

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

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

Date: _____

Meeting Date: 8/11/2025

Submitted By: County Judge's Office

Department: _____

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>


Description:

Consider and Approve Texas Official Bond and Oath for District Clerk for Dean Sullivan; with Authorization for County Judge to Sign

(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) Dean Sullivan

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

MERCHANTS
BONDING COMPANY

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC. P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498

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**TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH
FOR DISTRICT CLERK**

AUG 11 2025

April Long
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas

BY April Long DEPUTY

Bond No. 101579312

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Johnson

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Dean A Sullivan, as Principal, and the Merchants National Bonding, Inc., 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).

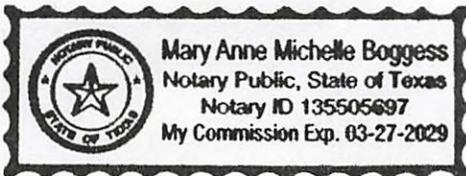
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 1st day of August, 2025, duly Appointed to the office of District Clerk in and for the County of Johnson the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 1st day of August, 2025 and expiring on the 31st 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 22nd day of July, 2025.



Dean A Sullivan

By: Dean A Sullivan Principal

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

By: Caitlin Kelley
Caitlin Kelley Attorney-in-Fact



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Johnson

Before me, Mary Anne Michelle Boggess, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Dean Sullivan 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 Cleburne, Texas
this 1st day of August, 2025
Mary Anne Michelle Boggess

OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

I, Dean Sullivan, 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 Dean Sullivan

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Cleburne, Texas, this 1st day of August, 2025.

Brandon
Johnson County, Texas

SEAL



THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss
County of Johnson

The foregoing bond of Dean Sullivan as District Clerk 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 August 11, 2025
Cyril Boh County Judge,
Johnson County, Texas



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THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss
County of Johnson

April Long
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas
BY April Long DEPUTY

I, April Long, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 22nd day of July, 2025, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 11th day of August, 2025, at 2:31 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded the 11th day of August, 2025, at 2:31 o'clock P. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume NIA, on page NIA. Instrument Number: 2025-260

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.

April Long Clerk

By April Long Deputy County Court Johnson 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, and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, an assumed name of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Caitlin Kelley

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 By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies.

"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."

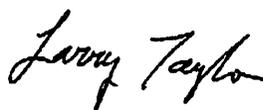
In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts 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 22nd day of July, 2025.

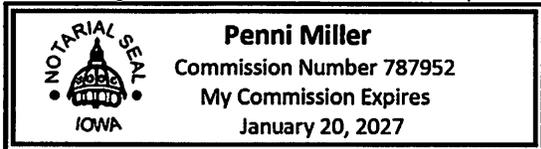


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By 
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 22nd day of July, 2025, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY; 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)

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY 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.

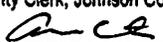
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 22nd day of July, 2025.




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April Long
County Clerk, Johnson County Texas
BY  DEPUTY



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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 National Bonding, Inc.

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

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

To get insurance information you may also contact your agent:

Higginbotham Insurance Agency, Inc.

Call: 866-377-1959

Mail: bonds_fw@higginbotham.net

The Texas Department of Insurance

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

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

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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

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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 National Bonding, Inc.

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 671-8171

Toll-free: (800) 671-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

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

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

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

Email: 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 National Bonding, Inc.

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

Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171

Correo electrónico: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

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

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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

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

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

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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



Johnson County Clerk

April Long
2 N. Main S, Room 131
Cleburne, TX 76033

Main: (817)556-6310 **Fax:** (555)555-5555

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Johnson County
April Long
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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