

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

JUN 23 2022

*Jennifer Palermo*

County Clerk, Hockley County, Texas

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

1. Read for approval the minutes of the Regular Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022 and the Regular Meeting held at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 2022.
2. Read for approval all monthly bills and claims submitted to the Court and dated through June 27, 2022.
3. Discussion and potential action to concerning use of ARPA funds to fund new software for the Hockley County Tax Office.
4. Discussion and potential to advertise for bids for new software for the Hockley County Tax Office.
5. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Official Bond and Oath for Christopher Derek Lawless, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 5.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS.**

BY: *Sharla Baldrige*  
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2022, and said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2022.

*Jennifer Palermo*  
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio  
Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
OF HOCKEY COUNTY, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 27, 2022

Be it remembered that on this the 27th day of JUNE A.D. 2022, there came on to be held a REGULAR Meeting of the Commissioners Court, and the court having convened in REGULAR session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldrige	County Judge
Alan D. Wisdom	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Seth Graf	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R "Tommy" Clevenger	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Wisdom, 4 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that the Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Commissioner's Court, held on June 20, 2022, be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Wisdom, second by Commissioner Clevenger, 4 votes yes, 0 votes No, that the monthly bills and claims submitted to the court and dated through JUNE 27, 2022, be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Graf, second by Commissioner Wisdom, 4 votes yes, 0 votes No, that commissioner court approved using ARPA funds to fund new software for the Hockley County Tax Office.

Motion by Commissioner Graf, second by Commissioner Wisdom, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no, that commissioners court approved to advertise for bids for new software for the Hockley County Tax Office. As per Bids Specifications For Property Tax Software 6-27-2022 recorded below.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

**BIDS SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX SOFTWARE**  
**6/27/22**

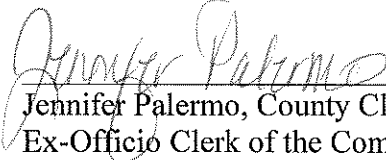
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Hockley County, Texas will receive sealed bids, in the office of the County Judge located at 802 Houston, St., Ste. 101, Levelland, Texas, until 9:00 A.M., Monday, July 18, 2022, for the following described equipment:

The County of Hockley is planning to acquire and implement a fully integrated property tax software system for billing, collections and tax management that includes hardware, software and ongoing maintenance with support. The goal for Hockley County is to select a system that will maximize the efficiency of the Tax Office on billing, collections and tax account management. That will provide the utilities and flexibility to accommodate the changes that are inherent with a growing tax office and that will provide continued excellent service to our taxpayers and the taxing districts.

The Commissioners' Court of Hockley County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The required bid forms and specifications for said Property Tax Software are available at the office of the County Judge, between 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 27th day of June, 2022.

  
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Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court,  
Hockley County, Texas



Motion by Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Graf, 4 votes yes, 0 votes no  
Commissioners Court approved the Official Bond and Oath for Christopher Derek Lawless, Justice of the  
Peace, Precinct 5. As per Bond recorded below.

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hockley } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 65150215

That we, Christopher Derek Lawless, 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 <sup>1</sup> Hockley County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of <sup>2</sup> Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2022.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, duly \_\_\_\_\_ (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Justice of The Peace in and for <sup>3</sup> Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of one year commencing on the 20th day of July, 2022.

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 <sup>4</sup> faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into his 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 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.

Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Buflat  
Paul T. Buflat, Vice President

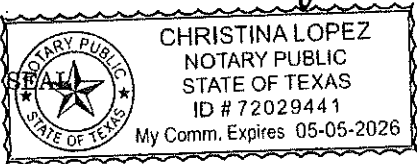
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Christina Lopez on this day, personally appeared Derek Lawless, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Liveland, Texas, this 20th day of June, 2022.



Christina Lopez  
Hockley County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

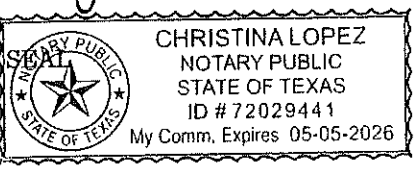
SEAL \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, DEREK LAWLESS, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace Pet. 5, 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 Liveland, Texas, this 20th day of June, 2022.



Christina Lopez  
Hockley County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Christopher Derek Lawless as JP, Sect 5 in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date June 27, 2022

Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

Shirley Baldrige County Judge,  
Hockley County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

I, Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 27 day of June, 2022, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 31 day of June, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 31 day of June, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume Document #, on page General.

