

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS** JUL 01 2022

Jennifer Palermo

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of July, 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 27, 2022.
2. Read for approval all monthly bills and claims submitted to the Court and dated through July 5, 2022.
3. Hear the monthly Public Assistance report.
4. Consider and take necessary action to award the bid for four (4) 2022 pickup trucks, for use in Precinct 3, to be delivered in 120 days.
5. Discussion and potential action to approve use of ARPA funds to pay for plumbing project in the basement.
6. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Official Bond and Oath for Melissa Lynn Land Hodge, Deputy Tax Collector, Hockley County Tax Office.

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 1st day of July, 2022, and said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 1st day of July, 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

JULY 5, 2022

Be it remembered that on this the 5th day of JULY 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 Wisdom	Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter ABSENT	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Seth Graf	Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R "Tommy" Clevenger ABSENT	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 Judge Baldrige, second by Commissioner Graf, 3 votes yes, 0 votes no, that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 A.D., be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Wisdom, second by Commissioner Graf, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that all monthly claims and bills submitted to the court and dated through July 5, 2022, A.D. be approved and stand as read.

Hear the monthly public assistance report for June 2022 from Cara Phelan Public Assistance Administrator.

HOCKLEY COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

DISPOSITIONS OF APPLICATIONS & REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

JUNE 2022

Hockley County Public Assistance Administrator, Cara Phelan presents the following requests for financial assistance to the Hockley County Commissioner's Court. Payment is recommended to applicants found to be eligible based on the Public Assistance Guidelines.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REQUESTS				
APPLICANT'S NAME	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	ASSISTANCE REQUEST	ELIGIBLE/ INELIGIBLE	AMOUNT APPROVED
Becerril, Linda	301 8 th St., Levelland	RENT	ELIGIBLE	\$150.00
Green, Becky	1308 12 th St., Levelland	RENT	ELIGIBLE	\$150.00
Ybarra, Veronica	205 3 rd St., Levelland	RENT	ELIGIBLE	\$150.00
Golightly, Kay	807 A Ave F, Levelland	RENT	ELIGIBLE	\$150.00
Kittredge, Leanne	1837 Ave I, Levelland	RENT	ELIGIBLE	\$150.00
Escandon, Erasmo	1102 Sherman #18, Levelland	UTIL	ELIGIBLE	\$75.00
Rodriguez, Bessie	1212 5 th St., Levelland	RENT	ELIGIBLE	\$150.00
Brooks, Sylvester	207 Poplar Apt B, Levelland	RENT	INELIGIBLE	OVER INCOME
Martinez, Martina	512 N Cedar Apt 13, Levelland	UTIL	INELIGIBLE	ASSISTED IN MAY
Tienda, Ermalinda	604 West Avenue, Levelland	RENT	INELIGIBLE	FRAUD
Bibry, Doris	1834 8 th St. Levelland	RENT	INELIGIBLE	OVER INCOME
Cimental, Caroline	408 Ave M, Levelland	UTIL	INELIGIBLE	OVER INCOME
Montano, Jerry	406 N College Apt. #4, Levelland	UTIL	INELIGIBLE	OVER INCOME
TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPROVED				\$975.00

PAUPER BURIAL APPLICATIONS			
APPLICANT / DECEASED	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	CITY	AMOUNT
Bette Akin/Akin, John Bradley	Levelland Manor Apt.	Levelland	cancelled

Respectfully Submitted to:
Hockley County Commissioners Court

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Hockley County Public Assistance Administrator

Cara Phelan

HOCKLEY COUNTY

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

INDIGENT HEALTHCARE

VETERANS SERVICES

Report to Commissioners Court for JUNE 2022

Presented JULY 5, 2022

Presented by: Cara Phelan-Administrator

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Type of Contact	Number of Contacts	Comment
Indigent Health Care	50	4 clients renewed for 6 months 1 client reached \$30,000 max for the year
Public Assistance	48	7 applications approved 6 applications denied
Veterans Services	27	
Ministerial Alliance	16	Paid 1 rent/5 water bills
Salvation Army	1	3 nights hotel for a veteran
Food Box Vouchers	27	
Pauper Burial	1	Family withdrew application after the application had been approved and referred to Krestride for cremation.
TOTAL CONTACTS	169	

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Motion by Judge Baldrige, second by Commissioner Graf, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that Commissioners Court approved the Official Bond and Oath for Melissa Lynn Land Hodge, Deputy Tax Collector, Hockley County Tax Office. 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. 71963442

That we, Melissa Lynn Land Hodge, 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 Hockley County Tax Assessor, his successors in office, in the sum of Ten Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2022.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the _____ day of _____, _____, duly appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Deputy Tax Collector in and for Hockley County, State of Texas, for a term of one year commencing on the 28th day of August, 2022.

