

Potter County Bail Bond Board

Amarillo, Texas

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

December 17, 2025

Bail Bond Board Members Present:

Julie Smith – Potter County Clerk – **Chair**
Judge Nancy Tanner – Potter County Judge – **Vice Chair**
Judge Walt Weaver – Potter County Court at Law #1
Judge Sunny Ratliff – Amarillo Municipal Court
Travis Tidmore – Potter County Assistant District Attorney
Sgt. Don Fowler, Sheriff's Office Designee
Joshua Dixon – Bargain Bail Bonds II , Surety Representative

Bail Bond Board Members Absent:

Stephnie Menke, Potter County District Clerk
Judge Steven Denny – 320th District Judge
Judge Robert Taylor – Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2
Brooke Graves - Potter County Treasurer
Representative for Criminal Defense Attorney

Melinda Powell, Potter County Assistant County Attorney, was present as Counsel.

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 November 19, 2025.

The minutes from the November 19, 2025, 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. Treasurer, Brooke Graves.

1. No report was submitted.

5. Reports from Brooke Graves, Potter County Treasurer:

A. To receive any reports from Brooke Graves

1. Monthly Surety Summary Report

The Monthly Surety Summary Report was so recognized.

6. Employee Applications:

A. To receive, approve, deny or take any necessary action regarding employee applications.

1. No employment applications were received.

B. The following approved employees are no longer employed by a licensed company.

1. Amy Hardt is no longer employed by Freedom Bail Bonds, Lic. 0038.

Employment item 6B was so recognized.

7. New Business:

1. Hold the Surety Seat election for the 2026 Board.

Ballots were tallied for the Surety Seat Representative.

Josh Dixon was so recognized as winning the majority of votes.

2. Hold election of 2026 Board Officers – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Election was held for the 2026 Board Officers.

MOTION was made by Judge Weaver to keep the same Board Officers.

Chair – Julie Smith

Vice Chair – Judge Nancy Tanner

Secretary – Stephnie Menke

SECOND was made by Travis Tidmore

All approved – Motion carried

3. Recognize the Board Members for 2026.

The Board Members and designations (the designations turned in) for 2026 were so recognized.

4. Receive the 2026 Potter County Bail Bond Board meeting calendar.

The 2026 Potter County Bail Bond Board Meeting calendar was received and attached herein.

8. Public comments

No public comment was received.

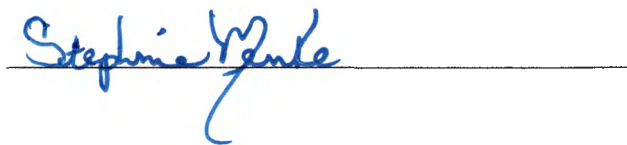
9. Receive agenda items for future meetings.

Receive from Judge Estevez - District Judge appointment for 2026

Receive from JP's - Board Designation for 2026.

Julie Smith adjourned the Potter County Bail Bond Board meeting at 3:35 p.m. and set the next meeting for January 21, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Stephnie Menke, Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stephnie Menke", is written over a horizontal line.

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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	261	2,004,250	19	232,500	0	0	2,236,750	3,324,430
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	6	38,500	0	0	0	0	38,500	1,208,920
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	171	876,500	10	48,000	0	0	924,500	175,500
0024	~FREEDOM BAIL BONDS	EXPIRED	99,999,999	199	1,775,000	3	3,000	0	0	1,778,000	98,221,999
0028	SAVIOR BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	589	4,135,000	10	46,500	0	0	4,181,500	95,818,499
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	41	267,500	0	0	0	0	267,500	232,500
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	53	594,000	1	5,000	0	0	599,000	99,400,999
0036	CENTRAL BAIL BONDS 2	ACTIVE	99,999,999	157	769,350	0	0	0	0	769,350	99,230,649
0037	ALLSTATE BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	237	1,393,250	8	79,000	2	1,334	1,473,584	98,526,414
0038	FREEDOM BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	723	7,800,750	5	26,000	1	713	7,827,463	92,172,535
0039	ALMOST FREE BAIL BONDS	ACTIVE	99,999,999	136	1,335,000	0	0	0	0	1,335,000	98,664,999
0040	DIXON BAIL BONDS II	ACTIVE	99,999,999	238	1,888,750	0	0	0	0	1,888,750	98,111,249
9999	O/C:~	ACTIVE	0	799	4,195,250	70	303,000	30	34,231	4,532,481	0

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Potter County Bail Bond Board 2026 Calendar of Scheduled Meetings

The board meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month January-December at 3:30pm in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Potter County Courthouse.

January 21, 2026

February 18, 2026

March 18, 2026

April 15, 2026

May 20, 2026

June 17, 2026

July 15, 2026

August 19, 2026

September 16, 2026

October 21, 2026

November 18, 2026

December 16, 2026

Please note that the agenda for our meetings is posted 3 business days before the meeting in accordance with Chp. 551 of the Texas Government Code.