

**NOTICE OF MEETING (•) OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JACK COUNTY, TEXAS**

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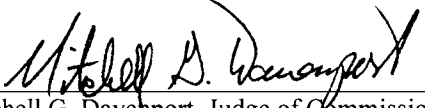
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court will be held on **Monday the 4th day of December, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.**, in the County Courthouse, Jacksboro, Texas, at which time the following subjects* will be discussed and appropriate action taken, to-wit:

These subjects may or may not be discussed in the order shown. All items listed below as part of the called "Consent Agenda Items" require no deliberation by the Court. Each Court member has the prerogative of removing an item from this agenda so that it may be considered separately.

1. PUBLIC FORUM (Limited to 5 minutes per person);
2. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS;
3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
 - (a) Approval of Minutes of Meetings of October 12, 2017, November 9, 2017 and November 27, 2017;
 - (b) Approval of performance bonds for John R. Berry as Commissioner, Precinct 1 and Ex Officio Road Commissioner, Precinct 1;
 - (c) Approve issuance of County credit cards to John R. Berry for the amount of \$2,500;
4. TIMED AGENDA ITEMS: None
5. Discussion of Commissioner Precinct Operations;
6. Update on Courthouse Repair Project 2017 details, if any;
7. Update on LEC Roof Repair Project;
8. Update on status of County activities, if any, under the CTIF Grant and FEMA Flood Grant;
9. Consider passage of Resolution requesting A.T. & T. to add another phone cable to the Jack County System;
10. Review of bids on fuel for FY18 for Precincts and Sheriff's Office;
11. Swearing In Ceremony for John R. Berry as Interim County Commissioner, Precinct 1;
12. Approval of Application to the Texas Secretary of State's Office to host County-wide primaries and General Elections for 2018 and make the changes permanent to the Jack County Voting Plan, if approved by the Texas Secretary of State;
12. Reports, if any, by other Department Heads;
13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS; AND;
14. ADJOURNMENT.

Dated this the 1st day of December, 2017

Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas



Mitchell G. Davenport, Judge of Commissioners Court

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

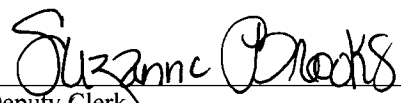
BY _____ DEPUTY

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse door of Jack County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 1st day of December, 2017, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 1st day of December, 2017, at 9:50 a.m.



Vanessa James, County Clerk of Jack County, Texas

By: 

Deputy Clerk



MINUTES

On this the 4th day of December, 2017 the Commissioners Court of Jack County, Texas met in Regular session at 10:05 a.m. with the following elected officials present:

John Berry, Commissioner Pct. 1
James L Brock, Commissioner Pct. 2
Henry Birdwell, Jr., Commissioner Pct. 3
Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. 4
Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

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JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Court.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

All accounts and claims were submitted to the Court for approval.

Commissioner Brock made a motion to pay all claims submitted. Judge Davenport seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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Motion was made by Judge Davenport to adopt consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward and passed unanimously.

TIMED AGENDA

None.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT OPERATIONS

Commissioner Brock reported that he has been busy filling holes. Commissioner Birdwell also reported that he has been pulling ditches and cutting brush.

UPDATE ON COURTHOUSE REPAIR PROJECT 2017

Judge Davenport told Commissioners that remodel of the Tax Office is almost complete.

LEC ROOF REPAIR PROJECT

Judge Davenport reported to Commissioners that he has been in contact with Burnett Hunt and they are still working on the details.

CTIF GRANT AND FEMA FLOOD GRANT

Judge Davenport informed the Commissioners that the GLO FEMA Flood Grant application has been filed in Austin.

CONSIDER PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING A.T. & T. TO ADD ANOTHER PHONE CABLE TO THE JACK COUNTY SYSTEM

Commissioner Ward made a motion to table item at this time. Commissioner Birdwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF BIDS ON FUEL FOR FY18 FOR PRECINCTS AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Lisa Perry reported only one bid was received timely and in compliance from Grable Oil.

