

XI. APPROVAL OF BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF SELF-INSURANCE

Court Order Number: 139994 - Setting of the official bond of self-insurance amounts and/or approval of bond or certificate of self-insurance for person elected or appointed in the past 60 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Precinct 1 – Roy Brooks and seconded by Commissioner Precinct 2 – Devan Allen to Approve Bonds and Oaths for Tarrant County, Texas.
County Clerk – Mary Louise Nicholson in the amount of \$500,000.00
County Judge Criminal Court #10 – Michael Trent Loftin in the amount of \$500,000.00
Passed 5-0 (None); Abstain: (None); Absent: (None)



Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company
P.O. BOX 3967
PEORIA, IL 61612-3967
Phone: (800) 645-2402 Fax: (309) 683-1610

Official Bond And Oath

Bond No. LSM1255709

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Mary Louise Nicholson, as Principal, and Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Tarrant County in the penal sum of Five Hundred-Thousand Dollars And No Cents DOLLARS (\$ 500,000.00), to the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we jointly and severally bind ourselves and our legal representatives firmly by these presents.

Signed this 5th day of December, 2022.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the said Principal was duly ☒ elected ☐ appointed to the office of Tarrant County Clerk, State of Texas, for the term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties of his said office, then this obligation shall be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Approved by
Commissioners
Court on
12/13/22
[Signature]

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Countersigned

N/A



Mary Louise Nicholson

[Signature]
Principal

Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

[Signature]

Barton W. Davis

Attorney In Fact

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 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 warrant as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

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

SEAL

Principal

Notary Public

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, so help me God.

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

SEAL

Notary Public

County, Texas

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURETY

THE STATE OF _____ Illinois }
County of _____ Peoria } ss

On this 5th day of December, 2022, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Barton W. Davis who acknowledged himself to be the aforesaid Attorney In Fact of the Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company, a corporation, and he as such officer, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Catherine D. Glover
Notary Public
Catherine D. Glover
County



POWER OF ATTORNEY
Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

9025 N. Lindbergh Dr. Peoria, IL 61615
Phone: 800-645-2402

Bond No. LSM1255709

Know All Men by These Presents:

That this Power of Attorney is not valid or in effect unless attached to the bond which it authorizes executed, but may be detached by the approving officer if desired.

That the Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and authorized and licensed to do business in all states and the District of Columbia does hereby make, constitute and appoint: Barton W. Davis in the City of Peoria, State of Illinois, its regularly elected Vice President, as it's true and lawful Agent and Attorney in Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him/her to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on their behalf as Surety, for the following described bond.

Principal: Mary Louise Nicholson
Obligee: Tarrant County
Type Bond: Tarrant County Clerk
Bond Amount: \$ 500,000.00
Effective Date: January 1, 2023

The acknowledgement and execution of such bond by the said Attorney in Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if such bond had been executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company.

Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company, and now in force to-wit:

"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 Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 5th day of December, 2022.

Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By Barton W. Davis
Barton W. Davis Vice President



State of Illinois }
County of Peoria } SS

On this 5th day of December, 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Barton W. Davis, who being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of the Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

By: Catherine D. Glover
Catherine D. Glover Notary Public



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned officer of Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable; and furthermore, that the Resolution of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney, is now in force. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company this 5th day of December, 2022.

Contractors Bonding and Insurance Company

By: Jeffrey D. Fick
Jeffrey D. Fick Corporate Secretary

C.O. # 139994

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 TARRANT COUNTY JUDGE TARRANT COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT # 10

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT

Bond No. TX6106917

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Michael Trent Loftin, 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 Tarrant County Auditor of the 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 8th day of November, 2022 duly Elected to the office of County Judge in and for County Criminal Court # 10 of Tarrant 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 5th day of December, 2022.

Michael Trent Loftin Principal

By: Michael Trent Loftin

Michael Trent Loftin
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Lindsay Senior Gingras
Lindsay Senior Gingras Attorney-in-Fact

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Approved by
Commissioners
Court on
12/13/22
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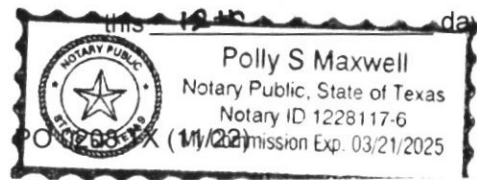
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of TARRANT

Before me, Polly S. Maxwell, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Michael Trent Loftin 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 FORT WORTH, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS this 12th day of DECEMBER, 2022



Polly S. Maxwell
Tarrant 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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

} ss

The foregoing bond of _____ as _____ in and for _____ County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date _____

_____ Clerk

_____ County Judge,

County Court _____ County

_____ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

} ss

I, _____, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the _____ day of _____, _____, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of _____, _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.

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

_____ Clerk

By _____ Deputy

County Court _____ 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,

Lindsay Senior Gingras

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 5th day of December, 2022.



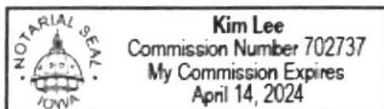
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

Larry Taylor
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 5th day of December, 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 5th day of December, 2022.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary



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TEXAS PUBLIC OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT

The following has been added, and supersedes any provision to the contrary.

The following actions shall be commenced within 4 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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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

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