

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk

} ss:

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 15858062

That we, Schelana Hock, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto County of Polk, his successors in office, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2022

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected (Elected—Appointed) to the office of County clerk in and for Polk County, State of Texas, for a term of four years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall faithfully perform the duties of office.

then this obligation to be void, 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 cancelled 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.

*Schelana Hock*

Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

*Paul T. Bruffat*

Paul T. Bruffat, Vice President

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint:

Paul T. Brufflat of Sioux Falls  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One County Clerk - County of Polk

bond with bond number: 15858062

for Schelana Hock

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$100,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 1st day of November 2022

ATTEST

P. Leitheiser  
P. Leitheiser, Assistant Secretary

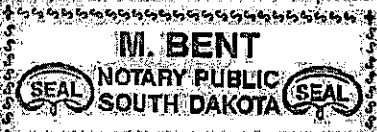
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Brufflat  
Paul T. Brufflat, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss:

On this 1st day of November, 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Brufflat and P. Leitheiser

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



M. Bent  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.



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**IMPORTANT NOTICE****AVISO IMPORTANTE**

1 To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

2 You may contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at 605-336-0850.

Puede comunicarse con Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America al 605-336-0850.

3 You may call Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's or Universal Surety of America's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratis de Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's o Universal Surety of America's para información o para someter una queja al:

**1-800-331-6053**

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4 You may also write to Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at:

Usted también puede escribir a Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America:

P.O. Box 5077  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

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5 You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

**1-800-252-3439**

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6 You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007  
Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)  
E-Mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

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**7 PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:**

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

**DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:**

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

**8 ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:**

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

**UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:** Este aviso es solo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

# 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 DISTRICT CLERK

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX 821774

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Bobby J. Christopher, 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 Hundred Thousand Dollars ( \$100,000.00 ).

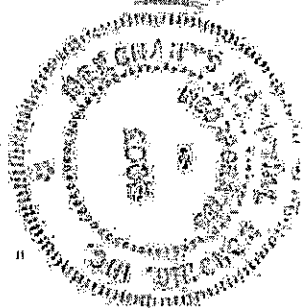
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of District Clerk in and for the County of Polk, the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026;

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties of the office, then this obligation to be void, 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 10th day of November, 2022



Bobby J. Christopher Principal

By: [Signature]  
Bobby J. Christopher

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]  
Attorney-in-Fact - Shirlean Cowan

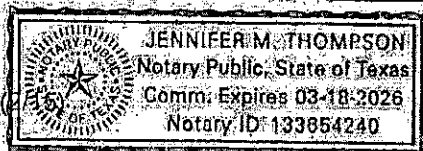
### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Jennifer M. Thompson, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Bobby J. Christopher 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 Livingston this 2 day of January, 2023



[Signature]

Polk County, Texas.

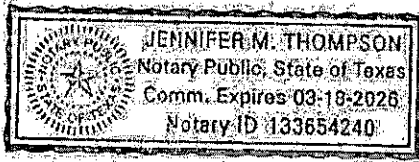
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Bobbye J. Christopher, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of District Clerk 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 *Bobbye J. Christopher*

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Livingston, Texas, this 2 day of January, 2023

SEAL



*Jennifer M. Thompson*  
Polk County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

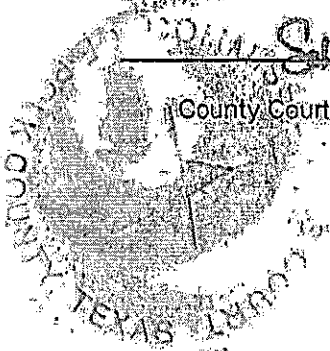
The foregoing bond of Bobbye J. Christopher as District Clerk in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date January 2, 2023 December 13, 2022

*Selenia Hoek* Clerk  
County Court Polk County

*[Signature]* County Judge  
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

I, Selenia Hoek, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January, 2023, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:03 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:03 o'clock P. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2459, on page 218.

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

*Selenia Hoek* Clerk  
By *Victoria Dunn* Deputy County Court Polk 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 (in California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,  
Connie J Thompson; Renee Valles; Shirleen Cowen

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.

"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."

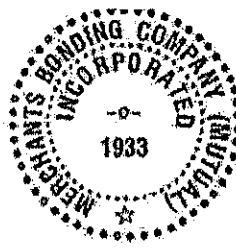
In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts 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, 2023.

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 2023, 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.

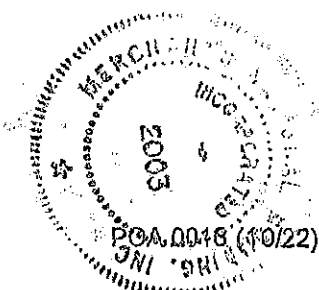


*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

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

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 10th day of November, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

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P.O. BOX 1498 • 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.

FILED FOR RECORD

Jan 05 2023 12:03:46

*Schelana Hock*  
SCHELANA HOCK  
POLK COUNTY CLERK



STATE OF TEXAS • COUNTY OF POLK  
I, SCHELANA HOCK hereby certify that the instrument was FILED  
in the file number sequence on the date and at the same time stamped  
hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records  
in Volume and Page of the named RECORDS OF Polk County, Texas,  
as stamped hereon by me.

*Schelana Hock*  
COUNTY CLERK  
POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

*[Signature]* Jan 05 2023

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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE # \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX 669483

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Tom Brown, 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 Treasurer of the County of Polk, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of County Judge in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023, and expires on the 31st day of December, 2026.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of the office and the duties required by the Estates Code and the aforesaid officer, and shall pay all money that comes into his hands as County Court at Law Judge # \_\_\_\_\_ to the person or officer entitled to it; pay to the county all money illegally paid to him out of county funds; and not vote or consent to pay out county funds for other than lawful purposes.

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 10th day of November, 2022.



Tom Brown  
Principal

By: Tom Brown  
Tom Brown  
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Shilisa Cowen  
Attorney-in-Fact: Shilisa Cowen

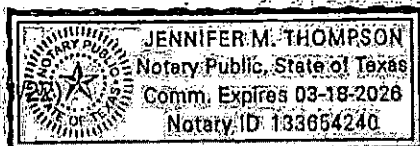
### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Jennifer M. Thompson, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Tom Brown 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 Livingston this 2 day of January, 2023.



Jennifer M. Thompson  
Polk County, Texas



OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

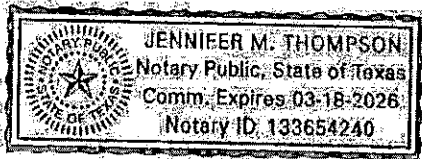
I, Tom Brown, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Court at Law Judge of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore 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; and I furthermore 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.

Signed Tom Brown

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Livingston, Texas, this 2 day of January, 2023

Jennifer M. Thompson

SEAL



Polk County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Polk } ss

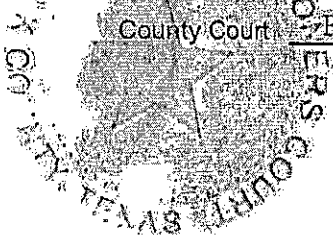
The foregoing bond of Tom Brown as CCL Judge in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date January 2, 2023 December 13, 2022

Seleniana Hock Clerk  
County Court of Polk County

[Signature] County Judge,  
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Polk } ss

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

Seleniana Hock Clerk

By Victoria Duer Deputy County Court Polk County

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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.

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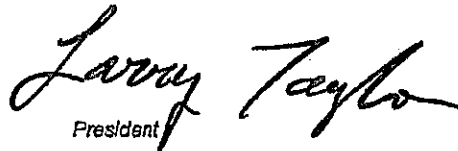
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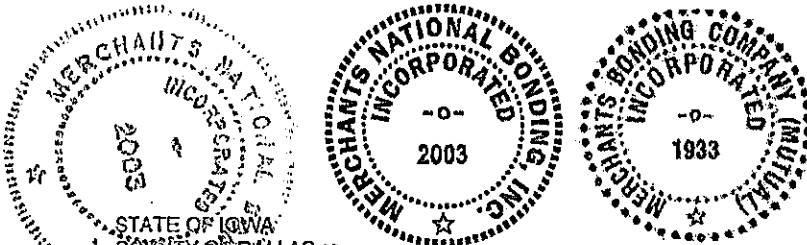
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In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, It is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final 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.

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

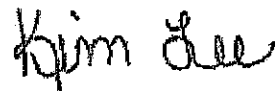
By   
President



STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January 2023, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn he says 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.

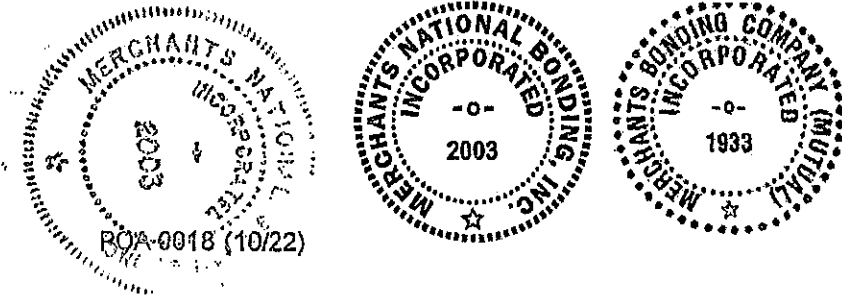


  
Notary Public

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

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 10th day of November, 2022.



  
Secretary

2023-2459-203

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

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## TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

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STATE OF TEXAS • COUNTY OF POLK:  
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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY JUDGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

County of Polk

Bond No. TX 669484

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Sydney Brown Murphy, 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 Treasurer of the County of Polk, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022 duly Elected to the office of County Judge in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023 and expires on the 31st day of December, 2026

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him/her by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall pay all money that comes into his/her hands as county judge to the person or officer entitled to it; pay to the county all money illegally paid to him/her out of county funds; and not vote or consent to pay out county funds for other than lawful purposes, then this obligation to be void, 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 8th day of July, 2022



Sydney Brown Murphy Principal

By: [Signature]

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]  
Lori Bogart Attorney-in-Fact

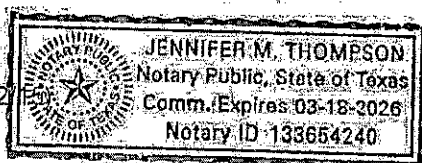
### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Jennifer M. Thompson, a notary public on this day personally appeared Sydney Brown Murphy 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 Livingston this 2 day of January, 2023



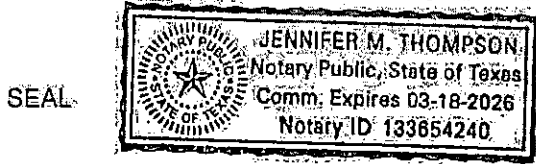
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OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Sydney Brown Murphy County Judge do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Judge 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; and I furthermore 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.

Signed [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Livingston Texas, this 2 day of January 2023

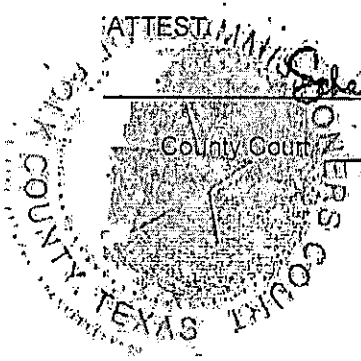


[Signature]  
Polk County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

The foregoing bond of Sydney Brown Murphy as County Judge in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

Date December 13, 2022



ATTEST: Schelana Hock Clerk  
Polk County

[Signature] County Judge,  
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

I, Schelana Hock County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January 2023 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January 2023 at 12:02 o'clock P. M. and duly recorded the 6th day of January 2023 at 12:02 o'clock P. M. in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2459 on page 204.

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

Schelana Hock Clerk

By Victoria Durn Deputy County Court Polk County  
PO 0143 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 (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

**Lori Bogart**

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-Authority 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.

"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 8th day of July, 2022.

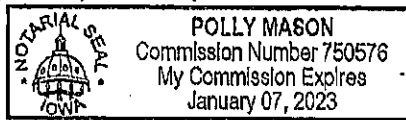


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 8th day of July, 2022, 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.



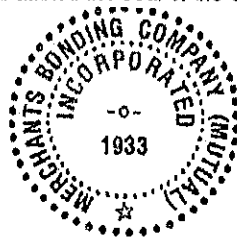
*Polly Mason*

Notary Public

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

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 8th day of July, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

2023-2459-207

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## TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

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STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF POLK  
I, SCHELANA HOCK hereby certify that the instrument was FILED  
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*Schelana Hock* Jan. 05, 2023  
COUNTY CLERK  
POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 2

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX6092789

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Mark DuBose, 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 Treasurer of the County of Polk State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS.

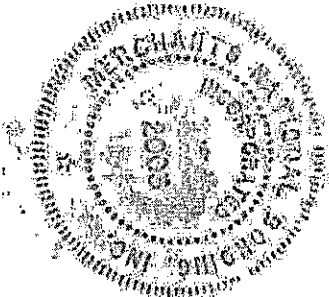
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of County Commissioner in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026.

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 16th day of November, 2022.



Mark DuBose Principal

By: [Signature]  
Mark DuBose

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]  
Shirleen Cowen Attorney-in-Fact

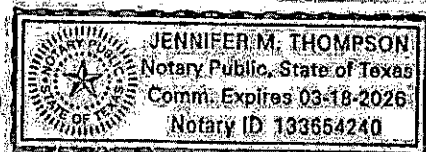
### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Jennifer M. Thompson, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Mark DuBose 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 Livingston this 2 day of January, 2023



[Signature]

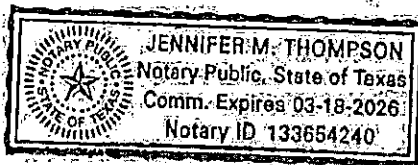


OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Mark DuBose do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Road & Bridge Commissioner, 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; 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; and I furthermore 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.

Signed [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Livingston, Texas, this 2 day of January, 2023.



[Signature]

SEAL

Polk County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

The foregoing bond of Mark DuBose as Commissioner, Pct 2 in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

Date January 2, 2023 December 13, 2022

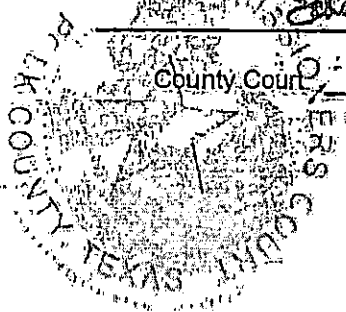
ATTEST:

[Signature] Clerk

[Signature] County Judge

Polk County

Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

I, Schelana Hock County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January, 2023 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January, 2023 at 12:04 o'clock P. M. and duly recorded the 5th day of January, 2023 at 12:04 o'clock P. M. in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2459 on page 2210.

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

[Signature] Clerk

By [Signature] Deputy

Polk 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 (In California only) (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

**Shirleen Cowen**

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.

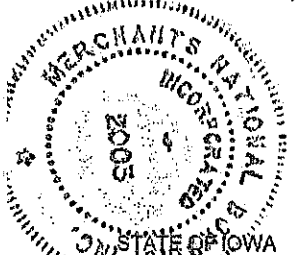
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 16th day of November, 2022.



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 16th day of November, 2022, 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.



*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

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

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 16th day of November, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company 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. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

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

Call: Compliance Officer at 800-678-8171.

Toll-free: 1-800-678-8171.

Email: [regulatory@merchantsbonding.com](mailto:regulatory@merchantsbonding.com)

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

To get insurance information you may also contact your agent:

First Community Financial Group Inc

Call: 936-327-4364

Mail: 115 W Polk St Livingston, TX 77351

### 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](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Mail: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

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*Schelana Hock*  
SCHELANA HOCK  
POLK COUNTY CLERK

SUP 0032 TX (11/19)



STATE OF TEXAS • COUNTY OF POLK  
I, SCHELANA HOCK, hereby certify that the instrument was FILED  
in the file number sequence on the date and at the same time stamped  
herein by me and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records  
in Volume and Page of the named RECORDS OF Polk County, Texas  
as stamped herein by me.

*Schelana Hock*  
COUNTY CLERK  
POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

Jan 05, 2023

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 4.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX6088238

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Jerry Cassity, 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 Treasurer of the County of Polk 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 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of County Commissioner in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023, and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026.

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 11th day of November, 2022



Jerry Cassity Principal

By: [Signature]  
Jerry Cassity  
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]  
Shirleen Cowen Attorney-in-Fact

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

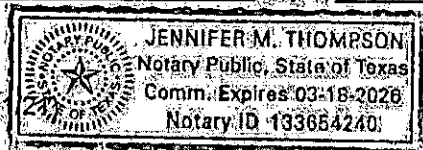
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Jennifer M. Thompson, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Jerry Cassity 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 Livingston

this 2 day of January, 2023



[Signature]

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Jerry Cassity, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Road & Bridge Commissioner, 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; 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; and I furthermore 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.

