



STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Darrell A. Apffel, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Commissioner, Precinct 1

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025



Signature of Officer

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

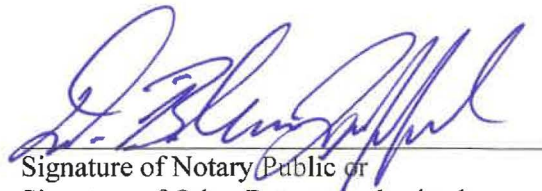
I, Darrell A. Apffel, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Commissioner, Precinct 1 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.


Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)


Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

D. Blake Apffel
Printed Name or typed Name

JP/z
Title

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Galveston County, Texas

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ADDITIONAL OATH
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Darrell A. Apffel, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.




Officer's Signature

Commissioner, Precinct 1
Position to Which Elected/Appointed

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, on this the 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)



Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to Administer
An Oath

D. BLAKE APFFEL

Printed Name or typed Name

JP/2

Title

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
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**TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT # 1**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. TX 832909

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Darrell A. Apffel, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County Auditor of the County of Galveston, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS.

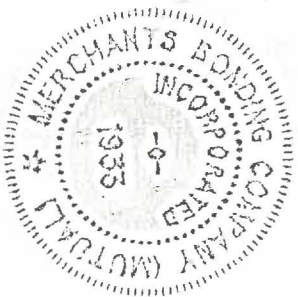
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of County Commissioner in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties; and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him/her; and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose, then this obligation shall be void, or otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2024.



Darrell A. Apffel

Principal

By: Darrell A. Apffel

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Stephanie Rippard

Attorney-in-Fact

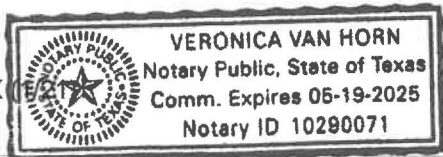
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Before me, Veronica Van Horn, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Darrell A. Apffel known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at 722 Moody Ave, Galveston, TX this 6th day of January, 2025



PO 0156 TX

Galveston

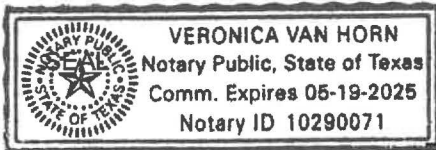
County, Texas.

OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

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Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, this 16th day of January, 2025.



Veronica Van Horn
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston } ss

The foregoing bond of Darrell A. Apffel as County Commissioner, Precinct 1 in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

Date January 17, 2025

ATTEST
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Mark Henry County Judge,
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____

_____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County
PO 0156 TX (1/21)

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (in California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Garry P Kaufman; Kathy Marines; Larry Taylor; Max Miller; Monica Brown; Sandra Jean Stout; Stephanie Rippard; Yvette Dupree

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and April 27, 2024 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015 and amended on April 27, 2024.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 1st day of January, 2025.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

Larry Taylor

President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

Penni Miller

Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 13th day of November, 2024.



Elisabeth Sandersfeld

Secretary



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TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

The following has been added, and supersedes any provision to the contrary.

The following actions shall be commenced within 2 years and 1 day from the date the cause of action first accrues:

1. Any claim, action, suit or proceeding against the Surety.



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NOTICE TO BOND HOLDER – RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 671-8171

Toll-free: (800) 671-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Mail: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3498

To get insurance information, you may also contact your agent:

Galveston Insurance Associates

Call: 409-740-1251

Mail: PO Box 16767 Galveston, TX 77552

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance,

¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Llame a: Compliance Officer al (800) 671-8171

Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171

Correo electrónico: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Dirección postal: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-3498

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente una queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, PO Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Hank Dugie, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025



Signature of Officer

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Hank Dugie, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Commissioner, Precinct 3 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
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Mark Henry
Printed Name or typed Name

County Judge
Title

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
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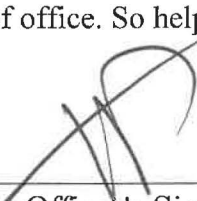
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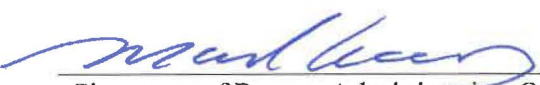
Officer's Signature

County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Position to Which Elected/Appointed

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, on this the 1st day of January, 2025.



Signature of Person Administering Oath

Mark Henry

Printed Name

County Judge

Title

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**TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT # 3**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. 101322974

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Henry "Hank" Dugie, Jr., as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County Auditor of the County of Galveston, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of County Commissioner in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties; and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him/her; and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose, then this obligation shall be void, or otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2024.

Henry "Hank" Dugie, Jr.

Principal

By:

Henry "Hank" Dugie, Jr.

