

Form #2201 Rev. 05/2020

Submit to:

SECRETARY OF STATE

Government Filings

Section P O Box 12887

Austin, TX 78711-2887

512-463-6334

512-463-5569 - Fax

Filing Fee: None



**STATEMENT OF OFFICER**

**Statement**

I, Ben Pharries, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Commissioner, Pct. 1

**Execution**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: 1-1-2025

  
Signature of Officer

20250005 B: BD V: 9 P: 305 BOND  
01/03/2025 11:36 AM Total Pages: 12 Fee: 0.00  
Sasha Kelton, County Clerk - Clay County, Texas



# 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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Clay } Bond No. 100071943

### KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Ben Pharrries, 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 Clay County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of  
Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) 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 5th  
day of November, 2024, duly Elected  
to the office of Ex Officio Road Commissioner in and for Clay  
County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 1st day of January, 2025 and ending the 31st day of December, 2028

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

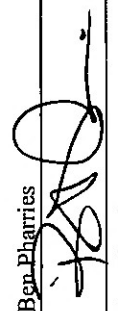
Faithfully perform the duties required of him by law or by the commissioners court and that he will account for all money or  
other property belonging to the county that comes into his possession

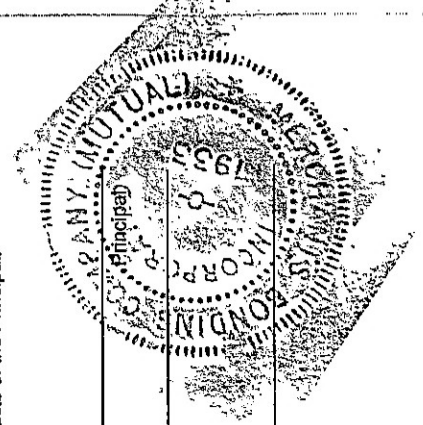
then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

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 15th day of October, 2024

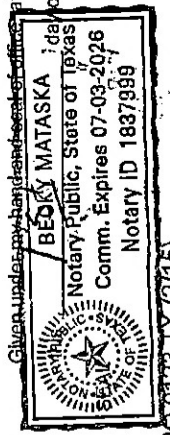
Ben Pharrries  
  
Ben Pharrries  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)  
By: Ray Blair  
Attorney-in-Fact, Kay Blair



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Clay } ss.  
Before me, Becky Mataska, a notary public, on this day personally appeared  
Ben Pharrries, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing

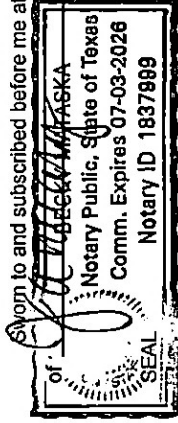
instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.  
Ben Pharrries  
Becky Mataska  
Becky Mataska  
Clay



County, Texas.

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Ben Harris, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Commissioner Det. 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.



Sworn to and subscribed before me at Hennietta, Texas, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.  
Ben Harris  
Ben Harris  
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.

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of Clay

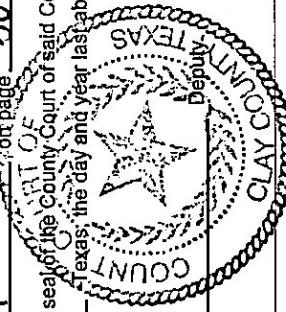
The foregoing bond of Ben Harris as County and State of Texas,  
CO. Commissioner Det. in and for \_\_\_\_\_  
this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Donna Kelen Date Jan 1 2025  
County Court Clay County Judge,  
County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of Clay

I, Donna Kelen, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 3rd day of January, 2025 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 3rd day of January, 2025, at 11:36 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 3rd day of January, 2025, at 11:36 o'clock A M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 305 not page 305

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



By \_\_\_\_\_ County Court Clay County \_\_\_\_\_ 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,

Allison C Lueck; Bryan Simpson; Cadda E Eary; Caitlin Kelley; Donna Martinez; H E Wilkins; Haley Crocker; James R Reid; Jessica Turner; Julie Lindsey; Kay Blair; Lindsay Senior; Malachi Smith; Marie Reyna; Markham Paukune; Michelle Blizzard; Payton Blanchard; Ralph E French; Sandra Fuller; Shane Smith; Shawn Blacklock; Teresa C Smith; Tina LaValley; William Blanchard; William Mitchell Jennings

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.

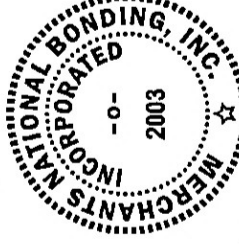
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 31st day of December, 2024.



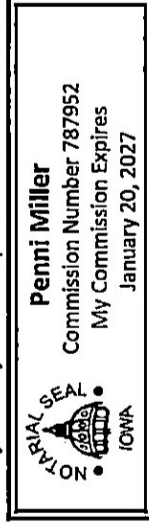
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By *Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 31st 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.

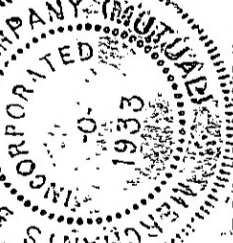
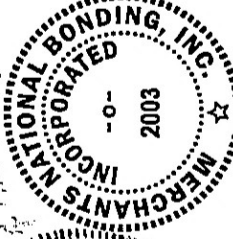
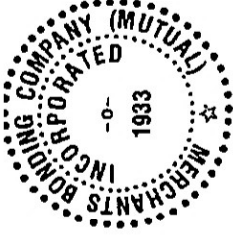


*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

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

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 15th day of October, 2024.



