

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

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THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Montague } ss

BOND No. 65100001

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Kevin Benton, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto <sup>1</sup>County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of <sup>2</sup>One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2024.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the          day of         ,         , duly appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of County Judge in and for <sup>3</sup>Montague County, State of Texas, for a term of 4 years commencing on the 24th day of June, 2024.

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 <sup>4</sup> faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into his 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 cancelled 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.

Kevin Benton Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_ on this day, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE (COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Kevin L. Benton, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Judge, 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

Kevin L. Benton

Sworn to and subscribed before me at

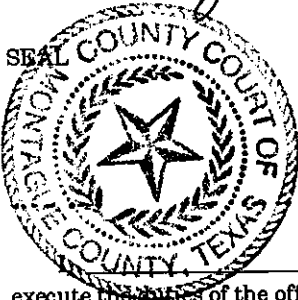
May 2008

Montague

Texas, this 13th day of

Kevin Jones  
Montague

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas



OATH OF OFFICE (General)

\_\_\_\_\_, 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 Montague } ss Kevin Benton as  
The foregoing bond of County Judge in and for Montague County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

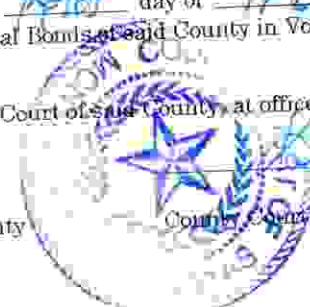
ATTEST, Kim Jones Clerk Kevin Benton County Judge,  
County Court Montague County Montague County, Texas  
Date May 13 2024



THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Montague } ss Kim Jones County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing Bond dated the 10th day of March 2024 with its certificates of  
authentication, was filed for record in my office the 10th day of May 2024 at  
8:21 o'clock A.M. and duly recorded the 10th day of May 2024 at  
8:21 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 Montague  
Texas, the day and year last above written.

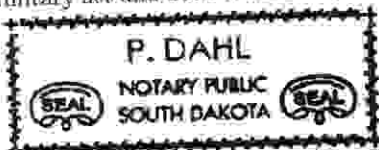
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Kim Jones Clerk  
Montague County



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 6th day of March,  
2024, personally appeared Larry Karben to me known to be the identical  
person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the  
aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the  
free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



My Commission Expires June 13, 2025

P. Dahl  
Notary Public

# 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

Larry Kasten 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 County Judge County of Montague

bond with bond number 65100001

for Kevin Benton  
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.

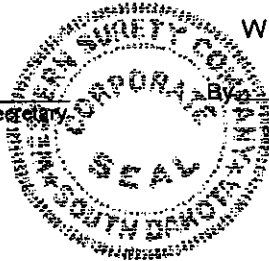
This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

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 6th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



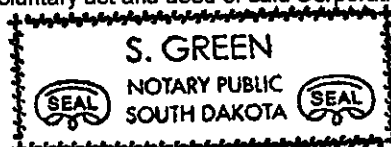
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 6th day of March, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten 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.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