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By:

Stephanie Rippard
Stephanie Rippard Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

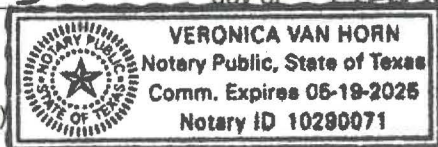
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston Veronica Van Horn

Before me, Henry "Hank" Dugie, Jr., a notary public, on this day personally appeared Henry "Hank" Dugie, Jr. known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at

this 2nd day of January, 2025.



PO 0156 TX (1/21)

Galveston

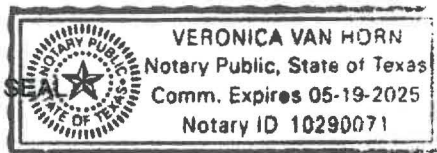
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Signed [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, this 3rd day of January, 2025.



Veronica Van Horn
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston } ss

The foregoing bond of Henry "Hank" Dugie, Jr. as County Commissioner, Precinct 3 in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date January 17, 2025

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

By Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

[Signature] County Judge,
Mark Henry
Galveston County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County
PO 0156 TX (1/21)

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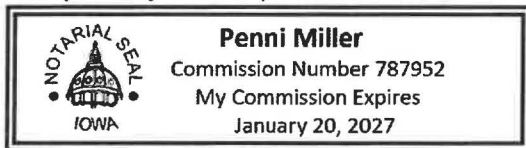
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MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
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By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 12th day of November, 2024, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission
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Penni Miller
Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 12th day of November, 2024.



Elisabeth Sandersfeld
Secretary



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TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

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El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Blake Patton, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Constable, Precinct 1

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025


Signature of Officer

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Blake Patton, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable, Precinct 1 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blake Patton", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Henry", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Mark Henry
Printed Name or typed Name

County Judge
Title

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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR CONSTABLE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. 101322978

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Blake Anthony Patton, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

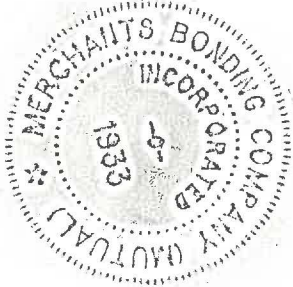
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2025, duly Elected to the office of Constable in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties imposed by law, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2024.



Blake Anthony Patton

Principal

By: Blake Anthony Patton

Blake Anthony Patton

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Stephanie Rippard

Stephanie Rippard Attorney-in-Fact

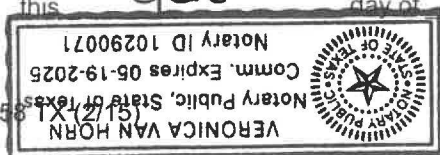
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Before me, Veronica Van Horn, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Blake Anthony Patton known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at 823 Grand Ave Becliff, TX this 9th day of January, 2025



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Galveston

County, Texas.

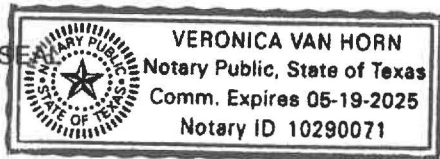
OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, Blake Anthony Patton, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable Pct. of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed

Blake A. Patton

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Becliff, Texas, this 9th day of January, 2025



Veronica Van Horn

Galveston

County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

} ss

The foregoing bond of Blake Anthony Patton as Constable, Precinct 1 in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

Date January 17, 2025

ATTEST:
Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

By Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Mark Henry
Galveston

County Judge,
County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

} ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County
PO 0158 TX (2/15)

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (in California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Stephanie Rippard

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and April 27, 2024 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015 and amended on April 27, 2024.

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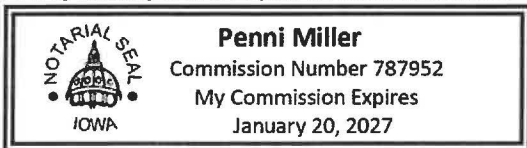
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By

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President

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COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 12th day of November, 2024, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



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Notary Public

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Elisabeth Sandersfeld
Secretary



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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Paul Edinburgh, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Constable, Precinct 2

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025



Signature of Officer

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Paul Edinburgh, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable, Precinct 2 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

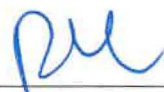


Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)



Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Rebecca Millo
Printed Name or typed Name

Judge, 10th Judicial District
Title

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
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**TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH
FOR CONSTABLE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. TX6163841

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Paul J. Edinburgh, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of Constable in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties imposed by law, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2024.