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to accept the bid for fuel from Grable Oil as presented. Commissioner Berry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Judge Davenport performed the swearing in of John R. Berry as Interim County Commissioner for Precinct 1.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE TO HOST COUNTY-WIDE PRIMARIES AND GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR 2018 AND MAKE THE CHANGES PERMANENT TO THE JACK COUNTY VOTING PLAN, IF APPROVED BY THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Commissioner Birdwell made a motion to approve countywide voting for the 2018 Elections and to make the changes permanent. Commissioner Berry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Nothing new to report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business motion was made by Commissioner Brock to adjourn. Judge Davenport seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.


John Berry, Commissioner Pct. #1

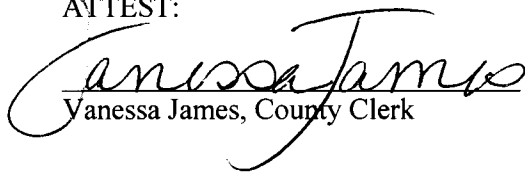

James Brock, Commissioner Pct. #2


Henry Birdwell, Jr, Commissioner Pct. #3


Terry Ward, Commissioner Pct. #4


Mitchell G. Davenport, County Judge

ATTEST:


Vanessa James, County Clerk



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THE HON. KIM GIBBY
JACK COUNTY TREASURER

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
 JACK COUNTY, TEXAS



DATE: DEC. 4, 2017

TO: JACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT BY _____ DEPUTY

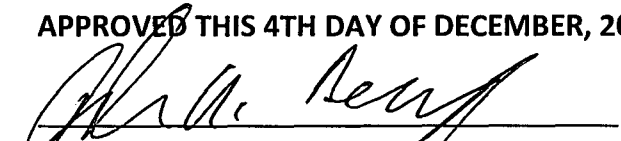
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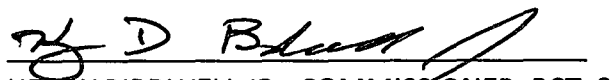
10	Precinct #1	\$	6,533.40
20	Precinct #2	\$	6,296.18
30	Precinct #3	\$	6,068.36
40	Precinct #4	\$	7,487.37
51	R&B Heavy Equipment		
52	CTIF Fund		
70	Law Library		
71	Appellate Judicial System		
72	County Court RTA		
73	District Court RTA		
78	County Clerk RM&P		
79	District Clerk RM&P		
80	Records Preservation		
82	Guardianship Fund		
84	CH Renovation		
85	CH Renovation I&S fund bal		
90	General Fund	\$	89,796.19
92	Dist. & Co. Court Tech		
93	Probate Education		
94	Records Management		
95	Courthouse Security		
96	Justice Court Tech		
98	Interest & Sinking		
99	State Fines & Fees		

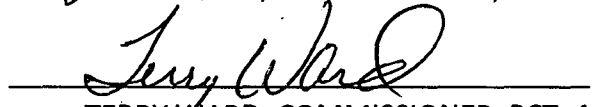
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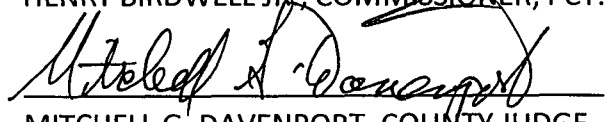
APPROVED THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017


 JOHN R. BERRY, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1


 JAMES BROCK, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2


 HENRY BIRDWELL JR., COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3


 TERRY WARD, COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4


 MITCHELL G. DAVENPORT, COUNTY JUDGE

Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings Section
P O Box 12887
Austin, TX 78711-2887
512-463-6334
FAX 512-463-5569
Filing Fee: None



OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
I, John R. Berry, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully
execute the duties of the office of Road Commissioner, Prct 1(Interim) 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.