Signed Jerry Cassity

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Livingston, Texas, this 2 day of January, 2023

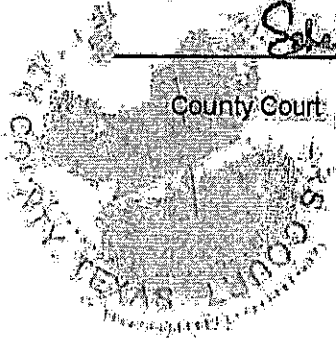


Jennifer M Thompson  
Notary Public  
Polk County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

The foregoing bond of Jerry Cassity as Commissioner, Pct 4 in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Date January 2, 2023 December 13, 2022  
Schelana Hock Clerk [Signature] County Judge,  
County Court Polk County Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss

I, Schelana Hock, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January, 2023 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:04 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:04 o'clock P. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2459, on page 222.

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

By Victoria Duen Deputy County Court Polk County  
Clerk Schelana Hock

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™ POWER OF ATTORNEY

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**Shirleen Cowen**

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.

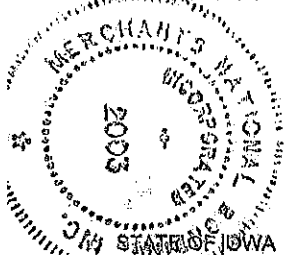
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In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 11th day of November, 2022.



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 11th day of November, 2022, 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.



*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

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

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 November, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

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## TEXAS ENDORSEMENT

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as stamped hereon by me.

*Schelana Hock* Jan 05, 2023  
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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT # 1

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX6091389

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Terri L. Mayer, 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 Polk, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

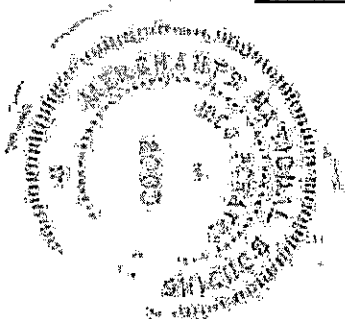
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023, and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026.

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.

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 15th day of November, 2022.



Terri L. Mayer  
Principal

By: Terri L. Mayer  
Terri L. Mayer

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Shirleen Cowen  
Shirleen Cowen Attorney-in-Fact

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Donna Durr, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Terri L. Mayer 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 LIVINGSTON, TX this 1 day of JANUARY, 2023

Donna E Durr

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

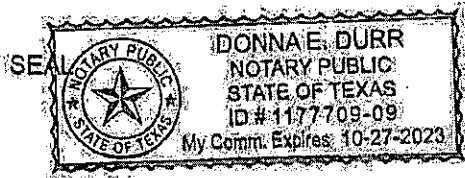
I, Terri L. Mayer, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore 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 Terri L. Mayer

Sworn to and subscribed before me at LIVINGSTON, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2023

Donna E. Durr

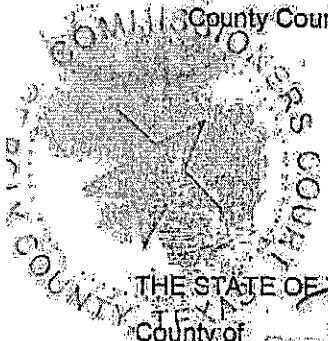
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss.

The foregoing bond of Terri L. Mayer as JP, Precinct 1 in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Schelana Hock Clerk Date December 13, 2022  
[Signature] County Judge  
County Court: Polk County: Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Polk } ss.

I, Schelana Hock, County Clerk in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January, 2023 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 o'clock P. M. and duly recorded the 5th day of January, 2023 at 12:00 o'clock P. M. in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2469, on page 180.



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

Schelana Hock Clerk

By Victoria Durr Deputy County Court Polk County  
PO 0157 TX (2/15)

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

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**Shirleen Cowen**

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-Authority 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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"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."

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In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 15th day of November, 2022.



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 15th day of November, 2022, 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.

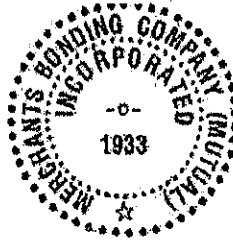
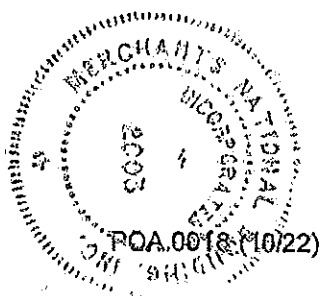


*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

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

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 15th day of November, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

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STATE OF TEXAS - COUNTY OF POLK  
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COUNTY CLERK  
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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT # 2

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of POLK

Bond No. TXS144702

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Sarah Rasberry, 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 Polk State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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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 10th day of November, 2022.