Paul J. Edinburgh

Principal

By: [Signature]

Paul J. Edinburgh

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]

Attorney-in-Fact

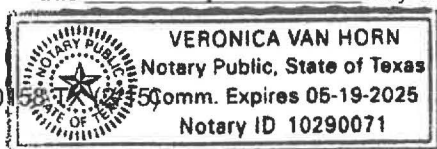
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Before me, Veronica Van Horn, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Paul J. Edinburgh known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at 722 Moody Ave, Galveston, TX this 7th day of January, 2025



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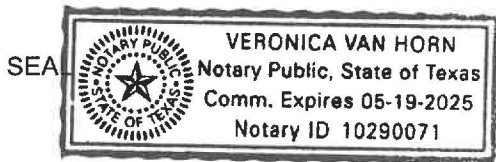
Veronica Van Horn
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OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, Paul J. Edinburg, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable Pct. 2 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, this 17th day of January, 2025.



Veronica Van Horn
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Galveston } ss

The foregoing bond of Paul J. Edinburg as Constable, Precinct 2 in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date January 17, 2025

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

[Signature] County Judge,

By Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Mark Henry
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County
PO 0158 TX (2/15)

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and April 27, 2024 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015 and amended on April 27, 2024.

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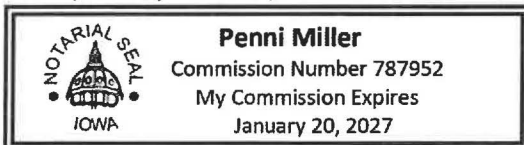
By

Larry Taylor

President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

Penni Miller

Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 8th day of August, 2024.



Elisabeth Sandersfeld

Secretary



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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement


I, Derreck Rose, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Constable, Precinct 3

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025

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Signature of Officer

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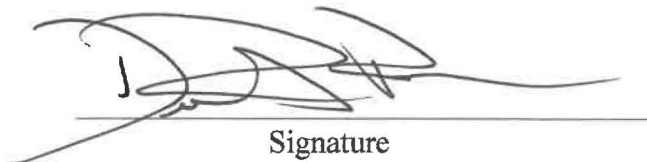
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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

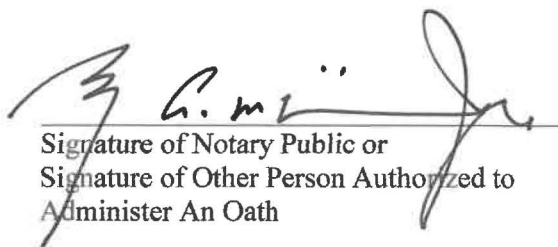
I, Derreck Rose, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable, Precinct 3 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.


Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)


Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Billy A. Williams, Jr.
Printed Name or typed Name

Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
Title

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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR CONSTABLE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. TX 833366

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Derreck Rose, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

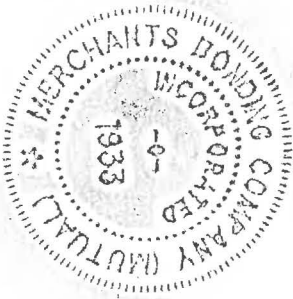
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of Constable in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties imposed by law, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2024.



Derreck Rose

By: [Signature]

Derreck Rose

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]

Attorney-in-Fact

Principal

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Before me, Dianna Garza-Martinez, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Derreck Rose known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Galveston County this 9th day of January, 2025.



Galveston

County, Texas.

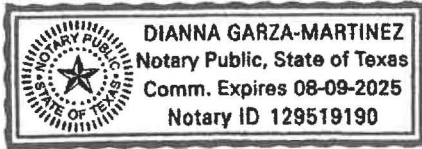
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SEAL



Dianna Garza-Martinez
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston } ss

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Date January 17, 2025

Bright D. Sullivan, County Clerk

By Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Mark Henry
Galveston

County Judge,
County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County

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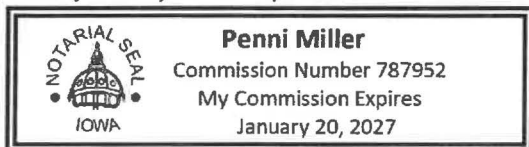
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By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



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Elisabeth Sandersfeld
Secretary



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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement


I, Justin West, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Constable, Precinct 4

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025



Signature of Officer

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Justin West, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable, Precinct 4 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

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Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mark Henry", written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Mark Henry
Printed Name or typed Name

County Judge
Title

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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR CONSTABLE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. TX5414664

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Justin Allan West, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 3rd day of November, 2020, duly Elected to the office of Constable in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties imposed by law, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2024.



Justin Allan West

Principal

By:

Justin Allan West

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By:

Stephanie Rippard

Attorney-in-Fact

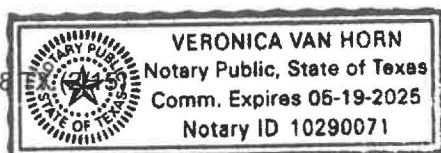
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Before me, Veronica Van Horn, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Justin Allan West known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at 722 Moody Ave, Galveston, TX this 6th day of January, 2025.



PO 0158

Galveston County, Texas.