[Signature]
Signature of Officer

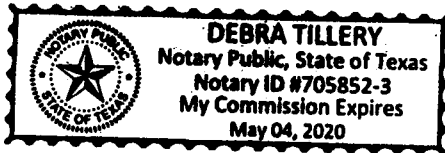
Certification of Person Authorized to Administer Oath

State of Texas
County of Jack

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 4th day of December, 2017.

(Affix Notary Seal,
only if oath
administered by a
notary.)

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to Administer An
Oath



Debra Tillery

Printed or Typed Name

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Form 2204 VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

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 Jack

} ss.

Bond No. TX5113913

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, John Berry, 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 County Judge of Jack County, Texas, his successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand (\$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 4th day of December, 2017, duly Appointed to the office of County Road Commissioner Precinct #1 in and for Jack County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 4th day of December, 2017 and ending the 1st day of January, 2019.

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

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.

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

John Berry Principal

John Berry
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)

By: Summer Massengale
Summer Massengale Attorney-in-Fact

BY DEPUTY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Jack

} ss.

Before me, Debra Tillery, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

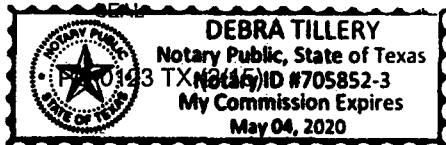
John Berry

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 Jacksboro, Jack County, Texas

this 4th day of December, 2017

Debra Tillery
Jack County, Texas.



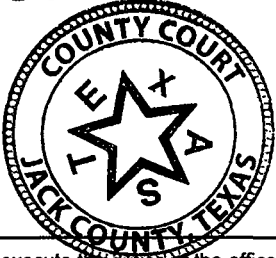
OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, John Berry, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Co. Rd. Comm. Precinct #1 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 John Berry

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Jackshoro, Texas, this 4th day of December, 2017

SEAL



Michael J. Dawson
Jack 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 _____

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

SEAL

_____ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Jack } ss

The foregoing bond of John Berry as Co. Rd. Comm. Act. #1 in and for Jack County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date December 4, 2017
Michael J. Dawson County Judge,
Jack County, Texas

County Court _____ County

THE STATE OF TEXAS

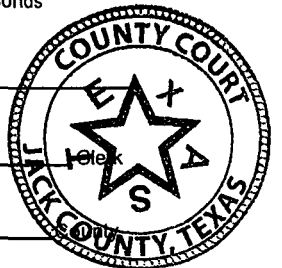
County of Jack } ss

I, Vanessa James, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 4th day of December, 2017, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 4th day of December, 2017, at 4:00 o'clock P M, and duly recorded the 4th day of December, 2017, at 4:00 o'clock P M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 14, on page 201

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

By Suzanne Brooks Deputy
County Court

Vanessa James
Jack County Court



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 (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Summer Massengale

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.

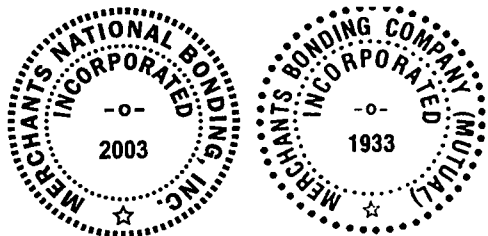
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 30th day of November, 2017.

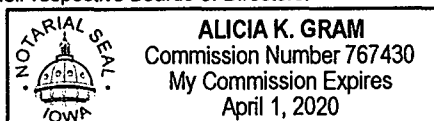


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this this 30th day of November, 2017, 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.

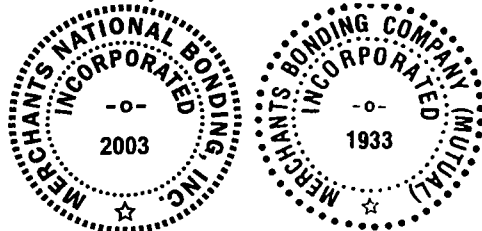


Alicia K. Gram
Notary Public

(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 30th day of November, 2017.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary

Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings Section
P O Box 12887
Austin, TX 78711-2887
512-463-6334
FAX 512-463-5569
Filing Fee: None



OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,
I, John R. Berry, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully
execute the duties of the office of County Commissioner, Prct 1(Interim) 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.

