Texas

Western Surety Company

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Freestone) ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 73787412

That we, Kelsey Atkinson, 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 3rd day of February, 2026.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 20th day of January, 2026, duly Appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of County Auditor in and for [3] Freestone County, State of Texas, for a term of Two years commencing on the 21st day of January, 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.

x Kelsey Atkinson
Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Larry Kasten
Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Freestone } ss

Before me, Karen Elizabeth Moore on this day, personally appeared Kelsey Atkinson, 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 Freestone County, Texas, this 12th day of February, 2026.

Karen Elizabeth Moore
Freestone County, Texas

SEAL

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

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 _____, _____.

_____

_____ County, Texas

SEAL

~~OATH OF OFFICE~~
(General)

I, Kelsey Atkinson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Auditor, 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 x Kelsey Atkinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Freestone County, Texas, this 12th day of February, 2026.

Karen Elizabeth Moore
Freestone County, Texas

SEAL

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Freestone } ss

The foregoing bond of Kelsey Atkinson as County Auditor in and for Freestone County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Renee Gregory Clerk

Date February 18, 2026

County Court Freestone County

[redacted] 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 3rd day of February, 2026, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 18th day of February, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 18th day of February, 2026, at 3:25 o'clock P M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume [redacted], on page [redacted].

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

FILED FOR RECORD
At 9 AM
FEB 18 2026
County, Texas
By Renee Gregory

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 3rd day of February, 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
SOUTH DAKOTA
SEAL SEAL

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

S. Petrik
Notary Public

COMMISSIONERS COURT
FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

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 District Judges County of Freestone

bond with bond number 73787412

for Kelsey Atkinson
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 3rd day of February, 2026.

ATTEST

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By: Larry Kasten
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 3rd day of February, 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.

P. DAHL
NOTARY PUBLIC
SOUTH DAKOTA

P. Dahl
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 18, 2031

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

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