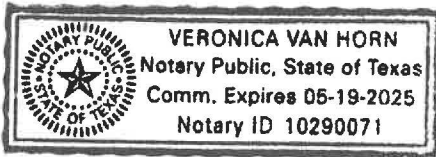
OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, Justin West, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Constable Pct. 4 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, this 6th day of January, 2025.

SEAL



Veronica Van Horn
Galveston County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston } ss

The foregoing bond of Justin West as Constable, Precinct 4 in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

Date January 17, 2025

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

By: Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Mark Henry

Galveston

County Judge,

County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy

County Court _____ County

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Garry P Kaufman; Kathy Marines; Larry Taylor; Max Miller; Monica Brown; Sandra Jean Stout; Stephanie Rippard; Yvette Dupree

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

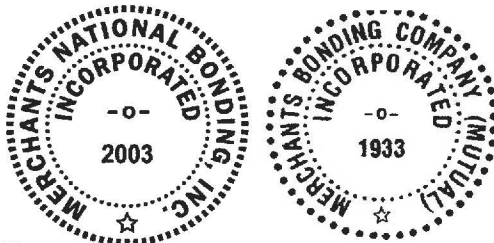
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In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 1st day of January, 2025.



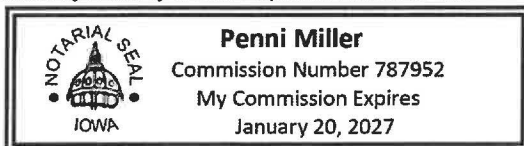
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MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

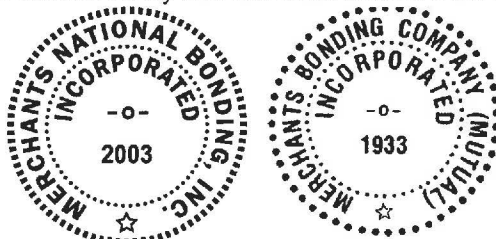


(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

[Signature]
Notary Public

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 11th day of July, 2024.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary



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Toll-free: (800) 671-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

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Galveston Insurance Associates

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Kathleen McCumber, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathleen McCumber", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Officer

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Kathleen McCumber, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathleen McCumber", written over a horizontal line.

Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kerri Foley-Cromie", written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

A handwritten name in blue ink, reading "Kerri Foley-Cromie", written over a horizontal line.

Printed Name or typed Name

A handwritten title in blue ink, reading "Judge, County Court at Law No. 2", written over a horizontal line.

Title

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**TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH
FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
PRECINCT # 4**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. TX 712225

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Kathleen M. McCumber, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of the County of Galveston, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 3rd day of November, 2020, duly Elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into his/her hands during the term of office, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

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Dated this 11th day of July, 2024.

Kathleen M. McCumber

By: Kathleen M. McCumber

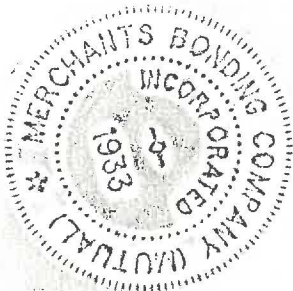
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Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

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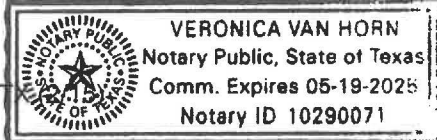
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Before me, Veronica Van Horn, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Kathleen M. McCumber known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at 174 Calder Rd, League City, TX this 8th day of January, 2025



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Veronica Van Horn
Galveston County, Texas.

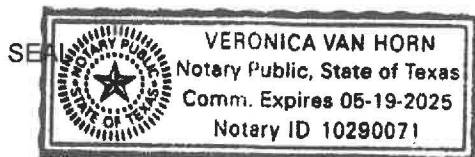
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Veronica Van Horn

Galveston

County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of

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} ss

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ATTEST

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

By: Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Date January 17, 2025

Mark Henry

Galveston

County Judge,

County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____

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Clerk

By

Deputy

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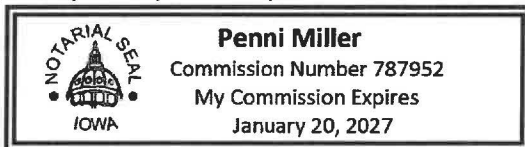
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By

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President

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On this 1st day of January, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

Penni Miller
Notary Public

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William Warner Jr.
Secretary



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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER

(Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. XVI, §1(b), amended 2001)

I, **Jimmy Fullen**, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED THEREIN ARE TRUE.



