

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

Wednesday, March 17, 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 TIME: 12:00 NOON
- II. ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Tiffany Dupree, designee for Melanie Bush, County Treasurer, Kelsey Padgett, Designee for Melisa Miller, District Clerk, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, Darin Bailey, Designee for Mark Turnbull, Vanessa Windham, Designee for Brett Ligon, District Attorney, Amanda Webb, Defense Attorney Representative, Colleen Rice, Designee for Judge Claudia Laird, CCL# 2, Representative for County Courts and Judges.

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, Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for Mark Keough, County Judge, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Judge.

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

Read into the records

- A) Judge Claudia Laird, CCL#2 on the Board emailed a designation February 26, 2021 naming Colleen Rice as her designee on the Bail Bond Board
- B) Melanie Bush emailed March 11, 2021 designating Tiffany Dupree as her designee.

Darin Bailey read the above designees into the records.

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 February 25, 2021.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the minutes as written for the February 25, 2021 meeting, Amanda Webb seconded. Kelsey Padgett abstained. All other Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

V. TREASURER

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

Tiffany Dupree stated that the Treasurer's Report was in the Board Members packet.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Vanessa Windham seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Review funds received for the month of February 2021. Fees collected for the month of February 2021 was \$2000.00 for 2 new agent licenses, 1 approved at the February meeting, 1 on the March agenda, 1 new license and 1 renewal license. Report attached.

B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, March 11, 2021 posting date.

2. License Expiration Report – updated 02/28/2021.

VII. PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Hearing for license renewal application: Steven Elliott Sondag, dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds, License 0070.

Steven Elliott was not present, this item is deferred to the end of the meeting.

Swear in Steven Elliott Sondag and proceed to a)

Meeting reconvened at 12:13 p.m. – Darin Bailey swore in Steven Elliott Sondag.

- a) Conduct hearing on agent license renewal application for Steven Elliott Sondag dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds.
- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license renewal of Steven Elliott Sondag dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds, License 0070.

Darin Bailey asked Steven Elliott Sondag about the items he listed under civil litigation and whether that had anything to do with his license.

Steven Elliott stated no, both the cases listed involved a car accident and had nothing to do the Bail Bond business.

There were no further questions, Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license renewal of Steven Elliott Sondag, license 0070 dba AAAA Betterway Bail Bonds, Vanessa Windham seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed. – Move to Adjourn section as this was the last item for action on the agenda.

- B. Hearing for license application: William Lee Nale IV, agent American Surety Company, dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds.

Swear in William Lee Nale IV, and representative for American Surety Company is present and proceed to a)

Darin Baily swore in William Lee Nale and asked the Board if they had any questions on the application.

- a) Conduct hearing on agent license application for William Lee Nale IV, agent American Surety Company dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the agent license of William Lee Nale IV, agent for American Surety Company, dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds.

No one had any questions. Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license application William Lee Nale, agent for American Surety Company, Amanda Webb seconded. All were in favor the license application was approved.

- C. Consider, discuss and take action on the request by Steven Sondag to have property pledged as collateral known as 505 N. Frazier with a current appraisal office value of \$95,690.00- Tax bill paid and appraisal form enclosed.

Amanda Webb moved to approve the pledge of collateral by Steven Sondag known as 505 N Frazier, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded. All were in favor the motion passed.

- D. Complaints:

This was Item J (b) on the February 25, 2021 agenda and was deferred by the Complaint Sub Committee until additional research could be completed.

- a) Consider, discuss and take action on the complaint filed by Robby Lilly Johnson against Jason Ayala, dba 1 Way Out Bail Bonds per recommendation from Complaint Subcommittee.

Amanda Webb stated that after further research the Complaint Sub Committees recommendation to the Board was to dismiss this complaint.

Amanda Webb moved to dismiss the complaint, Kelsey Padgett seconded, all there in favor, the motion passed.

The meeting was recessed at 12:07p.m.

Steven Elliott Sondag arrived. The meeting was reconvened at 12:13p.m. The Board moved back to item VII A) Hearing on license renewal application of Steven Elliott Sondag.

VIII. ADJOURN

Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kelsey Padgett seconded, and all Board members were in favor. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15p.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.