

## **AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM**

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting Date:** 01/13/2025

**Submitted By:** County Judge's Office

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Court Decision:</b> <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>
 <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">1-13-25</p>

**Description:**

Consider and Approve Official Bond and Oath for Joyce Adams, Elections  
Administrator; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign-County Judge's  
Office

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(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

**Person to Present:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

**Supporting Documentation:** (check one)     ☒ PUBLIC     ☐ CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

**Estimated Length of Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

**Session Requested:** (check one)

☐ Action Item   ☒ Consent   ☐ Workshop   ☐ Executive   ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:**

☒ County Attorney     ☐ IT     ☐ Purchasing     ☐ Auditor

☐ Personnel     ☐ Public Works     ☐ Facilities Management

**Other Department/Official (list)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents  
In Your Submission Email**

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023

**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY™**

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

**TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Johnson

ss.

Bond No. 101338925

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Joyce Adams, 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 bound  
unto Johnson County, TX Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of  
Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which we  
hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 16th  
day of December, 2024, duly Appointed  
to the office of Elections Administrator in and for Johnson  
County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 16th day of December, 2024 and ending the 16th day of December, 2026.

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 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 3rd day of December, 2024.

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April Long  
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY Act DEPUTY

Joyce Adams

Principal

Joyce Adams

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)

By:

Lindsay Senior  
Lindsay Senior Attorney-in-Fact

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Johnson

ss.

Before me, Paula Reid, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

Joyce Adams

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

16th

day of

Cleburne, Texas

December

2024

Paula Reid

Johnson

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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SEAL

April Long  
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY April DEPUTY

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Joyce Adams, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Elections Administrator 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 Joyce Adams

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Cleburne, Texas, this 16th day of December, 2024

SEAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Johnson } ss

The foregoing bond of Joyce Adams as Elections Administrator in and for Johnson County and State of Texas,

this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: April Long Clerk  
County Court Johnson County

Date January 13, 2025  
CJH Bahr County Judge,  
Johnson County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Johnson } ss

I, April Long, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 16th day of December, 2024, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 16th day of January, 2025, at 3:51 o'clock P M., and duly recorded the 16th day of January, 2025, at 3:51 o'clock P M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume NIA, on page NIA Instrument Number 2025-159

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

By April Deputy County Court Johnson County





# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

JAN 16 2025

April Long  
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY April Long DEPUTY

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,

**Lindsay Senior**

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 3rd day of December, 2024.



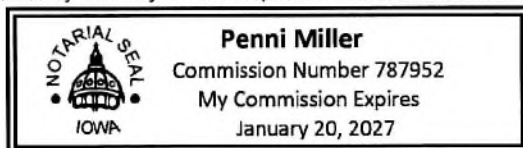
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

*Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 3rd day of December, 2024, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.



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

*Penni Miller*  
Notary Public

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

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 3rd day of December, 2024.



*Elisabeth Sandersfeld*  
Secretary



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**Have a complaint or need help?**

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

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

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

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 671-8171

Toll-free: (800) 671-8171

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

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

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

Higginbotham Insurance Agency Inc

Call: (817) 336-2377

Mail: PO Box 908 Fort Worth, TX 76101

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

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April Long  
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY April Long DEPUTY

**¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?**

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

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

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

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

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

Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171

Correo electrónico: [regulatory@merchantsbonding.com](mailto:regulatory@merchantsbonding.com)

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

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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

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

Presente una queja en: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

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

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





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## 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:**

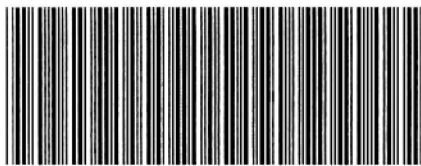
1. Any claim, action, suit or proceeding against the Surety.

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April Long  
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY  DEPUTY



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Johnson County  
April Long  
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**STATE OF TEXAS  
Johnson County**

**I hereby certify that this Instrument was filed in the File Number sequence on the date/time  
printed hereon, and was duly recorded in the Official Records of Johnson County, Texas**

April Long  
Johnson County Clerk  
Johnson County, TX

*April Long*