Officer's Signature

January 1, 2025

Date

Sheriff
Position to Which Elected/Appointed

Galveston, Galveston County
City and/or County

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Galveston County, Texas

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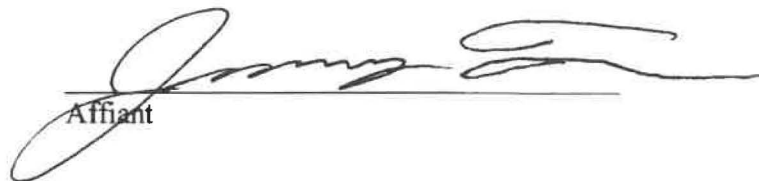
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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, **Jimmy Fullen**, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of **Sheriff** of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.


Affiant

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me by affiant on this 1st day of January, 2025.


Signature of Person Administering Oath

Jeth Jones
Printed Name

Judge, 122nd District Court
Title

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498

PHONE: (800) 678-8171 FAX: (515) 243-3854

TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR SHERIFF

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Bond No. 101324007

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, James P. Fullen, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of the State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of Sheriff in and for Galveston County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties of office established by law; account for and pay to the person authorized by law to receive them the fines, forfeitures, and penalties he/she collects for the use of the state or a county; execute and return when due the process and precepts lawfully directed to him/her, and pay to the person to whom they are due or to the person's attorney the funds collected by virtue of the process or precept; and pay to the county any funds illegally paid, voluntarily or otherwise, to him/her from county funds, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2024.

James P. Fullen

By: James P. Fullen

James P. Fullen

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: James A. Holter

James A. Holter, Attorney-in-Fact

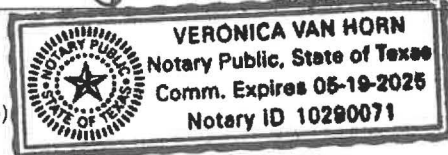
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston

Before me, Veronica Van Horn, a notary public, on this day personally appeared James P. Fullen known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at 722 Moody Ave, Galveston, TX this 6th day of January, 2025.



OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, James Fullen, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Sheriff of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

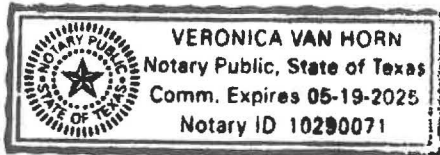
Signed

[Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Galveston, Texas, this 6th day of January, 2025.

Veronica Van Horn
Galveston County, Texas

SEAL



THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Galveston } ss

The foregoing bond of James Fullen as Sheriff in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST COMMISSIONER
Dwight R. Sullivan, County Clerk

By Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

Date January 17, 2025

[Signature]
Mark Henry
Galveston

County Judge,
County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____ } ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in _____, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Clerk

By _____ Deputy County Court _____ County

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY™
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, d/b/a Merchants National Indemnity Company (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

James A. Holter

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and April 27, 2024 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015 and amended on April 27, 2024.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner-Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 13th day of November, 2024.



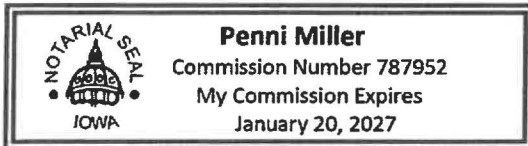
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 13th day of November, 2024, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



(Expiration of notary's commission
does not invalidate this instrument)

Penni Miller
Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 13th day of November, 2024.



Elisabeth Sandersfeld
Secretary



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P.O. Box 14498 • DES MOINES, IOWA 50306-3498 • (800) 678-8171 • (515) 243-3854 FAX

TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

The following has been added, and supersedes any provision to the contrary.

The following actions shall be commenced within 2 years and 1 day from the date the cause of action first accrues:

1. Any claim, action, suit or proceeding against the Surety.



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Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 671-8171

Toll-free: (800) 671-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Mail: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-3498

To get insurance information, you may also contact your agent:

Galveston Insurance Associates

Call: 409-740-1251

Mail: PO Box 16767 Galveston, TX 77552

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance,

¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Llame a: Compliance Officer al (800) 671-8171

Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171

Correo electrónico: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Dirección postal: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-3498

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente una queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, PO Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dwight D. Sullivan", written over a horizontal line.

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

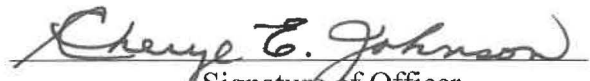
I, Cheryl E. Johnson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Tax Assessor-Collector

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025


Signature of Officer

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

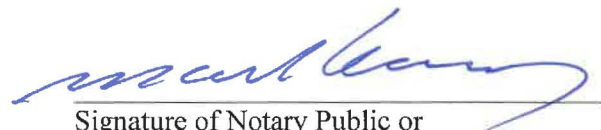
I, Cheryl E. Johnson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Tax Assessor-Collector of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.


Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)


Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Mark Henry
Printed Name or typed Name

County Judge
Title

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY
118 Second Avenue SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401 319-399-5700
A Stock Company

Bond No. 51-105180

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that we
Cheryl E. Johnson, 810 Mytlewood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546

As principal and the **UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Iowa and duly authorized to transact business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Governor of Texas

in the full sum of One hundred thousand and no/100---
Dollars (\$ 100,000.00---), lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we and each of us bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, that

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has been duly **Appointed/Elected** to the office of Tax Assessor/Collector for a term beginning on the 1st day of January, 2025 and ending on the 1st day of January, 2029.

LIMITS OF LIABILITY. Regardless of the number of years this Bond shall continue in force and the number of premiums which shall be payable or paid, the limit of the Surety's liability shall not be cumulative from year to year or period to period.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully execute and perform the duties of said office according to all laws now in force, and shall well, truly and faithfully perform the duties of said office according to any law that may be enacted subsequent to the execution of this bond then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Principal has hereunto signed his/her name and said Surety has hereunto caused its name and corporate seal to be affixed by its duly authorized officer this 3rd day of October, 2024.

Witness:

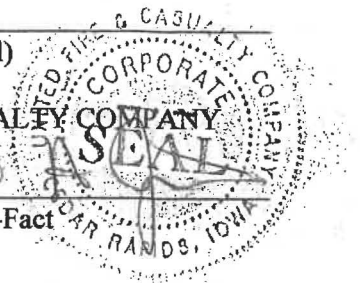
Cheryl E. Johnson

(Principal)

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

By: [Signature]

Attorney-in-Fact





UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
 UNITED FIRE & INDEMNITY COMPANY, WEBSTER, TX
 FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CA
 CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
 (original on file at Home Office of Company – See Certification)

Inquiries: Surety Department
 118 Second Ave SE
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That United Fire & Casualty Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa; United Fire & Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas; and Financial Pacific Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (herein collectively called the Companies), and having their corporate headquarters in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa, does make, constitute and appoint

KYANNA SAYLOR, BRAD HANCE, JUDITH A. JONES, MARY BERTSCH, PATRICIA WIEBEL ALLISON NISSEN, STEVEN KINNEY, KARRI L. MURPHY, JORDAN FELTMAN, GUNNER TRANEL, AUSTIN NAUMAN, NICK LENZEN, NOLAN J. ARP, ZACK ROSE, MONUEIR MOODIE, PATTI WADDELL, KATHY DAKE, DEB GASKILL, CARRIE A. GRAY, PATRICIA L. NIEBES, MEREDITH UMSTEAD, CASS MOORE, BARBARA J. MALMBERG, MICHELLE L. MULLINEX, CAROL DAVISON, EACH INDIVIDUALLY

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf all lawful bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature provided that no single obligation shall exceed \$ 100,000,000.00 and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies and all of the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given and hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Authority hereby granted is continuous and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following bylaw duly adopted by the Boards of Directors of United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

"Article VI – Surety Bonds and Undertakings"

Section 2, Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact. "The President or any Vice President, or any other officer of the Companies may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Companies in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. The signature of any officer authorized hereby, and the Corporate seal, may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or special power of attorney or certification of either authorized hereby; such signature and seal, when so used, being adopted by the Companies as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Companies, to be valid and binding upon the Companies with the same force and effect as though manually affixed. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set of forth in their respective certificates of authority shall have full power to bind the Companies by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal the Companies thereto. The President or any Vice President, the Board of Directors or any other officer of the Companies may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COMPANIES have each caused these presents to be signed by its vice president and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 15th day of August, 2024



UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY
 UNITED FIRE & INDEMNITY COMPANY
 FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

By: *Kyanna M. Saylor*
 Vice President

State of Iowa, County of Linn, ss:

On 15th day of August, 2024, before me personally came Kyanna M. Saylor to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that she resides in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa; that she is a Vice President of United Fire & Casualty Company, a Vice President of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and a Vice President of Financial Pacific Insurance Company the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that she knows the seal of said corporations; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporations and that she signed her name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



Patti Waddell
 Notary Public
 My commission expires: 10/26/2025

I, Mary A. Bertsch, Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Casualty Company and Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Assistant Secretary of Financial Pacific Insurance Company, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Section of the bylaws and resolutions of said Corporations as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with the ORIGINALS ON FILE IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID CORPORATIONS, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said Corporations this 3rd day of October, 2024.



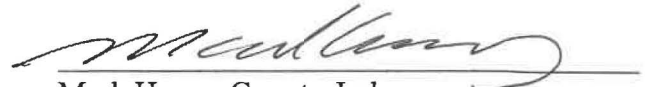
By: *Mary A. Bertsch*
 Assistant Secretary,
 UF&C & UF&I & FPIC

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GALVESTON**

The foregoing bond of Cheryl E. Johnson as County Tax Assessor-Collector in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioners' Court.