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

By Janie Salazar Deputy

Jennifer Palermo Clerk  
County Court Hockley County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 4th day of April, 2022, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



P. Dahl  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 18, 2025

## OFFICIAL BOND REQUIREMENTS

OFFICIAL	2. AMOUNT	1. TO WHOM PAYABLE	APPROVED BY	Sec. of Statutes	4. CONDITIONS
District Attorney	\$5,000.	Governor	District Judge	Gov't Code 43.002	"in the manner prescribed by law, faithfully pay over all money that he collects or that comes into his hands for the state or a county."
County Attorney	\$2,500.	Governor	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 45.001	"faithfully pay over in the manner prescribed by law all money that he collects or receives for any county or the state."
County Judge	\$1,000. 10,000.	County Treasurer	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 26.001	"pay all money that comes into his hands as county 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."
County Clerk	At least 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is given -- \$5,000 minimum, \$500,000 maximum	County	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 82.001	"faithfully perform the duties of office."
Deputy County Clerk	At least 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is given -- \$5,000 minimum, \$500,000 maximum	County for the use and benefit of the County Clerk	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 82.002	"faithfully perform the duties of office."
County Auditor	\$5,000 minimum	District Judge(s)	District Judge(s)	Local Gov't Code 84.007	"faithfully perform the duties of county auditor."
County Treasurer	Established by the commissioners court not to exceed one-half of one percent of the largest amount budgeted for general county maintenance and operations for any fiscal year of the county beginning during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is to be given -- \$5,000 minimum, \$500,000 maximum	County Judge	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 83.002	"faithfully execute the duties of office."
District Clerk	Not less than 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office immediately preceding the term for which the bond is given -- \$5,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum	Governor	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 51.302	"faithfully perform the duties of the office."
Deputy District Clerk	Not less than 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office immediately preceding the term for which the bond is given -- \$5,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum	Governor for the use and benefit of the District Clerk	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 51.309	"faithfully perform the duties of the office."
County School Superintendent	\$1,000.	County governing board unless a county-wide independent school district has been created, in which event the bond is payable to and approved by the County Commissioners Court		Educ. Code 17.49	"faithfully perform his duties."
County Surveyor	Fixed by the Commissioners Court -- \$500 minimum, \$10,000 maximum	Not Specified		Nat. Res. Code 23.013	"faithfully perform the duties of the office."
Deputy County Surveyor	Not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 (Fixed by the County Surveyor)	County Surveyor		Nat. Res. Code 23.014	"faithfully perform the duties of the office."
Sheriff	Set by the Commissioners Court \$5,000 minimum, \$30,000 maximum	Governor	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 85.001	"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 the sheriff collects for the use of the state or a county; execute and return when due the process and precepts lawfully directed to the sheriff, 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 the sheriff from county funds."
County Assessor-Collector (State Bond)	Equal to 5% of the net state collections from motor vehicle sales and use taxes and motor vehicle registration fees in the county during the year ending August 31 preceding the date the bond is given -- \$2,500 minimum, \$100,000 maximum	The Governor and the Governor's successors in office	Commissioners Court and the State Comptroller of Public Accounts	Tax Code 6.28	"faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector."

## OFFICIAL BOND REQUIREMENTS - continue

County Assessor-Collector (County Bond)	Equal to 10% of the total amount of county taxes imposed in the preceding tax year, \$100,000 maximum	Commissioners Court	Commissioners Court	Tax Code 6.28	"faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector."
County Commissioner	\$3,000.	County Treasurer	County Judge	Local Gov't Code 81.002	"faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose."
Justice of the Peace	\$5,000 maximum	County Judge	Not Specified	Gov't Code 27.001	"faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into his hands during the term of office."
Constable	Set by the Commissioners Court \$500 minimum — \$1,500 maximum	The Governor and the Governor's successors in office	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 86.002	"faithfully perform the duties imposed by law."
County Public Weigher and Deputies	\$2,500	County Judge	Department of Agriculture	Agric. Code 13.256	"accurately weigh or measure commodities reflected on certificates issued by him, protect the commodities that he is registered to weigh or measure, and comply with all laws and rules governing public weighers."
State Public Weigher	\$10,000	State of Texas	Department of Agriculture	Agric. Code 13.256	"accurately weigh or measure commodities reflected on certificates issued by him, protect the commodities that he is registered to weigh or measure, and comply with all laws and rules governing public weighers."

3. If precinct insert the number.  
4. Conditions.

# 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. Bruflat 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 Justice of The Peace County of Hockley County Judge  
bond with bond number 65150215  
for Christopher Derek Lawless  
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$5,000.00.

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 4th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST

P. Leitheiser  
P. Leitheiser, Assistant Secretary

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

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 4th day of April, 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat 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  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

M. Bent  
Notary Public



Figure: 28 TAC §1.601(a)(3)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

1 To obtain information or make a complaint:

2 You may contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at 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:

**1-800-331-6053**

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

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

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

**1-800-252-3439**

6 You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

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)

#### 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.

#### 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.

### AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

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

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's o Universal Surety of America's para informacion o para someter una queja al:

**1-800-331-6053**

Usted tambien 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

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

**1-800-252-3439**

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)

#### 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).

#### UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA: Este aviso es

solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

The foregoing Minutes of a Commissioner's Court meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, A. D. 2022, was examined by me and approved.

Alan Wisdom  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

[Signature]  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

[Signature]  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

[Signature]  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Sharla Baldrige  
County Judge

Jennifer Palermo  
JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and  
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court  
Hockley County, Texas

