

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Paul T. Bruflat of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President, as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Tax Assessor/Collector

bond with bond number 64539179

for Kathryn Phillips
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$100,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 27th day of December, 2022.

ATTEST
L. Bauder
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Paul T. Bruflat
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

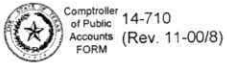
On this 27th day of December, 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat and L. Bauder who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



M. Bent
Notary Public
My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

To validate bond authenticity, go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.





BOND OF TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR (Required by TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28)

Bond number 64539179

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY Montague }

PRINCIPAL: Kathryn Phillips, Social Security number
Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the County of Montague
[elected] [x] appointed on April 1st, 2023

SURETY: WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Federal Employers Identification number 46-0204900
authorized and qualified to do business as a surety company in the State of Texas.
Surety's mailing address: 101 S. Reid St., Ste. 300, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

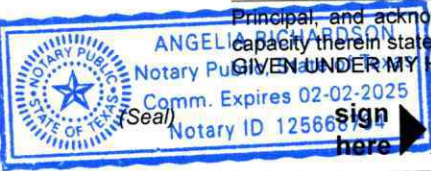
AMOUNT OF BOND: One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$ 100,000.00)

CONDITIONS: We, the Principal and Surety shown above, and our heirs, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, are responsible to the Governor of the State of Texas, and successors in office, for the amount of this bond payable at the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the City of Austin.
If the Principal performs all the duties of the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and honestly accounts for all money that comes into the office during the Principal's full term of office, then this obligation shall be null and void. Otherwise, the obligation shall remain in full force for the full term.
An additional bond may be demanded if the Comptroller of Public Accounts determines that the amount of this bond is insufficient. The demand for additional bond shall not affect the validity of this or any other bond given by the Principal.
This bond shall be continuous for the full term of office and is executed according to the provisions of TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28.

SIGNATURES: Signature and seal of office of the Principal affixed:
Principal: Kathryn Phillips, Date: 4-25-2023
Signature of a duly authorized officer of the Surety and Corporate seal affixed:
Surety: Paul T. Bruflat, Date: December 27th, 2022, Title: Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

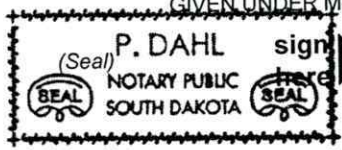
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: (Acknowledgements are necessary BEFORE this bond is filed for approval.)
ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Montague
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Kathryn Phillips, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, as Principal, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 25th day of April, 2023.
Notary Public: Angela Richards, My commission expires on 2-2-25



SURETY COMPANY
STATE OF South Dakota, County of Minnehaha

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed as the act and deed of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and as the Vice President thereof, and for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 27th day of December, 2022.



Notary Public: P. Dahl, My commission expires on June 18, 2025

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Kathryn Phillips, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Tax Assessor - Collector 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 of the election at which I was ELECTED.
- to secure my APPOINTMENT or the confirmation thereof.

Assessor - Collector

sign here

Kathryn Phillips

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the

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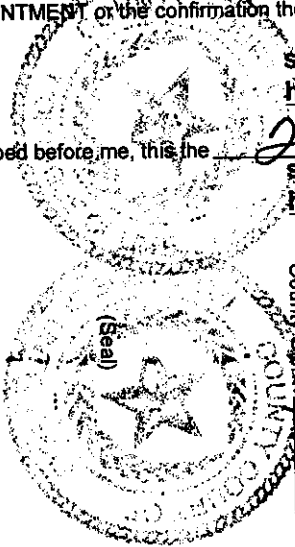
day of

April

2023

sign here

Kim Jones



BOND AND OATH

Kathryn Phillips

ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR OF

Montague

COUNTY

APPROVED IN OPEN COMMISSIONERS' COURT

sign here April 24 2023
T. Burt

County Judge

MONTAGUE

County

RECORDED BY COUNTY CLERK

April 25 2023

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sign here

Kim Jones

County Clerk

Montague

County

APPROVED BY
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

sign here

Comptroller of Public Accounts

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BOND

BOND REQUIREMENT: Each person elected or appointed Assessor-Collector must make a bond to the state within twenty days after receiving notice of election or appointment.

- **ELECTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after the Commissioners' Court has canvassed the general election returns and Assessor-Collector has received notice of election.
- **APPOINTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after official appointment.

BOND AMOUNT: Bond must be made for an amount equal to 5% of the net total of state motor vehicle sales and use tax and motor vehicle registration fees collected in the county during the twelve-month period ending August 31 immediately prior to the date the bond is executed. However, the bond shall not exceed \$100,000 nor be less than \$2,500.

SIGNATURES: The Assessor-Collector must sign the bond as Principal after the election or appointment. A duly authorized agent of the surety company must sign the bond for the surety company after the election or appointment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The acknowledgement for the Assessor-Collector must be completed after the Assessor-Collector has signed as Principal. The acknowledgement for the surety company must be completed after the agent has signed as the surety.

OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office must be completed after the election or appointment but before the bond is approved by the Commissioners' Court. Check the applicable box.

APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT: The bond must be approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge after the signatures, acknowledgements and the oath of office are completed.

RECORDING BY THE COUNTY CLERK: The bond must be recorded by the County Clerk after it has been approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge.

APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: The completed bond should be sent to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for approval.

Send to:

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Account Maintenance Division
111 E. 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774-0100