Date: January 17, 2025


Mark Henry, County Judge

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

By: Brandy Chapman Deputy
Brandy Chapman

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY
118 Second Avenue SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401 319-399-5700
A Stock Company

Bond No. 51-105179

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that we
Cheryl E. Johnson, 810 Myrtlewood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546

As principal and the **UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Iowa and duly authorized to transact business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Galveston County Commissioners Court

in the full sum of One hundred thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$ 100,000.00), lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we and each of us bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, that

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has been duly **Appointed/Elected** to the office of Tax Assessor/Collector for a term beginning on the 1st day of January, 20 25 and ending on the 1st day of January, 20 29.

LIMITS OF LIABILITY. Regardless of the number of years this Bond shall continue in force and the number of premiums which shall be payable or paid, the limit of the Surety's liability shall not be cumulative from year to year or period to period.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully execute and perform the duties of said office according to all laws now in force, and shall well, truly and faithfully perform the duties of said office according to any law that may be enacted subsequent to the execution of this bond then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Principal has hereunto signed his/her name and said Surety has hereunto caused its name and corporate seal to be affixed by its duly authorized officer this 3rd day of October, 20 24.

Witness:

Cheryl E. Johnson

(Principal)

UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY

By: Julian A. [Signature]
Attorney-in-Fact





UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
UNITED FIRE & INDEMNITY COMPANY, WEBSTER, TX
FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CA
CERTIFIED COPY OF POWER OF ATTORNEY
(original on file at Home Office of Company – See Certification)

Inquiries: Surety Department
118 Second Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That United Fire & Casualty Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa; United Fire & Indemnity Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas; and Financial Pacific Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California (herein collectively called the Companies), and having their corporate headquarters in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa, does make, constitute and appoint

KYANNA SAYLOR, BRAD HANCE, JUDITH A. JONES, MARY BERTSCH, PATRICIA WIEBEL ALLISON NISSEN, STEVEN KINNEY, KARRI L. MURPHY, JORDAN FELTMAN, GUNNER TRANEL, AUSTIN NAUMAN, NICK LENZEN, NOLAN J. ARP, ZACK ROSE, MONUEIR MOODIE, PATTI WADDELL, KATHY DAKE, DEB GASKILL, CARRIE A. GRAY, PATRICIA L. NIEBES, MEREDITH UMSTEAD, CASS MOORE, BARBARA J. MALMBERG, MICHELLE L. MULLINEX, CAROL DAVISON, EACH INDIVIDUALLY

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute in its behalf all lawful bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature provided that no single obligation shall exceed \$ 100,000,000.00 and to bind the Companies thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of the Companies and all of the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given and hereby ratified and confirmed.

The Authority hereby granted is continuous and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following bylaw duly adopted by the Boards of Directors of United Fire & Casualty Company, United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Financial Pacific Insurance Company.

"Article VI – Surety Bonds and Undertakings"

Section 2, Appointment of Attorney-in-Fact. "The President or any Vice President, or any other officer of the Companies may, from time to time, appoint by written certificates attorneys-in-fact to act in behalf of the Companies in the execution of policies of insurance, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature. The signature of any officer authorized hereby, and the Corporate seal, may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or special power of attorney or certification of either authorized hereby; such signature and seal, when so used, being adopted by the Companies as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Companies, to be valid and binding upon the Companies with the same force and effect as though manually affixed. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective certificates of authority shall have full power to bind the Companies by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach the seal of the Companies thereto. The President or any Vice President, the Board of Directors or any other officer of the Companies may at any time revoke all power and authority previously given to any attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COMPANIES have each caused these presents to be signed by its vice president and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 15th day of August, 2024



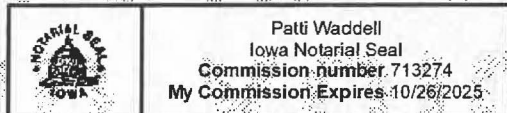
UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMPANY
UNITED FIRE & INDEMNITY COMPANY
FINANCIAL PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY

By: *Kyanna M. Saylor*
Vice President

State of Iowa, County of Linn, ss:

On 15th day of August, 2024, before me personally came Kyanna M. Saylor

to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say; that she resides in Cedar Rapids, State of Iowa; that she is a Vice President of United Fire & Casualty Company, a Vice President of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and a Vice President of Financial Pacific Insurance Company the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that she knows the seal of said corporations; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporations and that she signed her name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporations.



Patti Waddell
Notary Public
My commission expires: 10/26/2025

I, Mary A. Bertsch, Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Casualty Company and Assistant Secretary of United Fire & Indemnity Company, and Assistant Secretary of Financial Pacific Insurance Company, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Section of the bylaws and resolutions of said Corporations as set forth in said Power of Attorney, with the ORIGINALS ON FILE IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID CORPORATIONS, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof, and of the whole of the said originals, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the said Corporations

this 3rd day of October, 2024



By: *Mary A. Bertsch*
Assistant Secretary,
UF&C & UF&I & FPIC

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GALVESTON**

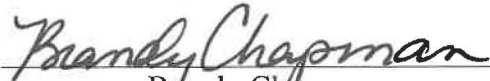
The foregoing bond of Cheryl E. Johnson as County Tax Assessor-Collector in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioners' Court.

