

MINUTES
**Montgomery County Bail Bond
Board**

Alexis Van De Ven Seda
Acting Presiding Officer

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD CONVENED AT 12:01 P.M. ON 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: 12:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Alexis Van De Ven Seda, Surety Representative; Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Rand Henderson, Sheriff; Jacqueline Bello, Designee for Judge Lisa Michalk, District Court Representative; Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for Judge Mark Keough County Judge; Alyssa Fortner Designee for Judge Echo Hutson, County Court Representative; Melisa Miller, District Clerk; Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1; L. Brandon Steinmann, County Clerk; Judge William Waggoner, Conroe Municipal Court; Melanie Bush, County Treasurer

Board members not present: Amanda Webb, Defense Attorney Representative; Brett Ligon, District Attorney

Non Board members – Sara Forlano, Legal Counsel; Demetrich Carrington, Bail Bond Board Administrator.

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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(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.)

No one signed up for public comment.

IV. MINUTES

A. Approve the minutes for the meeting January 18, 2023.

Alexis Van De Van Seda entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023 meeting. Wayne Mack motioned to approve the minutes as written from January 18, 2023, L. Brandon Steinmann seconded. Lt. Jeremiah Richards abstain.

The motion passed, minutes approved.

V. TREASURER

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

Melanie Bush read report. Alexis Van De Van Seda entertained a motion to accept the treasurer report. Judge Wayne Mack moved to approve the Treasurer's report, L. Brandon Steinmann seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Funds received for the month of January 2023 were \$1500.00.

B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, February 1, 2023.
2. License Expiration Report – updated 02/01/2023.

VII. PRESIDING OFFICER

A. Hearing on license renewal application of Michael E. Cox agent for First Community Insurance Company, dba Cox Bail Bonds, License 0102.

Swear in and representative and proceed to 1)

1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of Michael Cox, License

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0102 agent for First Community Insurance Company.

- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of Michael Cox, License 0102 agent for First Community Insurance Company.

Melisa Miller moved to approve the renewal application. Judge Wayne Mack seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- B. Hearing on license renewal application of Steven Elliot Sondag agent for North River Insurance Company, dba AAAA Better Bail Bonds, License 0101.

Swear in and representative and proceed to 1)

- 1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of Steven Elliot Sondag, License 0101 agent for North River Insurance Company.
- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of Steven Elliot Sondag, License 0101 agent for North River Insurance Company.

Melisa Miller moved to approve the renewal application. Melanie Bush seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- C. Hearing on license renewal application of William Lee Nale IV agent for American Surety Company, dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds, License 0103.

Swear in and representative and proceed to 1)

- 1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of William Lee Nale IV, License 0103 agent for American Surety Company.
- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of William Lee Nale IV, License 0103 agent for American Surety Company.

Melisa Miller moved to approve the renewal application. Judge Wayne Mack seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- D. Hearing on license renewal application of John Arthur Lagway Jr. agent for Allegheny Casualty Company, dba Lagway's Bail Bonds - 2, License 0076.

Swear in and representative and proceed to 1)

- 1) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of John Arthur Lagway Jr., License 0076 agent for Allegheny Casualty Company.

- 2) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of John Arthur Lagway Jr., License 0076 agent for Allegheny Casualty Company.

Judge Wayne Mack moved to approve the renewal application. L. Brandon Steinmann seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- E. Consider, discuss and take action on Election of Presiding Officer and Vice Presiding Officer.

Melisa Miller nominated Alexis Van De Ven Seda as Presiding Officer. Jamie Meinkowsky second. No further discussion. Alexis Van De Ven Seda abstain. All board member in favor, motion passed

Melanie Bush nominated Melisa Miller as Vice Presiding Officer. L. Brandon Steinmann second. No further discussion. All board members in favor, motion passed.

- F. Consider, discuss and take action on appointment of Compliance Committee.

Melisa Miller nominated Judge William Waggoner, L. Brandon Steinmann and Melanie Bush to be on the compliance committee. Judge Wayne Mack seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- G. Consider, discuss and take action on PC Magistrates executing throw down orders on set aside bond with no bond conditions in place previously. (Ex: Achante Doucette/Defendant)

Item deferred, item resolved prior to meeting.

- H. Consider, discuss and take action on E-Bond Updates

Alexis Van De Ven Seda inquired on the status of implementing E-Bonds. Alexis Van De Ven Seda will send information to Melisa Miller, who will get with Bobby Powell in IT department and legal counsel Sara Forlano to consider next steps.

- I. Consider, discuss and take action on County Court offices leniency with appearance, reinstatements and extenuating circumstances.

Item deferred, item resolved prior to meeting.

- J. Consider, discuss and take action on soliciting from bail bond companies.

Alexis Van De Ven Seda noted for record that bonding companies cannot use

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skip tracing services to market or to solicit business.

VII. ADJOURN

Melisa Miller motioned to adjourn, Judge Wayne Mack seconded. All Board members were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 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.