

MINUTES
**Montgomery County Bail Bond
Board**
Darin Bailey
Presiding Officer
Wednesday, May 18, 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, 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

Bail Bond Board members present: Judge Vince Santini, 457th District Court, Representative for District Courts and Judge, Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for 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, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, 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, Judge Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Representative for Justice Courts and Judges joined the meeting at 12:04p.m.

Bail Bond Board members not present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Judge.

Non Board members present: John McKinney, Asst. County Attorney, 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.)

Frank Powell, representative for Faith Nicole Hughes gave public comment in regards to the opposition of Sandra Morris' application. He stated that there is continued pending litigation in Houston County, due to a non-compete agreement and He had several documents he wanted to share with the Board. He has not at this time filed a complaint but is in the midst of completing one.

Faith Nicole Hughes also stated to the Board that she wanted to affirm for the record what Mr. Powell had said.

Mr. Powell stated also that Faith Nicole Hughes, Tanya Smith and Katy Curry had reached out to him in regards to their employment with Sandra Morris. Katy Curry was not able to attend the meeting today.

IV. MINUTES

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

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting. Amanda Webb motioned to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

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 Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as reported, Jamie Meinkowsky seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Review funds received for the month of April 2022. Report attached.
- B. Consider:
 - 1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, May 04, 2022.
 - 2. License Expiration Report – updated 04/30/2022.
- C. Consider, accept and enter into the record the following Audit documents:
 - 1. Bail Bond Compliance Audit Q2 – Fiscal year 2022 – Application

- fees.
2. Bail Bond Inmate phones compliance Audit Q2- Fiscal year 2022

There were no questions for the Administrator on the report. No action was required.

VII. Complaint Sub-Committee

1. Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received March 04, 2022 from Peter John Collins-Delutis (Peter Merrell) against Elliott Sondag.

Amanda Webb stated it was the Complaint sub-committees recommendation to the Board to dismiss this complaint after investigation and research they felt it was not substantiated. Judge Santini Motioned to dismiss the complaint, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded. Judge Wayne Mack abstained, all other Board members were in favor, the motion passed. The complaint was dismissed.

2. Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received April 22, 2022 from Bettyanne Moore against A-1 Bail Bonds.

Amanda Webb stated the committee felt this complaint should be postponed, so the committee can discuss further due to new information received which may resolve this complaint.

3. Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received January 28, 2022 from Antiwan Lane against Alexis van de Ven Seda dba Bustin Out Bail Bonds.

Amanda Webb stated that the committee would like to postpone this complaint as they are waiting on the individual to request certain information.

Amanda Webb moved to postpone Complaint 2 and Complaint 3, Vanessa Windham seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed. The complaint by Bettyanne Moore against A-1 Bail Bond and the complaint by Antiwan Lane against Alexis van de Ven Seda will be postponed to the June meeting or until the committee receives the additional information to make a recommendation.

VIII. PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Hearing on license application of Sandi Morris, agent for Banker's Insurance Company dba Bail Bonds by Renell.

Swear in Sandi Morris and Banker's representative and proceed to a)

Darin Bailey swore in Drew Johnson with Bankers Insurance and Sandi Morris for the agent license.

- a) Conduct hearing on license application of Sandi Morris agent, Banker's Insurance Company dba Bail Bonds by Renell.

Drew Johnson stated that there was no notice given on what Mr. Powell presented to the Board, nor did it have anything to do with the actual application packet that was on the agenda. Darin asked John if a pending appellate case needed to be stated in the application packet. She said there was a pending appellate case in Polk County against the Polk County Bail Bond Board. Sandi stated that had nothing to do with her, that is her sister and she is not involved in her business.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license application of Sandi Morris, agent Bankers Insurance Company dba Bail Bonds by Renell.

After discussion on signing paperwork and it being notarized and filled in later, and possible allegations of fraud or forgeries as brought up by Mr. Powell, due to this color of the application, Judge Santini moved to reschedule the hearing on this license application and give time for the parties to address any allegations and provide documentation to the Board. Jamie Meinkowsky seconded, all Board members were in favor, the license application will be rescheduled to the next meeting so any questions may be answered.

- B. Hearing on license application of Patrick Steirman, agent United States Fire Insurance Co., dba Conroe Bail Bonds.

Swear in Patrick Steirman and United States Fire Insurance Co representative and proceed to a)

Darin Bailey swore in Patrick Steirman and the representative for the United States Fire Insurance Co.

- a) Conduct hearing on license application of Patrick Steirman, agent, United States Fire Insurance Company dba Conroe Bail Bonds.

Jan stated that all documents were in the packet and appear to be in order.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license application of Patrick Steirman, agent United States Fire Insurance Co., dba Conroe Bail Bonds.

Melisa Miller moved to approve the license for Patrick Steirman, agent of United States Fire Insurance Company dba Conroe Bail Bonds, Judge Wayne Mack seconded. All

Board members were in favor, the motion was approved.

John McKinney asked the Board if they wanted to direct any instructions to Jan Avery, ie acquiring copies of documents. There were no specific instructions, the Board would wait on Mr. Frank Powell to supply any documents and/or file a complaint. Any digital copies, Jan Avery would share with Ms. Morris as well.

IX. ADJOURN

Darin Bailey entertained a motion to adjourn. Alexis van De Ven Seda motioned to adjourn, Judge Vince Santini seconded. All Board members were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 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.