Date: January 17, 2025




Mark Henry, County Judge

Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

By:  Deputy
Brandy Chapman

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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Chapman, Brandy

From: Chapman, Brandy
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2025 1:13 PM
To: 'register@sos.state.tx.us'
Cc: Millo, Rebecca; Cox, Lonnie; Robinson, Jared
Subject: Galveston County District Judges
Attachments: Rebecca Millo 10th District Judge.pdf; Lonnie Cox 56th District Judge.pdf; Jared Robinson 405th District Judge.pdf

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached Statements of Officer and Oaths for each of our District Judges taking office January 1, 2025.

Thank You,

Brandy Chapman
Chief Deputy
Galveston County Clerk's Office
(409) 766-2209

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mailed original statements
and oaths of district judges
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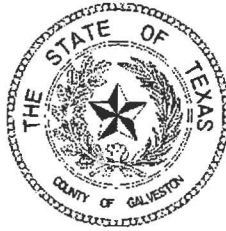
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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Rebecca Millo, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Judge, 10th Judicial District

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RM", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Officer



OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Rebecca Millo, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Judge, 10th Judicial District of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "RM", is written above a horizontal line.

Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kerry Neves", is written above a horizontal line.

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Kerry Neves
Printed Name or typed Name

Retired Judge, 10th Judicial District
Title

Form #2201 Rev. 05/2020

Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings
Section P O Box 12887
Austin, TX 78711-2887
512-463-6334
512-463-5569 - Fax
Filing Fee: None



STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Lannie Cox, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Judge, 56th District Court
of the State of Texas

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date:

1/1/2025

Lannie Cox

Signature of Officer

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
I, Lounie Cox, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully
execute the duties of the office of Judge, 56th District Court of
the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws
of the United States and of this State, so help me God.

Lounie Cox
Signature of Officer

Certification of Person Authorized to Administer Oath

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 1ST day of January, 2025.

(Affix Notary Seal,
only if oath
administered by a
notary.)

Kimberly Sullivan

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to Administer An
Oath

Kimberly Sullivan

Printed or Typed Name



STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, Jared Robinson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Judge, 405th Judicial District

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 1, 2025

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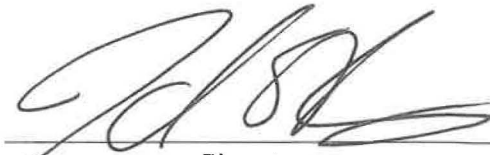
Signature of Officer



OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Jared Robinson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Judge, 405th Judicial District of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God.




Signature

State of Texas
County of Galveston

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of January, 2025.

(seal)



Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to
Administer An Oath

Jeth Jones
Printed Name or typed Name

Judge, 122nd Judicial District
Title

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND
(Definite Term)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Bond No 105867564

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we **JOHN D KINARD**
of **600 59TH ST ROOM 4001, GALVESTON, TX 77551**

, as Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **Governor of the State of Texas**

as Oblige, in the penal sum of **One Hundred Thousand**

(**\$100,000.00**) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, said Principal binds himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and said Surety binds itself, its successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents

WHEREAS, the said Principal has been Elected to the office of District Clerk
for a definite term beginning December 6, 2024, and ending December 5, 2026, and is required to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of the duties of the said office or position

NOW, THEREFORE THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION is such that if the above bounden Principal shall (except as hereinafter provided) faithfully perform the duties of his/her said office or position during the said term, and shall pay over to the persons authorized by law to receive the same all moneys that may come into his/her hands during the said term without fraud or delay, and at the expiration of said term, or in case of his/her resignation or removal from office, shall turn over to his/her successor all records and property which have come into his/her hands, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the above named Surety shall not be liable hereunder for any loss of any public fund resulting from the insolvency of any bank or banks in which said funds are deposited, and, if this provision shall be held void, this entire bond shall be void.

AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that the Surety may cancel bond at any time during the said term by giving to the obligee a written notice of its desire so to cancel and at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the receipt of such notice by the obligee the surety shall be completely released as to all liability thereafter accruing. If this provision shall be held void, this entire bond shall be void.

SEALED and dated this October 21, 2024

JOHN D KINARD

Witness By

Principal

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

By:

Carrie Brooks Attorney in Fact



Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Carrie Brooks** of **Houston, Texas**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April, 2021**.



State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

By: 
 Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April, 2021**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**




 Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this **21st** day of **OCTOBER**, **2024**.




 Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.

Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GALVESTON**

The foregoing bond of John D. Kinard as District Clerk in and for Galveston County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioners' Court.

Date: January 17, 2025



Mark Henry, County Judge



Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

By:  Deputy
Brandy Chapman

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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
Galveston County, Texas

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