

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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, 4<sup>TH</sup> 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: 12:04P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Melanie Bush, County Treasurer, Melisa Miller, District Clerk, William Waggoner, Conroe Municipal Judge, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, Darin Bailey, Designee for Mark Turnbull, County Clerk, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for Mark Keough, County Judge, Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Mary Ann Turner, County Court at Law #4, Representative for County Courts and Judges, Vanessa Windham, Designee for Brett Ligon, District Attorney, Amanda Webb, Criminal Defense Attorney Representative, Kristin Bays, Designee for Judge Vince Santini, Representative for District Courts and Judges.

All Board member or their designees were present.

Non-Board members present: John McKinney, Asst. County Attorney and Legal Representative 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.)

No one was signed up for public comments.

### IV. MINUTES

A. Approve the minutes for the meeting July 20, 2022.

Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes, Darin Bailey entertained a motion. Melisa Miller moved to approve the minutes as written, Amanda Webb seconded. Judge Wayne Mack, Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Judge Kristin Bays, Judge William Waggoner, and Judge Mary Ann Turner abstained. There were 7 for approving, 5 that abstained, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

### V. TREASURER

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

Melanie Bush gave a recap of the collateral and the Tex Pool account balances. Darin Bailey entertained a motion, Judge Wayne Mack motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Melisa Miller seconded, the motion passed, the report was approved.

### VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, August 01, 2022.
2. License Expiration Report – updated 07/31/2022.

C. Consider, accept and enter into the record the following Audit documents:

1. Bail Bond Compliance Audit Q3 - Fiscal year 2022 – Application fees.
2. Bail Bond Inmate phones Compliance Audit Q3 – Fiscal Year 2022

There were no questions on the Administrators report, no action was required.

## VII. Complaint Sub-Committee

1. Complaint # 1 – Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received July 05, 2022 from Antiwan Lane against Alexis van de Ven Seda, dba Bustin Out Bail Bonds.

Melanie asked to defer this item to September the committee has struggled with communicating with this complainant since he is incarcerated therefore making it a bit complicated to get information. An additional letter has been personally delivered to Antiwan Lane asking him for any documentation to back up the complaint. This was the second complaint that was received July 05, 2022. Darin asked if it was substantially different from the first complaint. Amanda stated that the second complaint had to do with voicemails that were left. He has also had a change of court appointed attorneys. Melanie explained that if the committee doesn't receive information that is backup for the complaint prior to the next meeting in September then they will be ready to move on from this complaint.

2. Complaint # 2 – Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received July 20, 2022 from Tonya Ramos Smith against Sandi Morris.

Melanie stated the committee had received conflicting information on the interpretation that was based on 1704.259, they were asking that the committee be allowed additional time to research further and come back to the Board at the September meeting. Darin asked if they wanted to defer this item to September meeting, the committee stated they would.

## VIII PRESIDING OFFICER

1. Consider, discuss and take action on the request by Jerry Steve Sondag to change his dba from AAAA Discount Bail Bonds to Discount Bail Bonds for license 0022. He is abandoning the AAAA Discount Bail Bonds assumed name certificate today and Patrick Steirman will file for the assumed name. – Jerry Steven Sondag will not be posting any additional bonds on license 0022 once changed. The license will remain active until all the liability is zeroed out.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve Jerry Steve Sondag to change his license #0022 from AAAA Discount Bail Bonds to Discount Bail Bonds, second was made by Judge Wayne Mack, all were in favor, the motion passed.

2. Consider, discuss and take action on the request by Patrick Steirman dba Conroe Bail Bonds, License 0063 to change the dba to AAAA Discount Bail Bonds. He will provide Certificate once approved for the change and filing the assumed name certificate.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to change license 0063 from Conroe Bail Bonds to AAAA Discount Bail Bonds after the AAAA Discount Bail Bonds has been abandoned by Jerry Steve Sondag, second by Judge Wayne Mack. All were in favor, the motion passed.

#### VIII. ADJOURN

Judge Wayne Mack motioned to adjourn the meeting, Melisa Miller seconded, all board members were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. Darin stated that at this time the board would adjourn for lunch which was provided by a few of the bondsmen and then the workshop to be presented by Roger Moore would convene at approximately 1:00.

**The Agenda is on this bulletin board and may be obtained in the County Clerk's office on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**