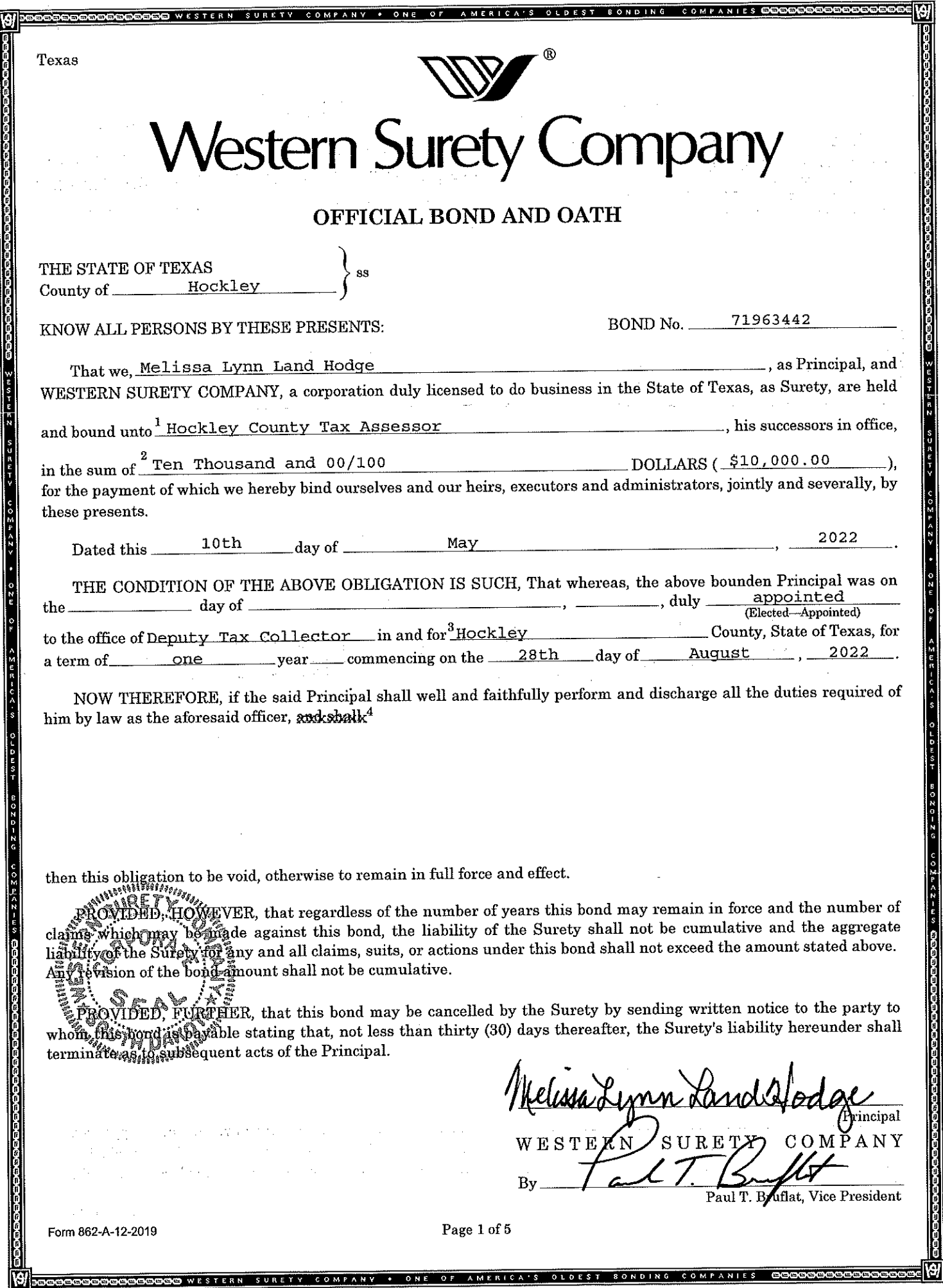
NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, ~~and shall~~⁴

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.

Melissa Lynn Land Hodge Principal
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Paul T. Buflat
Paul T. Buflat, Vice President



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

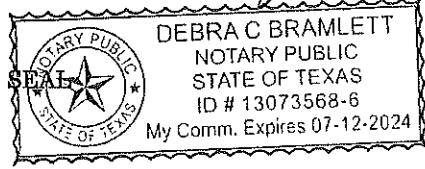
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hockley } ss

Before me, Melissa Hodge on this day, personally appeared Debra C Bramlett, 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 Hockley County, Texas, this 23rd day of June, 2022.

Debra C Bramlett
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, _____, 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. So help me God.

Signed _____

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

SEAL

_____ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Hockley } ss

The foregoing bond of Melissa Land (Melissa Lynn Land Hedge) as Deputy Tax Collector in and for Hockley County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:
Jennifer Palermo Clerk
County Court Hockley County

Date 7-5-2022
Sharla Badbridge 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 5th day of July, 2022, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 5th day of July, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 5th day of July, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume Document #, on page .

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

By Anna M. Yana 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 10th day of May, 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."

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 Deputy Tax Collector Hockley County Tax Assessor

bond with bond number 71963442

for Melissa Lynn Land Hodge
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$10,000.00

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 10th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST

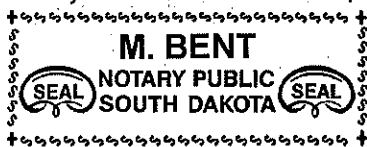
P. Leitheiser
P. Leitheiser, Assistant Secretary

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



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 10th day of May, 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.



My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

M. Bent
Notary Public



OFFICIAL BOND REQUIREMENTS - continue

County Assessor-Collector (County Bond).	Equal to 10% of the total amount of county taxes imposed in the preceeding 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.

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 5th day of July, A. D. 2022, was examined by me and approved.

Alan Wisdom
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

[Signature]
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Absent
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Absent
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Sharla Baldrige
County Judge

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

