

Texas



Western Surety Company

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Montague } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 67803261

That we, Charles Lanier, 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 1 District Judge(s), his successors in office, in the sum of 2 Five Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2026.

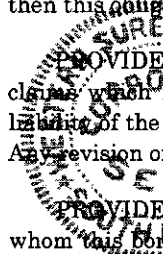
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 1st day of February, 2026, duly elected or appointed to the office of County Auditor in and for 3 Montague County, State of Texas, for a term of Indefinite year commencing on the 5th day of March, 2026.

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 ⁴ faithfully perform the duties of county auditor.

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.



FILED FOR RECORD

Filed 23 Day of March
2026 at 9:00 o'clock Am
Kim Jones, Clerk
County Court, Montague, Texas

Charles Lanier Principal
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Larry Kasten Vice President

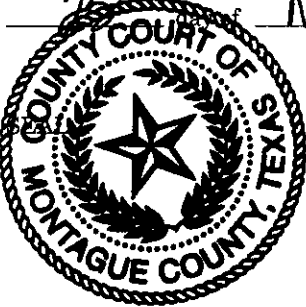
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Montague } ss

Before me, Charles Lanier Kem Jones 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.

Gave under my hand and seal of office at Montague, Texas, this March 2016.



[Signature]
Montague County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

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; 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 _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____

SEAL _____ 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 _____

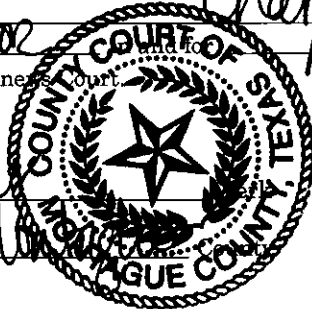
SEAL _____ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Montague } ss

The foregoing bond of Charles Lanier as County Auditor of Montague County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioners Court.

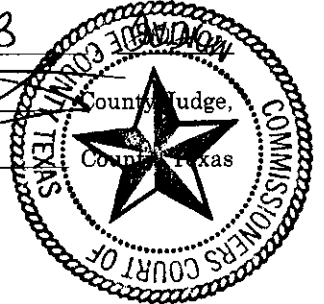
ATTEST:

Kim Jones
County Court



Date March 23

[Signature]
County Judge,
Montague County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Montague } ss

I, Kim Jones, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 23rd day of March, 2020, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 23 day of March, 2020, at 9:50 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 23 day of March, 2020, at 9:50 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume 10, on page 61.

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 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 5th day of March, 2026, personally appeared Larry Kasten 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.



S. Petrik
Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

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 Auditor County of Montague

bond with bond number 67803261

for Charles Lanier

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 5,000.00.

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:

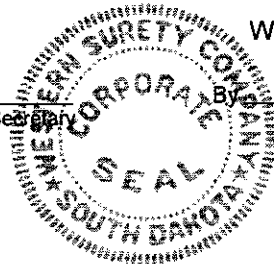
"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

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 5th day of March, 2026.

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 5th day of March, 2026, 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.



My Commission Expires June 18, 2031

P. Dahl

Notary Public

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



Texas



Western Surety Company

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Montague } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 64539195

That we, Kathryn Phillips, 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 Commissioners Court, his successors in office, in the sum of 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 12th day of December, 2025.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the _____ day of _____, _____, duly Elected (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Tax Assessor/Collector in and for Montague County, State of Texas, for a term of one year commencing on the 1st day of April, 2026.

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 ⁴ faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector.

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.

Kathryn Phillips Principal
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
By Larry Kasten Larry Kasten, Vice President

FILED FOR RECORD
Filed 13 Day of March
20 at 9:00 o'clock AM
Kim Jones, Clerk

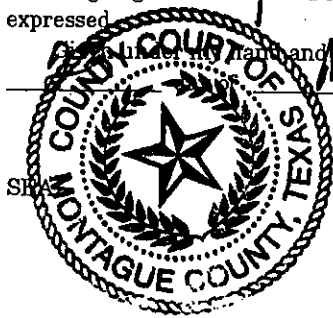
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Montague }^{ss}

Before me, Kathy Phillips Kem Jones 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.

At public hearing and seal of office at Montague, Texas, this March, 2024.



[Signature]

Montague County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

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; 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 _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____.

SEAL

County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE
(General)

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Signed _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____.

SEAL

County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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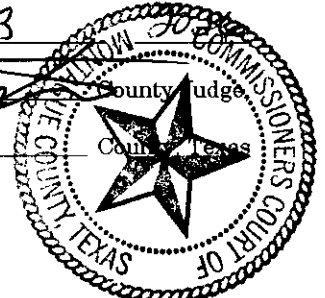
The foregoing bond of Robert Phelps as Tax Assessor/Collector in and for Montague County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Kim Jones
County Clerk
Montague



Date March 23
Robert Phelps
County Judge
Montague



THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Montague ss

I, Kim Jones, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 12 day of December, 2015, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 23 day of March, 2016, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., and duly recorded the 23 day of March, 2016, at 9:00 o'clock A. M., in the Records of Official Bonds said County in Volume 10, on page 65.

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 County Court Kim Jones Clerk Montague County



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(Corporate Officer)

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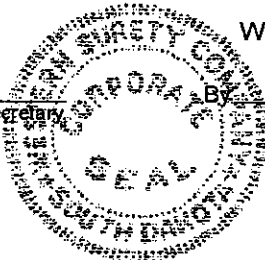
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ATTEST

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WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

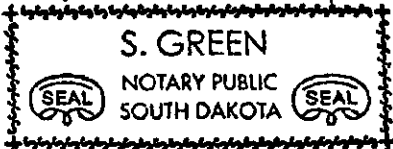
Larry Kasten

Larry Kasten, Vice President

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S. Green

Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

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