

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498
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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR COUNTY AUDITOR

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Clay

Bond No. TX6082919

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Laura Lee Brock, 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 District Judge for the County of Clay State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Appointed to the office of County Auditor in and for Clay County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 8th day of November, 2022 and expiring on the 8th day of November, 2023.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties of county auditor, 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.

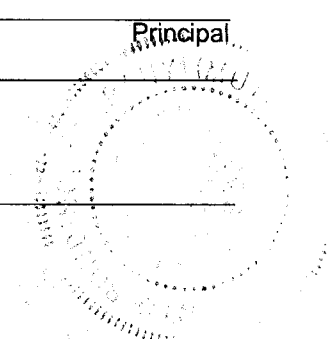
Dated this 7th day of November, 2022.

Laura Lee Brock

By: Laura Lee Brock (signature) Principal

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: Kay Blair (signature) Kay Blair Attorney-in-Fact



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

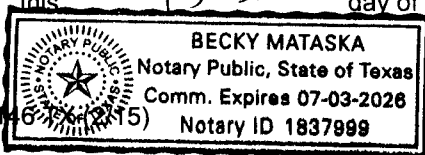
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Clay

Before me, Becky Mataska (signature), a notary public, on this day personally appeared Laura Lee Brock

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 Henrietta, Clay Co., Texas this 15th day of Nov., 2022.



Becky Mataska (signature) Clay County, Texas.

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Sasha Keillon, County Clerk - Clay 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 (Attached)

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

SEAL

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Clay } ss

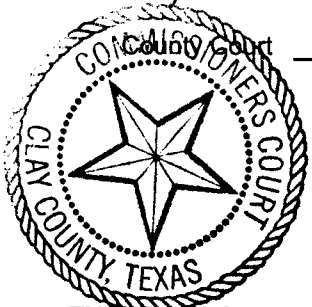
The foregoing bond of Laura Lee Brock as CO. Auditor in and for Clay County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date Nov. 14, 2022

Sasha Kelton Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_ County

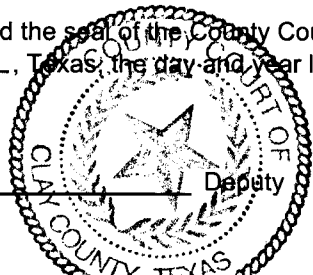
[Signature] County Judge,  
Clay County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Clay } ss

I, Sasha Kelton, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 7th day of Nov., 22, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 14th day of Nov., 22, at 1:00 o'clock P M., and duly recorded the 15th day of Nov., 22, at 1:00 o'clock P M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 9, on page 134.

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



Sasha Kelton Clerk

County Court Clay 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,

**Kay Blair**

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.

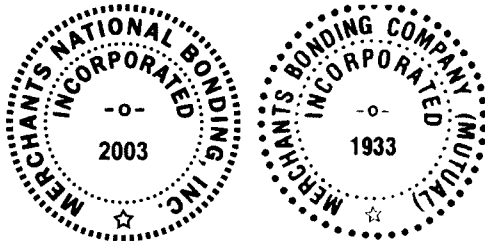
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 7th day of November, 2022.



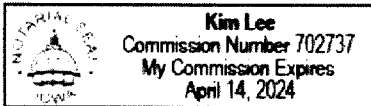
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

*Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 7th day of November, 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.

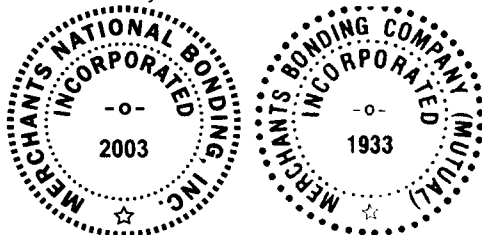


*Kim Lee*  
Notary Public

(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 7th day of November, 2022.




*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

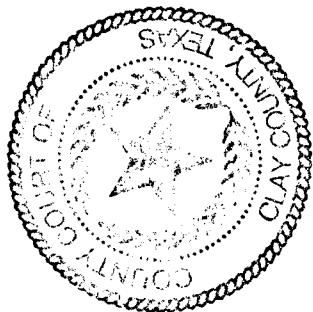
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

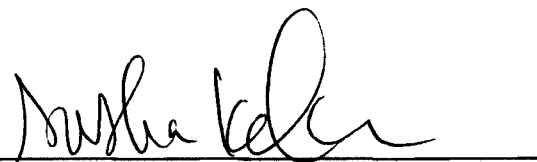
OATH OF OFFICE

I, Laura Lee Brock, do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Auditor of Clay County, Texas; and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear 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 to secure my appointment or the confirmation thereof, so help me God.

  
Laura Lee Brock

SWORN TO and subscribed before me by Laura Lee Brock this 8 day of  
November, 2022.



  
Notary Public, Co. Clerk, Clay County  
State of Texas

## FILED AND RECORDED

Instrument Number: 202200014 B: BD V: 9 P: 134

Filing and Recording Date: 11/15/2022 01:05:55 PM Recording Fee: 0.00

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED on the date and time stamped heron and RECORDED in the OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS of Clay County, Texas.



*Sasha Kelton*

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Sasha Kelton, County Clerk  
Clay County, Texas

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