

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD
RICK BRASS, PRESIDING OFFICER
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD WILL CONVENED AT 12:00 NOON ON THE DATE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS AGENDA, IN THE ALAN. B SADLER, COMMISSIONERS COURT BUILDING, 501 N. THOMPSON, 4TH FLOOR, CONROE, TEXAS.

1.0. CALL TO ORDER **TIME: 12:00 NOON**

2.0 ROLL CALL

Board members 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 County Judge, Mark Keough, Vanessa Windham, Designee for District Attorney, Brett Ligon, Doug Wyrwich, Surety Representative, 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, Melanie Bush, County Treasurer, Rick Brass, Presiding Officer and Defense Attorney Representative

Board members not present: Judge Claudia Laird, Co. Co at Law # 2, or designee Donna Walters, Representative of County Courts and Judges, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Court.

Non Board Members present: Jan Avery, Bail Bond Board Administrator.

Non Board members not present: John McKinney, Asst. County Attorney and Legal Counsel to the Board.

3.0. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Public must sign registration prior to the beginning of meeting in order to address the Board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

Rick Brass addressed the Board stating that he had decided not to run as Defense Attorney Representative this time and stated that over the years it has been a pleasure to serve on this Board and to work with Jan Avery and all the Board members.

4.0 MINUTES

a) Read and approve minutes for the meeting November 21, 2019.

Rick stated to the Board that Jan Avery had asked if the Board members could please state their name when they make a motion and also

whomever seconds the motion as it is hard to see them or distinguish on a recording.

Judge Wayne Mack moved to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2019 meeting, Darin Bailey seconded. Jamie Meinkowsky, and Lt. Jeremiah Richards abstained. All other Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

5.0. TREASURER

- a) Consider acceptance and take action on Treasurer's Report.

Melanie presented the Treasurer's Report, Doug Wyrwich moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Judge Wayne Mack seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

6.0. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 1) Review funds received for the month of November 2019. – The fees collected for the month of October was \$-0-, the report is attached.
- 2) Consider:
 - a) Updated List of Licensed Surety companies for Posting. December 11, 2019 posting date.
 - b) License Expiration Report – updated 11/30/2019.
 - c) Copy of 2020 Calendar marked for meetings and rotation list updates.
- 3) The results from the December 9 – 12th election for Surety Representative and Defense Attorney Representative will be announced at the Friday, January 17th meeting since the results were not received before the agenda for the December meeting was posted. The elected Surety Representative and Defense Attorney Representative will take their place on the Board at the February 20, 2020 meeting or the first meeting following the January meeting.
- 4) The election for Presiding Officer and Vice Presiding officer for 2020 will be held in accordance with the Local Rules, Section X at the first February Board meeting which is scheduled as Thursday, February 20, 2020 and will assume their position at the Thursday, March 19th meeting or the first meeting following the February meeting.
- 5) After the December meeting and prior to the January 17th meeting, the Administrator will send ballots and a registry to all the Justice of the Peace Judges for a Justice of the Peace representative to the Bail Bond Board for 2020. The results will be announced at the January 17th meeting and will take their position on the Board at the

February 20, 2020 meeting or the first meeting following the January meeting and remain into effect until a replacement.

- 6) Update – Regarding complaints filed by Ashley Ashley, Bryan Aaron Rocha and Juan Carlos Hernandez – The County Attorney’s office will be reaching out to the complainants to obtain additional information in the near future. They hope to provide additional findings at the January 17, 2020 Board meeting including if possible a final recommendation concerning dismissing or proceeding with one or more complaints.

Update – Montgomery County Bail Bond Board Local Rules-Section VI – Solicitation: The County Attorney’s office has determined, at least in part, portions of Section VI: Solicitation of the Montgomery County Bail Bond Board Local Rules will require amending. At the January 17, 2020 board meeting they anticipate providing additional information and possible suggestions to address conflict with local rules and court rulings.

Darin Bailey stated to the Board that John McKinney had been working hard and had done a lot of research on the above items but was unable to make the meeting due to a previously scheduled vacation. The County Attorney’s office didn’t send another representative. Darin stated that any questions anyone might have to please refrain from asking them until John McKinney is back. As far as any bondsmen with questions on the subject they should seek individual counsel. The Board will update all as soon as the research has been completed.

7.0. PRESIDING OFFICER

The Presiding Officer had nothing to address.

8.0 ADJOURN

Melanie Bush moved to adjourn the meeting, Doug Wyrwich seconded, all were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:09:31.

THE AGENDA IS ON THIS BULLETIN BOARD AND MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURT’S BUILDING AT 210 WEST DAVIS AND IN THE COMMISSIONER’S COURTROOM ----ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING.