Potter County Bail Bond Board
Amarillo, Texas

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 15, 2026

Bail Bond Board Members Present:

Julie Smith - Potter County Clerk - **Chair**
Judge Nancy Tanner - Potter County Judge - **Vice Chair**
Stephnie Menke – Potter County District Clerk – **Secretary**
Brooke Graves - Potter County Treasurer
Travis Tidmore - Potter County Assistant District Attorney
Joshua Dixon - Bargain Bail Bonds II, Surety Representative

Bail Bond Board Members Absent:

Judge Steven Denny - 320th District Judge
Judge Walt Weaver- Potter County Court at Law #1
Judge Robert Taylor- Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2
Judge Sunny Ratliff - Amarillo Municipal Court
Sgt. Don Fowler, Sheriff's Office Designee
Representative for Criminal Defense Attorney

Melinda Powell, Potter County Assistant County Attorney, was present for today's meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Julie Smith at 3:30 p.m.

Standing Business

1. **Review of Minutes:** To recognize the minutes of the Potter County Bail Bond Board public meeting held on March 18, 2026.

The minutes from the March 18, 2026, Potter County Bail Bond Board meeting were so recognized.

2. **License Applications:**
   A. To hold a hearing to consider approving or denying an application for a license submitted at a prior meeting of the Potter County Bail Bond Board. Receive any report(s) of investigation concerning a new applicant or renewal.
      1. No applications were submitted.

   B. To receive a new or renewal application(s) for a license to operate a bonding business and set a date for final hearing on said application.
      1. No applications were submitted.

C. The following companies have had their bonding privileges revoked due to non-payment of a bond forfeiture.
    1. No privileges were revoked.

D. The following companies have had their bonding privileges re-instated after payment of a bond forfeiture.
    1. No privileges have been re-instated.

3. Deposited Collateral for pre-approved companies:

A. To discuss and take necessary action regarding any company(s) conditionally approved in Potter County, pending collateral being filed with the County Treasurer. A conditionally approved company can post bonds after the collateral is posted.
    1. No pre-approved companies were submitted.

4. Security deposits for licensed companies:

A. To receive an updated report on posted security and changes in collateral and take any necessary action. To receive or release the following collateral for a licensed company.
    1. To receive information from Basden Bail Bonds regarding a CD on deposit with Happy State Bank, and authorize Basden to cash the current CD and purchase another CD with another institution.

Belinda Basden, Basden Bail Bonds, came before the Board and provided a brief explanation.

MOTION was made by Travis Tidmore to approve.
SECOND was made by Judge Nancy Tanner.
All approved – Motion carried.

5. Reports from Brooke Graves, Potter County Treasurer:

A. To receive any reports from Brooke Graves
    1. Monthly Surety Summary Report
    2. Quarterly Report

The Monthly Surety Summary Report and Quarterly Report were so recognized.

6. Employee Applications:

A. To receive, approve, deny or take any necessary action regarding employee applications.
    1. Receive new employee application for Anthony Mendoza, Almost Free Bail Bonds, Lic. #0039

MOTION was made by Stephnie Menke to approve.
SECOND was made by Judge Nancy Tanner.
All approved – Motion carried.

B. The following approved employees are no longer employed by a licensed company.
   1. Elizabeth (Liz) Kirkland is no longer employed by Almost Free Bail Bonds, Lic. #0039.

The unemployment of Elizabeth (Liz) Kirkland by Almost Free Bail Bonds, was so recognized.

7. New Business:

A. To recognize Judge Weaver, County Court at Law #1, as the Board Designee for County Court at Law.

The appointment of Judge Walt Weaver as the County Court at Law #1 Board Designee was so recognized.

8. Public comments

No public comments were received.

9. Receive agenda items for future meetings.

No future agenda items were presented.

Julie Smith reminded everyone of the in-person demonstration of the eBonds platform to be held on May 19th, at the Potter County Law Enforcement Center Classroom.

Julie Smith adjourned the Potter County Bail Bond Board meeting at 3:42 p.m. and set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stephnie Menke, Secretary

Stephnie Menke

Bail Bond Board Funds
As of March 31, 2026

Balance from December 31, 2025	$51,164.82
Revenue	
February 20, 2026 Employee Application Fee Basden Bail Bonds Michael Bonner	$25.00
February 20, 2026 License Application Renewal Bargain Bail Bonds II	$500.00
Total Revenue	**$525.00**
Expenses	
None	
Total Expenses	**$0.00**
Balance as of March 31, 2026	**$51,689.82**

Sheriff's Office, Potter County, Texas
Surety Summary Report

Wednesday, Apr 08, 2026
Time: 16:14:22

Lic#	Surety/Bond Company	Status	Ceiling	----Current----		---Jgmt NISI---		---Final Jgmt--		Tot Liability	Available
0001	~AMARILLO BAIL BOND (EXP)	EXPIRED	1,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200,000
0002	BASDEN BAIL BOND	ACTIVE	5,561,180	236	1,750,750	11	113,500	0	0	1,864,250	3,696,930
0005	AKA GAYLYNN'S BAIL BOND	ACTIVE	745,480	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	745,480
0006	~BAIL BONDS BY JUDY	EXPIRED	1,247,420	2	8,500	0	0	0	0	8,500	1,238,920
0020	~BUDGET BAIL BOND	EXPIRED	1,325,000	37	306,500	6	20,000	5	11,882	338,382	986,617
0021	~BAILMAXX BONDING	SUSPEND	99,999,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99,999,999
0023	AMARILLO BAIL BOND	ACTIVE	1,100,000	157	872,250	10	48,000	0	0	920,250	179,750
0024	~FREEDOM BAIL BONDS	EXPIRED	99,999,999	197	1,746,500	3	3,000	0	0	1,749,500	98,250,499
0028	SAVIOR BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	575	3,993,500	5	21,000	0	0	4,014,500	95,985,499
0029	~DIXON BAIL BONDS	EXPIRED	99,999,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99,999,999
0030	GREEN-LIGHT BAIL BOND	ACTIVE	969,050	66	320,000	2	6,000	2	751	326,751	642,298
0032	BARGAIN BAIL BONDS II	ACTIVE	500,000	56	294,750	0	0	0	0	294,750	205,250
0033	~CENTRAL BAIL BONDS II	EXPIRED	99,999,999	4	44,000	0	0	0	0	44,000	99,955,999
0034	~BUDGET I BAIL BONDS	EXPIRED	99,999,999	24	129,500	1	3,500	0	0	133,000	99,866,999
0035	COWBOY BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	51	718,500	1	5,000	0	0	723,500	99,276,499
0036	CENTRAL BAIL BONDS 2	ACTIVE	99,999,999	179	920,100	0	0	0	0	920,100	99,079,899
0037	ALLSTATE BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	281	1,484,500	4	57,500	0	0	1,542,000	98,457,999
0038	FREEDOM BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	560	5,197,500	0	0	0	0	5,197,500	94,802,499
0039	ALMOST FREE BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	173	1,531,500	0	0	0	0	1,531,500	98,468,499
0040	DIXON BAIL BONDS II	ACTIVE	99,999,999	247	2,039,500	0	0	0	0	2,039,500	97,960,499
9999	O/C:_	ACTIVE	0	799	4,412,250	70	319,500	29	34,899	4,766,649	0
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