

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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 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
- II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Paul Damico, designee for Judge Phil Grant, 9th District Court and representative for District Courts and Judges, Jamie Meinkowsky, designee for Mark Keough, County Judge, Vanessa Windham, designee for Brett Ligon, District Attorney, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Melisa Miller, District, Clerk, Darin Bailey, designee for Mark Turnbull, County Clerk, Tiffany Dupree, designee for Melanie Bush, County Treasurer, Amanda Webb, Defense Attorney Representative, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative.

Board members not present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, designee for Rand Henderson, Sheriff, Colleen Rice, designee for Claudia Laird, Judge, County Court at Law # 2, representative for County 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 was no one signed up for public comment.

IV. MINUTES

A. Approve the minutes for the meeting August 18, 2021.

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the minutes, Alexis van de Ven moved to approve the minutes, Judge Wayne Mack seconded. Vanessa Windham abstained, all others were in favor. The motion was approved.

V. TREASURER

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

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the Treasurer's report, Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the minutes as written, Judge Wayne Mack seconded, and all others were in favor. The motion was approved.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, September 08, 2021 posting date.
2. License Expiration Report – updated 08/31/2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Darin Bailey decided to take C before the A and B, the Board had no objection.

A. Consider, discuss, review and take action on the complaint filed by Georgette Whatley against Derrick Dixon dba 1st Choice Bail Bonding received July 14, 202. This item was deferred from the August 18, 2021 meeting.

Amanda Webb stated that the Complaint Subcommittee recommendation to the Board is to place this on a hearing at the October meeting, due to Occupations Code 1704.102 – Section A, subsection 3, and violating Local Rules of Section 5 under the old rules. Amanda stated that there were some changes made late the night before but not all the changes have been complied with.

John McKinney stated that Steven Bel, Mr. Dixon's attorney, was here via zoom to answer any questions the Board may have. Amanda stated that any discussion at this time, she felt would not change the subcommittee's recommendation to the Board to place for a hearing.

Paul Damico motioned to move to a hearing, Amanda Webb seconded. All were in favor. This complaint will be moved to a hearing immediately following the regular meeting.

- B. Consider, discuss, review and take action on the complaint filed by Alexis van de Ven Seda against Bail Bonds by Renell on August 12, 2021.

Amanda Webb stated that the sub committee's recommendation to the Board is to dismiss this complaint. A timeline was provided to the Board members which shows that within 24 hours of hearing of the complaint, the problem had been corrected. Judge Wayne motioned to go with the recommendation of the subcommittee, seconded by Jamie Meinkowsky. Alexis van de Ven abstained, Darin Bailey opposed, all other Board members were in favor. The motion passed, the complaint will be dismissed.

- C. Consider, discuss, review and take action on the request by Safety National Casualty Corporation to release CD Number 91000054221297 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Joseph Valdes dba Eastex bail Bonds, License # 0049. As of August 15, 2021 the last bond had been released for this license and there are currently no remaining bonds on their Liability Report per Sgt. Michael Page.

Darin Bailey asked if there was a motion. Judge Wayne Mack motioned to approve the release of the CD, Melisa Miller seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

The Board then moved to Item A.

VIII ADJOURN

After Item B above, Darin Bailey entertained a motion to adjourn. Melisa Miller motioned to adjourn, Judge Wayne Mack seconded. All Board members were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 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.