*[Signature]*

Secretary



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) • MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
P.O. BOX 14498 • DES MOINES, IOWA 50306-3498 • (800) 678-8171 • (515) 243-3854 FAX

### 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.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498  
(800) 678-8171 (515) 243-3854

**NOTICE TO BOND HOLDER – RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS**  
**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,

**¿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





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 COUNTY COMMISSIONER**  
PRECINCT # 1

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Clay Bond No. 100071918

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Ben Pharries, 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 County Treasurer of the County of Clay,  
State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was  
on the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Elected to the office of  
County Commissioner in and for Clay County in the State of Texas, for a term  
commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2028

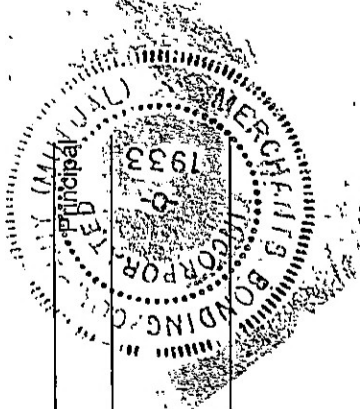
Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties; and reimburse  
the county for all county funds illegally paid to him/her; and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county  
funds except for a lawful purpose, then this obligation shall be void, or 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 num-  
ber of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggre-  
gate 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.

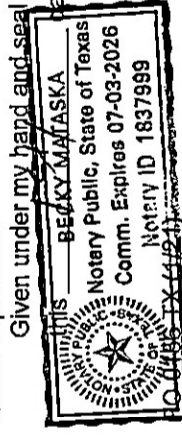
Dated this 15th day of October, 2024

Ben Pharries  
By: [Signature]  
Ben Pharries  
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)  
By: Kay Blair  
Attorney-in-Fact, Kay Blair



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Clay  
Before me, Becky Mataska, a notary public, on this day personally appeared  
Ben Pharries 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.

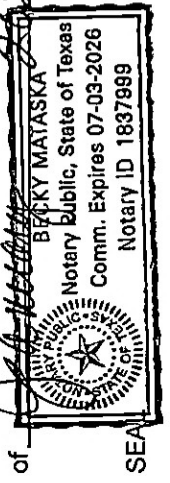


Given under my hand and seal of office at Baytown, Texas, on this day personally appeared  
Ben Pharries of Clay County, Texas, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and  
acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.  
Becky Mataska  
Becky Mataska  
Clay  
County, Texas.

OATH OF OFFICE  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Ben Pharris, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Commissioner Pct. 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 [Signature]  
Sworn to and subscribed before me at Hermetta, Texas, this 1st day of May, 2025.  
Bucky Mataska  
Clay County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of Clay

The foregoing bond of Ben Pharris as County Judge,  
CO. Commissioner Pct in and for Clay County and State of Texas,  
this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: [Signature] Clerk [Signature] County Judge,  
County of Clay County, Texas  
Date Apr. 1, 2025



THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of Clay

I, Sasha Keaton, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of May, 2025 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 3rd day of May, 2025, at 11:36 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 3rd day of May, 2025, at 11:36 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 9, on page 305.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Hermetta, Texas, this 1st day and year last above written.



[Signature] Clerk  
By [Signature] Deputy  
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,

Allison C Lueck; Bryan Simpson; Cadda E Eary; Caitlin Kelley; Donna Martinez; H E Wilkins; Haley Crocker; James R Reid; Jessica Turner; Julie Lindsey; Kay Blair; Lindsay Senior; Malachi Smith; Marie Reyna; Markham Paukune; Michelle Blizzard; Payton Blanchard; Ralph E French; Sandra Fuller; Shane Smith; Shawn Blacklock; Teresa C Smith; Tina LaValley; William Blanchard; William Mitchell Jennings

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.

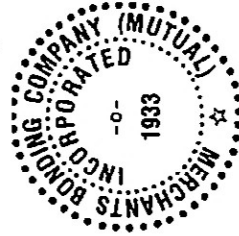
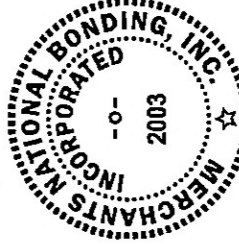
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 1st day of January, 2025

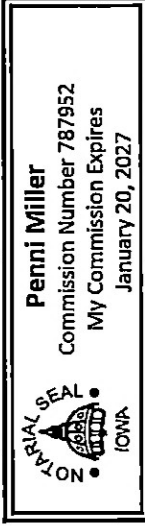


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
d/b/a MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 1st day of January, 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) 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.

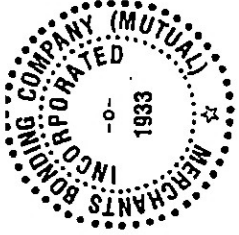
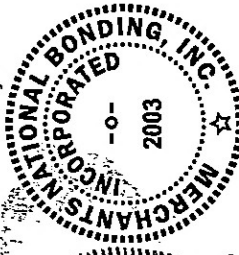


*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

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

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 15th day of October, 2024



*Elisabeth Sandersfeld*  
Secretary



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) • MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.  
P.O. BOX 14498 • DES MOINES, IOWA 50306-3498 • (800) 678-8171 • (515) 243-3854 FAX

### 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.



MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498  
(800) 678-8171 (515) 243-3854

**NOTICE TO BOND HOLDER – RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS**

**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,

**¿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

**FILED AND RECORDED**

Instrument Number: 202500005 B: BD V: 9 P: 305

Filing and Recording Date: 01/03/2025 11:36:32 AM 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*

Sasha Kelton, County Clerk  
Clay County, Texas

ANY PROVISION CONTAINED IN ANY DOCUMENT WHICH RESTRICTS THE SALE, RENTAL, OR USE OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN BECAUSE OF RACE OR COLOR IS INVALID UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND IS UNENFORCEABLE.