoken to Judge Turner and asked about a designee in the event she was unable to attend the meeting. She said she would like to designate Therese Pringle in her absence.

8. Letter from Chad Peace, Office of Court Administration stating District Judge Vince Santini by unanimous vote by the Board of District Judges, will be the representative to the Bail Bond Board effective 01/01/2022. His designee if unable to attend will be Associate Judge David Bluestein. Both will serve until a replacement is decided. I will put Item 7 and 8 on an agenda for Commissioner's court approval along with any others in January 2022.

VII. PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Consider, discuss and take action on the request by Johnnie Dishongh to have CD 0010818565 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and CD# 10823037 in the amount of \$50,000.00 released from her collateral held under License 0082. As of the report received 12/05/2021, License 0082 has \$6,703,672.00 in outstanding bonds and current Limit is \$12,752,500.00. Release of the 2 - \$50,000.00 CD's will release \$1,000,000.00 and leave \$11,752,500.00 which is more than adequate to cover outstanding bonds.

Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to approve the release of the 2 Certificate of Deposits for Johnnie Dishongh along with any accrued interest. Amanda Webb seconded and all other Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

VIII ADJOURN

Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to adjourn, Melanie Bush seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

The Agenda is on this bulletin board and may be obtained in the County Clerk's office on the 1st floor of the Court's building at 210 West Davis, Conroe, TX 77301 and in the Commissioner's Courtroom on the day of the meeting.