Sarah Rasberry  
By: Sarah Rasberry Principal

Sarah Rasberry  
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Shirlean Cowen  
Attorney-in-Fact - Shirlean Cowen

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of POLK

Before me, Donna Durr, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Sarah Rasberry 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 LIVINGSTON, TX  
this 1 day of JANUARY, 2023  
Donna Durr

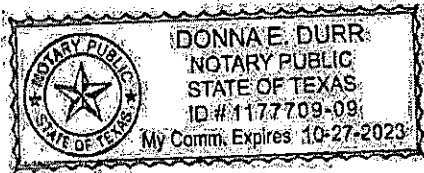
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, SARAH RASBERRY do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 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 Sarah Rasberry

Sworn to and subscribed before me at LIVINGSTON, Texas, this 1st day of January, 2023.

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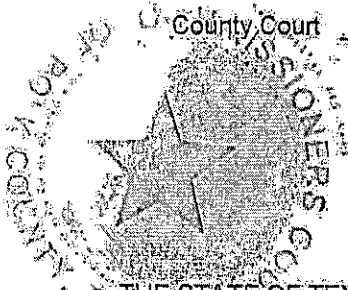
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THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Polk } ss.

The foregoing bond of Sarah Rasberry as JP, Precinct 2 in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Schelana Hock Clerk  
Polk County

Date December 13, 2022  
[Signature] County Judge  
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in LIVINGSTON, Texas, the day and year last above written. Schelana Hock Clerk

By Victoria Durr Deputy County Court POLK County

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Connie J Thompson; Renee Valles; Shlrleen Cowen

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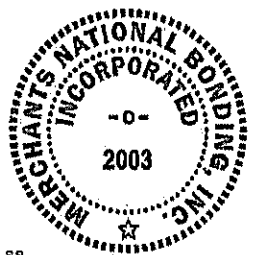
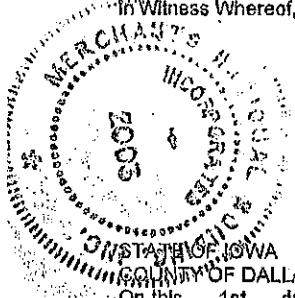
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MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
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By

*Larry Taylor*  
President



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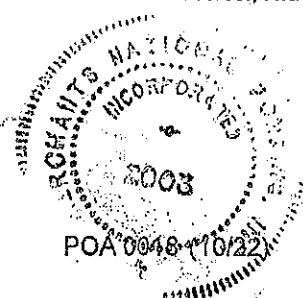


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*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

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*Schelana Hock* Jan 05, 2023  
COUNTY CLERK  
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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT # 3

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX-834089

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Robert "Dooley" Johnson, 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 Polk State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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Dated this 10th day of November, 2022.

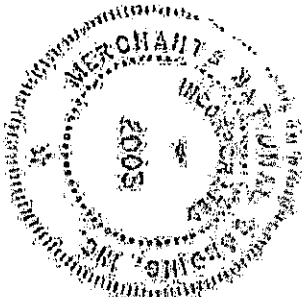
Robert "Dooley" Johnson

Principal

By: Robert "Dooley" Johnson

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Shirleen Cowen  
Attorney-in-Fact - Shirleen Cowen



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, Donna Durr, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Robert "Dooley" Johnson 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 LIVINGSTON, TX this 1 day of JANUARY, 2023  
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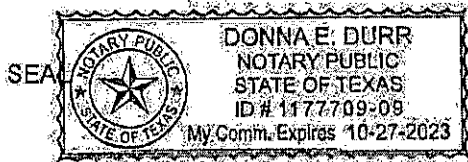
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

2023-2459-196

I, ROBERT "DOOLEY" JOHNSON, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 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 Robert Dooley Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_ Texas, this 1 day of JANUARY, 2023.



Donna E Durr  
Polk County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Polk } ss.

