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Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Fort Bend } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. [REDACTED]

That we, Ronald Cohen, as Principal, and  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as  
are held and bound unto County Treasurer, his successors in office,  
in the sum of Ten Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00),  
for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and  
severally, by these presents.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2016.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden  
Principal was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, duly  
elected to the office of County Court at Law in and for Fort Bend  
(Elected—Appointed) No. 5  
County, State of Texas, for a term of Four years commencing on the 1st day of  
January, 2017.

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>  
pay all money that comes into his hands as county judge to the person or officer  
entitled to it; pay to the county all money illegally paid to him out of county  
funds; and not vote or consent to pay out county funds for other than lawful  
purposes.

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 in 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.

Ronald Cohen  
Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Bruff  
Paul T. Bruff, Vice President

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Fort Bend } ss

Before me, Ann Werlein on this day, personally appeared  
Ronald Cohen, 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 Richmond, Texas,  
this 1 day of January, 2017.

Notary Public, State of Texas  
Comm. Expires 02-04-2020  
Notary ID 11492422

SEAL

Fort Bend 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, Ronald Cohen, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Court at Law No 5, 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 Richmond, Texas, this 12 day of January, 2017.

SEAL

Fort Bend County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Fort Bend } ss

The foregoing bond of Ronald Cohen as County Court at Law No 5 in and for Fort Bend County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Hanna Richard Clerk  
County Court Fort Bend County

Date January 3, 2017  
Robert Schur County Judge,  
Fort Bend County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk, in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., and duly recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, the day and year last above written.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County



## OFFICIAL BOND REQUIREMENTS

OFFICIAL	2. AMOUNT	1. TO WHOM PAYABLE	APPROVED BY	Sec. of Statutes	4. CONDITIONS
District Attorney	\$5,000.	Governor	District Judge	Gov't Code 48.002	'in the manner prescribed by law, faithfully pay over all money that he collects or that comes into his hands for the state or a county.'
County Attorney	\$2,500.	Governor	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 46.001	'faithfully pay over in the manner prescribed by law all money that he collects or receives for any county or the state.'
County Judge	\$1,000.-10,000.	County Treasurer	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 26.001	'pay all money that comes into his hands as county judge to the person or officer entitled to it; pay to the county all money illegally paid to him out of county funds; and not vote or consent to pay out county funds for other than lawful purposes.'
County Clerk	At least 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is given — \$5,000 minimum, \$500,000 maximum	County	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 82.001	'faithfully perform the duties of office.'
Deputy County Clerk	At least 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is given — \$5,000 minimum, \$500,000 maximum	County for the use and benefit of the County Clerk	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 82.002	'faithfully perform the duties of office.'
County Auditor	\$5,000 minimum	District Judge(s)	District Judge(s)	Local Gov't Code 84.007	'faithfully perform the duties of county auditor.'
County Treasurer	Established by the commissioners court not to exceed one-half of one percent of the largest amount budgeted for general county maintenance and operations for any fiscal year of the county beginning during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is to be given — \$5,000 minimum, \$500,000 maximum	County Judge	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 83.002	'faithfully execute the duties of office.'
District Clerk	Not less than 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office immediately preceding the term for which the bond is given — \$5,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum	Governor	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 61.302	'faithfully perform the duties of the office.'
Deputy District Clerk	Not less than 20% of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office immediately preceding the term for which the bond is given — \$5,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum	Governor for the use and benefit of the District Clerk	Commissioners Court	Gov't Code 61.309	'faithfully perform the duties of the office.'
County School Superintendent	\$1,000.	County governing board unless a county-wide independent school district has been created, in which event the bond is payable to and approved by the County Commissioners Court		Educ. Code 17.49	'faithfully perform his duties.'
County Surveyor	Fixed by the Commissioners Court — \$500 minimum, \$10,000 maximum	Not Specified		Nat. Res. Code 23.013	'faithfully perform the duties of the office.'
Deputy County Surveyor	Not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000 (Fixed by the County Surveyor)	County Surveyor		Nat. Res. Code 23.014	'faithfully perform the duties of the office.'
Sheriff	Set by the Commissioners Court \$5,000 minimum, \$50,000 maximum	Governor	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 86.001	'faithfully perform the duties of office established by law; account for and pay to the person authorized by law to receive them the fines, forfeitures, and penalties the sheriff collects for the use of the state or a county; execute and return when due the process and precepts lawfully directed to the sheriff, and pay to the person to whom they are due or to the person's attorney the funds collected by virtue of the process or precept; and pay to the county any funds illegally paid, voluntarily or otherwise, to the sheriff from county funds.'
County Assessor-Collector (State Bond)	Equal to 5% of the net state collections from motor vehicle sales and use taxes and motor vehicle registration fees in the county during the year ending August 31 preceding the date the bond is given — \$2,500 minimum, \$100,000 maximum	The Governor and the Governor's successors in office	Commissioners Court and the State Comptroller of Public Accounts	Tax Code 6.28	'faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector.'
County Assessor-Collector (County Bond)	Equal to 10% of the total amount of county taxes imposed in the preceding tax year, \$100,000 maximum	Commissioners Court	Commissioners Court	Tax Code 6.28	'faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector.'
County Commissioner	\$3,000.	County Treasurer	County Judge	Local Gov't Code 81.002	'faithfully perform the commissioner's official duties and reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to him and will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose.'
Justice of the Peace	\$5,000 maximum	County Judge	Not Specified	Gov't Code 27.001	'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.'
Constable	Set by the Commissioners Court \$500 minimum — \$1,500 maximum	The Governor and the Governor's successors in office	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 86.002	'faithfully perform the duties imposed by law.'
County Public Weigher and Deputies	\$2,500	County Judge	Department of Agriculture	Agric. Code 13.256	'accurately weigh or measure commodities reflected on certificates issued by him, protect the commodities that he is registered to weigh or measure, and comply with all laws and rules governing public weighers.'
State Public Weigher	\$10,000	State of Texas	Department of Agriculture	Agric. Code 13.256	'accurately weigh or measure commodities reflected on certificates issued by him, protect the commodities that he is registered to weigh or measure, and comply with all laws and rules governing public weighers.'

3. If precinct insert the number.  
4. Conditions.



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 29th day of


December, 2016, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat  
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.



*M. Bent*

Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 2, 2020

 Western Surety Company	Principal	Official Title	Texas	Filed the _____ day of _____	at _____ o'clock _____ M.	Clerk	County Court _____ County, Texas
	On Behalf of						
OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH							

RETURNED TO:

FORT BEND COUNTY CLERK  
ADMIN SERVICES COORDINATOR

**FILED AND RECORDED**  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

*Laura Richard*



Laura Richard, County Clerk  
Fort Bend County, Texas

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FEE: \$0.00 RMM  
BOND

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