OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

Liberty Mutual Surety
Attention: LMS Claims
P.O. Box 34526
Seattle, WA 98124
Phone: 206-473-6700
Fax: 866-442-4060
Email: HOSCL@libertymutual.com
https://claims-intake.libertymutualsurety.com

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond Number: **999444155**

That we, John Karl Thorne
of 150 Co Rd 949, Fairfield, TX 75840, as Principal, and, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Freestone County Treasurer and/or his/her successors in the penal sum of Five Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents ($5,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED this 4th day of November, 2025.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH,
That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 11/04/2025, duly Appointed (elected/appointed) to the office of Justice of the Peace in and for Freestone County in the State of Texas, for a term commencing on the 4th day of November, 2025 and ending November 4, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, If the said Principal shall faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him/her by ~~law as the aforesaid officer, and~~ shall (conditions) faithfully and impartially discharge the duties required by law; and promptly pay to the entitled party all money that comes into the justice's hands during the term of office.

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then this obligation shall 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~~ that 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.

John Karl Thorne

BY: x _____
Principal

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
Surety

Countersigned
BY: _____
Texas Resident Agent

BY: Timothy A. Mikolajewski
Attorney-in-Fact
Timothy A. Mikolajewski

THE OHIO CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED 1919 NEW HAMPSHIRE

TEXAS COMMISSIONERS COURT FREESTONE COUNTY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Freestone } ss

Before me, Karen Elizabeth Moore, on this day, personally appeared, John Karl Thorne, 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 Freestone County, Texas, this the 6th day of November, 2025.

KAREN ELIZABETH MOORE
NOTARY PUBLIC
SEAL
STATE OF TEXAS
ID # 134807529
My Comm. Expires 03-14-2028

Karen Elizabeth Moore
Notary Public
Freestone
County, Texas

LMS-16831e 04-18

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 warrant 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

_____
Notary Public

_____ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE
(GENERAL)

I, John Karl Thorne, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 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 John Karl Thorne

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at, Freestone Cnty Texas, this 6th day of November, 2025.

SEAL

KAREN ELIZABETH MOORE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
ID # 134807529
My Comm. Expires 03-14-2028

Karen Elizabeth Moore
Notary Public

Freestone County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Freestone } ss

The foregoing bond of John Carl Thorne as Justice of Peace Pct. 1 in and for Freestone County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Renee Gregory Clerk

County Court Freestone County

Date: Nov. 6, 2025

County Judge,

Freestone County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Freestone } ss

I, Renee Gregory, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 4th day of November, 2025, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 6th day of Nov., 2025, at 9 -o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 6th day of Nov., 2025, at 9 -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 Fairfield, Texas, the day and year last above written.

By Renee Gregory Deputy

Renee Gregory Clerk

County Court Freestone County

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

Principal: John Karl Thorne
Agency Name: Specialty Risk Management, LLC Bond Number: 999444155
Obligee: Freestone County Treasurer
Bond Amount: ($5,000.00) Five Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: that The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire (herein collectively called the "Company"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint **Timothy A. Mikolajewski** in the city and state of **Seattle, WA**, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Company in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Company and the corporate seal of the Company has been affixed thereto this 4th day of November, 2025.

The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company

By: _____
Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY ss

On this 4th day of November, 2025, before me personally appeared Nathan J. Zangerle, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My commission expires March 28, 2029
Commission number 1126044
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: _____
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-law and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, which is now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.
Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

Certificate of Designation – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature or electronic signatures of any assistant secretary of the Company or facsimile or mechanically reproduced or electronic seal of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney or bond issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company do hereby certify that this power of attorney executed by said Company is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Company this 4th day of November, 2025.

By: _____
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

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Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By Renee Gregory

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Submit to:
SECRETARY OF STATE
Government Filings Section
P O Box 12887
Austin, TX 78711-2887
512-463-6334
FAX 512-463-5569

Filing Fee: None

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OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, John Thorne, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1 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, so help me God.

John C Thorne

Signature of Officer

Certification of Person Authorized to Administer Oath

State of Texas

County of Freestone

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 6th day of November, 2025.

(Affix Notary Seal, only if oath administered by a notary.)

KAREN ELIZABETH MOORE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
ID # 134807529
My Comm. Expires 03-14-2028

Karen Elizabeth Moore

Signature of Notary Public or
Signature of Other Person Authorized to Administer An Oath

Karen Elizabeth Moore - Notary Public

Printed or Typed Name

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Form 2204

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Government Filings
Section P O Box 12887
Austin, TX 78711-2887
512-463-6334
512-463-5569 - Fax
Filing Fee: None

STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Statement

I, John Thorne, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: 11-06-2025

John K Thorne
Signature of Officer

COMMISSIONERS COURT
FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

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RENEE GREGORY
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