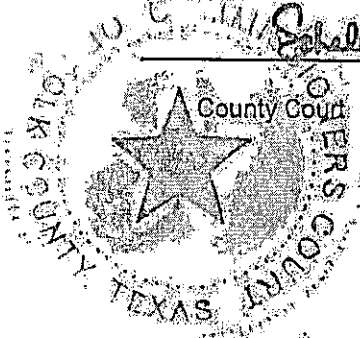
The foregoing bond of Robert "Dooley" Johnson as JP, Precinct 3 in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioners Court.

ATTEST:

Date: December 13, 2022

Scheriana Hoch Clerk  
Polk County

[Signature] County Judge,  
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Polk } ss.

I, Scheriana Hoch, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January, 2023 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:01 o'clock P. M. and duly recorded the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:01 o'clock P. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2459, on page 195.

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

By Victoria Durr Deputy County Court Polk County  
Scheriana Hoch Clerk

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™ POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Connie J Thompson; Renee Valles; Shlrleen Cowen

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.

"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."

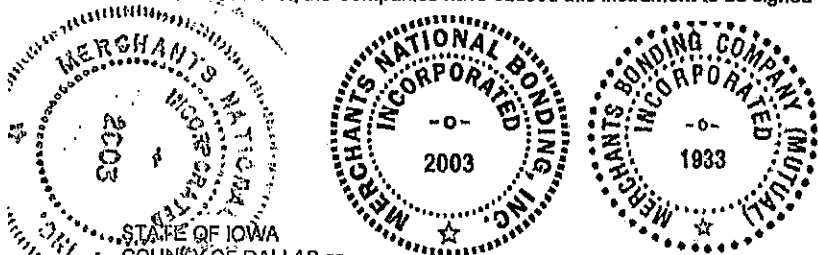
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In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 1st day of January, 2023.

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, 2023, 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.

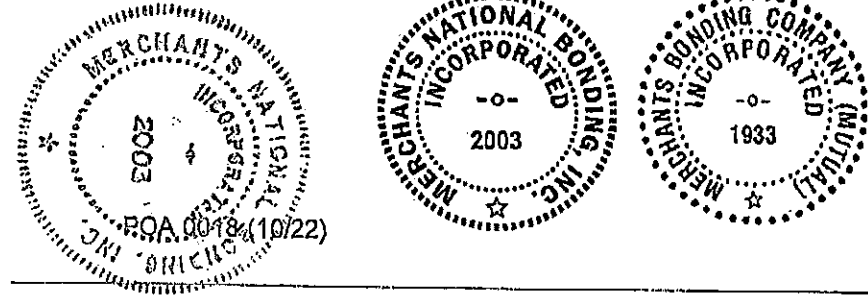


*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

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

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 10th day of November, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

2023-2459-198

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Toll-free: 1-800-678-8171

Email: [regulatory@merchantsbonding.com](mailto:regulatory@merchantsbonding.com)

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SCHELANA HOCK  
POLK COUNTY CLERK

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STATE OF TEXAS - COUNTY OF POLK  
I, SCHELANA HOCK hereby certify that the instrument was FILED  
in the file number sequence on the date and at the same time stamped  
hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records  
in Volume and Page of the named RECORDS OF Polk County, Texas  
as stamped hereon by me.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX 669482

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Jamie Richardson, 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 Polk State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

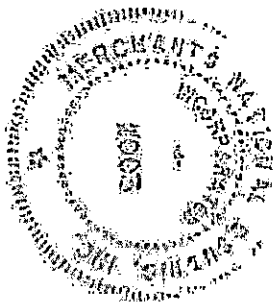
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026.

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.

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 17th day of November, 2022



Jamie Richardson Principal

By: Jamie Richardson  
Jamie Richardson  
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Shirlean Cowen  
Shirlean Cowen  
Attorney-in-Fact

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Before me, DONNA DURR, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Jamie Richardson 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 LIVINGSTON, TX  
this 17 day of JANUARY, 2023  
Donna E Durr

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

2023-2459-189

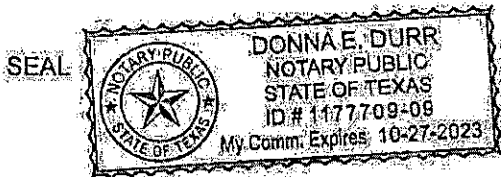
I, Jamie Richardson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore 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: Jamie Richardson

Sworn to and subscribed before me at LIVINGSTON, Texas, this 1st day of JANUARY, 2023.

