

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT # 3

MAY 11 2026

SHERRY DOWD, County Clerk
NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS
Byd No. 101871565 DEPUTY

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Navarro

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Jackie Freeland Jr., as Principal, and the Merchants National Bonding, Inc., a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the County Judge of the County of Navarro, 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 15th day of May, 2026, duly Appointed to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Navarro County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 15th day of May, 2026 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 2026.

Now, therefore, if the said Principal shall faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into his/her hands during the term of office, 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 5th day of May, 2026.

Jackie Freeland Jr. Principal

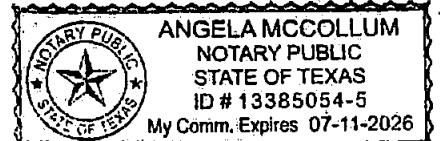
By: Jackie Freeland Jr.

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

By: Mari Null
Mari Null Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of TX



Before me, Jackie Freeland Jr., a notary public, on this day personally appeared Jackie Freeland Jr. 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 312 W. 2nd Ave Corsicana TX 75710 this 11 day of May, 2026

Angela McCollum
Corsicana TX Navarro 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 Navarro } ss

The foregoing bond of Jackie Freeland Jr. as Justice of The Peace #3 in and for Navarro County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

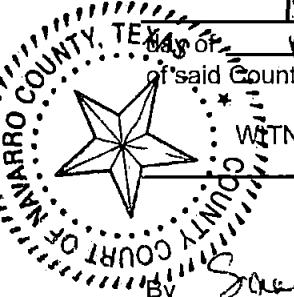


Date 5-11-2020
[Signature] County Judge,
County Navarro County, Texas

Sandy Davis Clerk
County Court Navarro County

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Navarro } ss

I, Sandy Davis Sherry Dowd ^{Deputy} County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 11th day of May, 2020, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 11th day of May, 2020, at 10:10 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 11th day of May, 2020, at 10:10 o'clock A M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume _____, on page _____.



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

Sherry Dowd
Sandy Davis Deputy Clerk

By Sandy Davis Deputy County Court Navarro County
PO 0157 TX (2/15)

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, and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, an assumed name of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Mari Null

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 By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies.

"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."

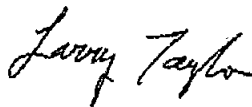
In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts 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 5th day of May, 2026.

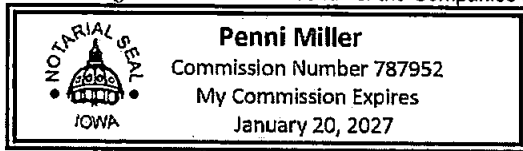


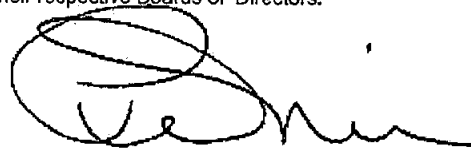
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By 
President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 5th day of May, 2026, 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), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY; 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.




Notary Public

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

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY 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 5th day of May, 2026.




Secretary