

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

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD CONVENED AT 12:01 P.M. ON THE DATE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS DOCUMENT, 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: 12:01 P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL

Bail Bond Board members present: Judge Vincent Santini, 457th District Court, Representative for District Courts and Judges, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for Judge Mark Keough, County Judge, Therese Pringle, Designee for Judge Mary Ann Turner, County Court at Law # 4, Representative for County Courts and Judges, Vanessa Windham, Designee for Brett Ligon, District Attorney, 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.

Bail Bond Board members not present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Court.

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

IV. MINUTES

- A. Approve the minutes for the meeting April 20, 2022.

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the minutes. Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to approve the minutes as written Judge Santini seconded. Jamie Meinkowsky, Tiffany Dupree, Therese Pringle and Vanessa Windham abstained from the vote. All other Board members were in favor, the motion passed. Darin noted that Therese Pringle, designee for Judge Mary Ann Turner, County Court at Law # 4 had joined the meeting.

V. TREASURER

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

Tiffany Dupree gave a quick recap on the Treasurer's report which is in the packets. Darin entertained a Motion on the Treasurer's Report. Jamie Meinkowsky motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Amanda Webb seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Review funds received for the month of March 2022. Report attached.

- B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, April 05, 2022.
2. License Expiration Report – updated 03/31/2022.

VII. Complaint Sub-Committee

1. Consider, discuss and take action on the Complaint sub-committees recommendation on a complaint received January 13, 2022 from Antiwan Lane against Alexis van de Ven Seda at Alexis Bail Bonds/Bustin Out Bail Bonds.

Amanda Webb said the committee had not been able to meet again since receiving information so they want to defer this item.

VIII. PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Hearing on license renewal application of Leslie (Les) French dba – A-1 Bail Bonds, License 0031.

Swear in Leslie (Les) French and proceed to a)

Darin Bailey swore in Les French

- a) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of Leslie (Les) French dba A-1 Bail Bonds, License 0031.
- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of Leslie (Les) French dba A-1 Bail Bonds, License 0031.

Jan Avery stated that everything was in the packet and all documents appear to be in order.

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the license renewal of Les French License 0031 dba A-1 Bail Bonds. Amanda Webb motioned to approve, Melisa Miller seconded. All board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- B. Hearing on license renewal application of Douglas (Doug) Wyrwich dba EZ out Bail Bonds by Doug, License 0047.

Swear in Douglas (Doug) Wyrwich and proceed to a)

Darin Bailey swore in Douglas (Doug) Wyrwich.

- a) Conduct hearing on license renewal application of Douglas (Doug) Wyrwich dba EZ out Bail Bonds by Doug, License 0047.

Jan Avery stated that she had questions or concerns on the financial statement. Jan Avery stated she had spoken with Doug about the negative net worth, he had stated that it was due to divorce. John said he didn't take a position on it and didn't think it would be a problem approving him. Doug said he had hired Steve Powell a tax attorney 3 years ago and they have an agreement that Doug will continue paying the IRS and they would not attach any liens on anything that has to do with the bond business. He has his home in April Sound for sale and the funds will all go to the IRS. Darin asked if it was problematic that there was not something in writing, John stated that he didn't believe the IRS would put anything in writing. We do have Letters of Assignment on all the CD's and Deeds of Trust on the property. John still plans on talking to his tax attorney.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal application of Douglas (Doug) Wyrwich, dba EZ out Bail Bonds by Doug, License 0047.

Darin asked if we were setting a precedent, it was stated that this is a specific situation and we would have to take any others on a case by case basis. Darin asked Doug to notify us if anything changes.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license renewal, Amanda Webb seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

- C. Consider, discuss and take action on the recommended changes to the Local Rules as submitted by the Local Rules committee.
 - 1) Section 2.2 B – Change the wording to (within the previous one year (1 year) prior to date of application.
 - 2) Section 3.1 A – change to (is not more than a year old) and is already on file with the Administrator.
 - 3) Section 9.1 E – Add after (see Exhibit A). Upon receipt of the complaint the Administrator will send a copy of the complaint and all documents to the licensee or Bond Company and request a response within 72 hours.

Darin said it was wording in 2.2B and 3.1A as they were in conflict with each other. Also added a statement to the 9.1E Section.

Motion by Amanda Webb to approve the changes, second by Judge Santini, all other Board members were in favor, the Motion passed. The updated Local Rules will be posted for 10 days and go into effect on April 30, 2022.

IX. ADJOURN

Darin Bailey said she would consider a motion to adjourn. Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to adjourn, Vanessa Windham seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:16p.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.