Donna E Durr

Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Polk } ss

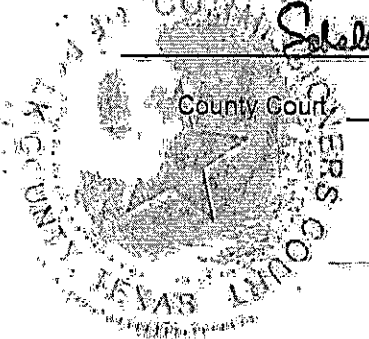
The foregoing bond of Jamie Richardson as JP, Precinct 4 in and for Polk County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date December 13, 2022

Solana Hook Clerk  
County Court, Polk County

[Signature] County Judge  
Polk County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
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I, Solana Hook, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of January, 2023, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:01 o'clock P.M., and duly recorded the 5th day of January, 2023, at 12:01 o'clock P.M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 2459, on page 188.



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

By Victoria Durr Deputy County Court Polk County  
PO:0157 TX (2/15)

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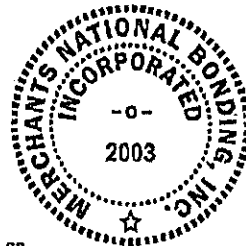
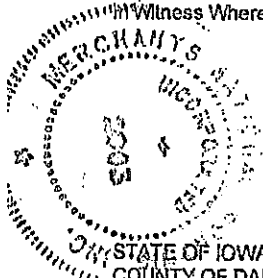
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MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
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By

*Larry Taylor*  
President



STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January 2023, 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.



*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

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

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*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary





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## ENDORSEMENT

It is hereby understood and agreed that Bond No.: TX 669482

Principal: Jamie Richardson-Jones

Obligee: Polk County Judge

in the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) is changing this bond effective November 17, 2022

FROM:

Principal Name: Jamie Richardson-Jones

TO:

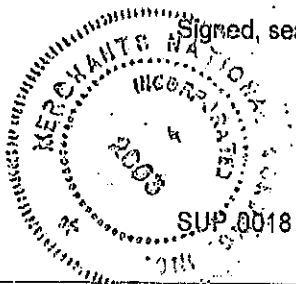
Principal Name: Jamie Richardson

All terms and conditions of said bond, except as above changed, to remain the same.

Signed, sealed and dated this 17th day of November, 2022

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By Larry Taylor  
Larry Taylor, President



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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY TREASURER

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Polk

Bond No. TX 803538

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Terri Williams, 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 Polk County, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 2th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of County Treasurer in and for Polk County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023, and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him/her by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall faithfully execute the duties of office, remit according to law all funds received as county treasurer, and render an account of all funds received to the commissioners court at each regular term of the court, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

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Dated this 2nd day of August, 2022.



Terri Williams Principal

By Terri Williams

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)

By Lois Bogart Attorney-in-Fact

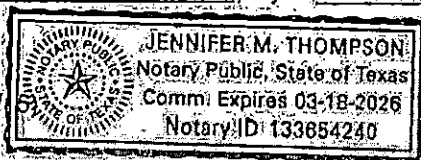
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Given under my hand and seal of office, at Livingston this 2 day of January, 2023.



Jennifer M. Thompson

Polk County, Texas.

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

2023-2459-215

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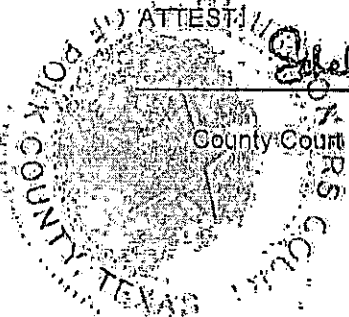
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Date: January 2, 2023 December 13, 2022

ATTEST:  
Schelana Hoch Clerk  
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[Signature] County Judge  
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Lori Bogart

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STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 2nd day of August, 2022, 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.



*Polly Mason*

Notary Public

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

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 2nd day of August, 2022.



*William Warner Jr.*  
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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STATE OF TEXAS - COUNTY OF POLK  
SCHELANA HOCK hereby certify that the instrument was FILED  
in the file number sequence on the date and at the same time stamped  
hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records  
in Volume and Page of the named RECORDS OF Polk County, Texas  
as stamped hereon by me.

*Schelana Hock* Jan 05, 2023  
COUNTY CLERK  
POLK COUNTY, TEXAS