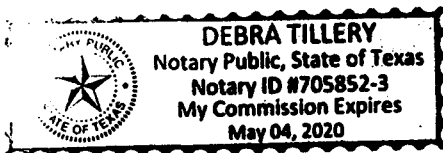
[Signature]
Signature of Officer

Certification of Person Authorized to Administer Oath

State of Texas
County of Sack

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 14th day of December, 2017.

(Affix Notary Seal,
only if oath
administered by a
notary.)



[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to Administer An
Oath

Debra Tillery

Printed or Typed Name

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
Form 2204 SACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

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 COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT # 1

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Jack

Bond No. TX5113911

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, John Berry, 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 Jack, State of Texas, his/her successors in office, in the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 4th day of December, 2017, duly Appointed to the office of County Commissioner in and for Jack County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 4th day of December, 2017 and expiring on the 1st day of January, 2019.

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 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 30th 4th day of December ~~November~~, 2017.

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

John Berry Principal

By: [Signature]
John Berry
Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)

By: [Signature]
Summer Massengale Attorney-in-Fact

BY DEPUTY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

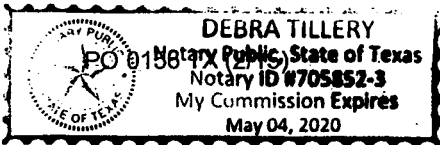
County of Jack

Before me, Debra Tillery, a notary public, on this day personally appeared John Berry 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 Jacksboro this 4th day of December, 2017.

[Signature]

Jack Jack County, Texas.



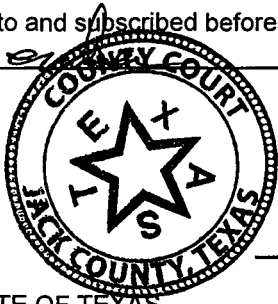
OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, John Perry, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Commissioner Precinct #1 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 Jackboro, Texas, this 4th day of December, 2017.

SEAL



[Signature]
Jack 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 Jack } ss

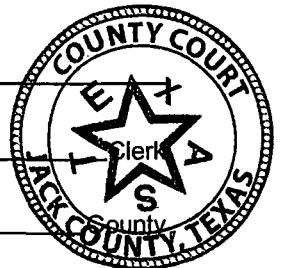
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Jackboro, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Vanessa James
Clerk

By Duzanne Brooks Deputy
PO 0156 TX (2/15)

County Court Jack



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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 (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Summer Massengale

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.

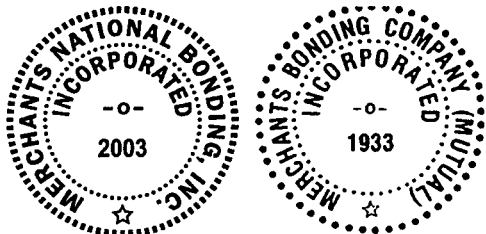
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 30th day of November, 2017.

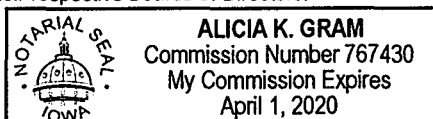


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this this 30th day of November, 2017, 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.

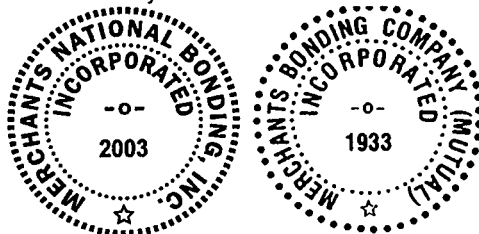


Alicia K. Gram
Notary Public

(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 30th day of November, 2017.



William Warner Jr.
Secretary

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