

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

Thursday, May 21, 2020

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.

- I. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 12:00 NOON
- II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Donna Walters, and Designee for Judge Claudia Laird, CCL# 2, Representative for County Courts and Judges, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Vice Presiding Officer and Surety Representative, Melisa Miller, District Clerk, Darin Bailey, Presiding Officer and Designee for Mark Turnbull, County Clerk, Melanie Bush, County Treasurer. Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for County Judge Mark Keough.

Board members not present: Paul Damico, Designee for Judge Phil Grant, 9th District Court, representative for District Courts and Judges, Vanessa Windham, Designee for District Attorney Brett Ligon, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Judge Michael Davis, Conroe Municipal Court, Amanda Webb, Defense Attorney Representative.

Non Board members present: John McKinney, Asst. County Attorney and Legal Counsel 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 comment.

IV. MINUTES

- A. Read and approve minutes for the meeting April 16, 2020.

Melisa Miller moved to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2020 meeting, Melanie Bush seconded. All were in favor the motion passed.

V. TREASURER

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

Melanie Bush gave the Treasurer's report, Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Melisa Miller seconded. All were in favor the motion passed.

VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Review funds received for the month of April 2020. The fees collected for the month of April was \$500.00, report attached.
- B. Consider:
 - 1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting. May 11, 2020 posting date.
 - 2. License Expiration Report – updated 04/30/2020.

VII. PRESIDING OFFICER

- 1.) Hearing for license application: Derrick Dixon, agent Lexington National Insurance Company.

Swear in Derrick Dixon and representative for Lexington National Insurance Company if present and proceed to a)

Darin Bailey swore in Derrick Dixon

- a) Conduct hearing on license application for Derrick Dixon, agent for Lexington National Insurance Company.

Jan Avery stated that all documents in the packet appeared to be in order and updated, she had good reports from all the other counties Mr. Dixon holds a license in. Mr. Dixon had confirmed via email that the information in the packet was current.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license application of Derrick Dixon, agent Lexington National Insurance Company.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license application, Melanie Bush seconded. All were in favor, the motion passed. The license application for Derrick Dixon, agent for Lexington National Insurance Company, dba 1st Choice Bail Bonding was approved.

- 2) Hearing on license application: Georgette Whatley, agent Lexington National Insurance Company, dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds.

Darin Bailey swore in Georgette Whatley

Swear in – Georgette Whatley and proceed to a)

- a) Conduct hearing on license application for Georgette Whatley, agent for Lexington National Insurance Company, dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds.

Jan Avery stated that all documents appeared to be in order and everything was up to date on the license application.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license application of Georgette Whatley agent, Lexington National Insurance Company.

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to approve the license application of Georgette Whatley, Melisa Miller seconded. All Board members were in favor, the license application was approved for Georgette Whatley, agent for Lexington National Insurance Company, dba Lucky 7 Bail Bonds.

- 3) Consider, discuss and take action on the complaint filed by Ashley Ashley, Against Jason Ayala and 1 Way Out Bail Bonds on December 30, 2019. This item was deferred from the February meeting so Legal Counsel could research verbiage, Local Rules vs Code and Case law and present findings at this meeting. The March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 and disaster declaration. On the April agenda the Board addressed only pressing issues.

After discussion, Melanie Bush moved to take no action and to dismiss the complaint, Lt. Jeremiah Richards seconded. Darin Bailey vote no, all other board members voted aye, the motion passed.

- 4) Consider, discuss and take action on the complaint filed by Bryan Aaron Rocha against Wisam and All Access Bail Bonds on November 07, 2019. This item was deferred from the February meeting so Legal Counsel could research verbiage, Local Rules vs Code and case law and present findings at this meeting. The March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 and disaster declaration. On the April agenda the Board addressed only pressing issues.

After discussion Lt. Jeremiah Richards moved to dismiss the complaint, Melisa Miller seconded. Darin Bailey voted no, all other Board members voted aye, the motion passed and the complaint was dismissed.

- 5) Consider, discuss and take action on the complaint filed by Blanca Stavropoulas against Jason Ayala dba 1-Way Out Bail Bonds on December 23, 2019. This item was deferred from the February meeting so Legal Counsel could research verbiage, Local Rules vs Code and case law and present findings at this meeting. The March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 and disaster declaration. On the April agenda the Board addressed only pressing issues.

After discussion Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to dismissed, Melanie Bush seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.

- 6) Consider, discuss and take action on the complaint filed by Stephanie Smith, received February 25, 2020 against Maria and All Access Bail Bonds. The March meeting was cancelled due to the Covid 19 and disaster declaration. On the April agenda the Board addressed only pressing issues.

After discussion Melanie Bush moved to dismiss, Donna Walters seconded, all Board members were in favor. The motion passed and the complaint was dismissed.

- 7) Consider, discuss and take action on the complaint filed by Alicia Diaz against Wisam Muharib, dba All Access Bail Bonds received on March 12, 2020.

After discussion, Lt. Jeremiah Richards made a motion to have Legal Counsel investigate the complaint, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded, Darin Bailey was opposed, and all other Board members were in agreement. The complaint will be investigated by Legal Counsel and any findings will be reported to the Board at the next Board meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN

Alexis van de Ven Seda moved to adjourn the meeting, Melanie Bush seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:28 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.