

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC. P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498

PHONE: (800) 678-8171 FAX: (515) 243-3854

TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Lubbock

ss.

Bond No. 101928046

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Raymond Billington, as Principal, and the
Merchants National Bonding, Inc., a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound
unto Lubbock County Judge, his successors in office, in the sum of
Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which we
hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION is such, that, whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 27th
day of July, 2026, duly Appointed
to the office of Elections Chief Deputy in and for Hale
County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 27th day of July, 2026 and ending the 27th day of July, 2027.

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 Faithfully perform the duties of the 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 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.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2026.

Raymond Billington

Principal

Raymond Billington

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

By:

Michael Tatum Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

County of Lubbock ss.

Before me, Scarlette R Stinson, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

Raymond Billington

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 1308 Crickets Ave., Lubbock, TX

this 25th day of July, 2026

SEAL

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Scarlette R Stinson
Lubbock County, Texas.



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ENDORSEMENT

It is hereby understood and agreed that Bond No.: 101928046

Principal: Raymond Billington

Obligee: Lubbock County Judge

in the Merchants National Bonding, Inc. , is changing this bond effective July 10, 2026

FROM:

Principal County: Hale

Conditions of the bond:

TO:

Principal County: Lubbock

Conditions of the bond: faithfully perform the duties of the office

All terms and conditions of said bond, except as above changed, to remain the same.

Signed, sealed and dated this 10th day of July, 2026

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

By

Larry Taylor

Larry Taylor, President



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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know All Persons By These Presents, that MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., both being corporations of the State of Iowa, and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY, an assumed name of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

Michael Tatum

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of the Companies.

"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof."

"The signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile or electronic transmission to any Power of Attorney or Certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the Company, and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually fixed."

In connection with obligations in favor of the Florida Department of Transportation only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact includes any and all consents for the release of retained percentages and/or final estimates on engineering and construction contracts required by the State of Florida Department of Transportation. It is fully understood that consenting to the State of Florida Department of Transportation making payment of the final estimate to the Contractor and/or its assignee, shall not relieve this surety company of any of its obligations under its bond.

In connection with obligations in favor of the Kentucky Department of Highways only, it is agreed that the power and authority hereby given to the Attorney-in-Fact cannot be modified or revoked unless prior written personal notice of such intent has been given to the Commissioner - Department of Highways of the Commonwealth of Kentucky at least thirty (30) days prior to the modification or revocation.

In Witness Whereof, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and sealed this 29th day of June, 2026.



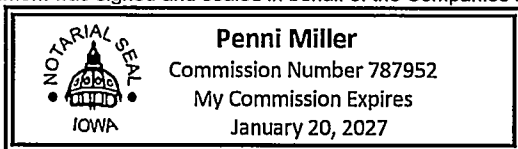
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.
MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY

By

President

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this 29th day of June, 2026, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is President of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY; and that the seals affixed to the foregoing instrument are the Corporate Seals of the Companies; and that the said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the Companies by authority of their respective Boards of Directors.

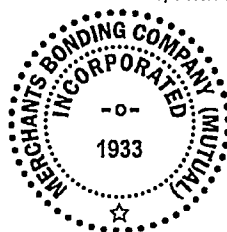


(Expiration of notary's commission
does not invalidate this instrument)

Notary Public

I, Elisabeth Sandersfeld, Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL), MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., and MERCHANTS NATIONAL INDEMNITY COMPANY do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the POWER-OF-ATTORNEY executed by said Companies, which is still in full force and effect and has not been amended or revoked.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Companies on this 29th day of June, 2026.



Secretary

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NOTICE TO BOND HOLDER – RETAIN THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

Call: Compliance Officer at (800) 678-8171

Toll-free: (800) 678-8171

Email: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Mail: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, IA 50306-3498

To get insurance information, you may also contact your agent:

Sanford & Tatum an Alera Group Company

Call: 806-792-5564

Mail: PO Box 64790 Lubbock, TX 79464

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance,

¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

Llame a: Compliance Officer al (800) 678-8171

Teléfono gratuito: (800) 678-8171

Correo electrónico: regulatory@merchantsbonding.com

Dirección postal: P.O. Box 14498, Des Moines, IA 50306-3498

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente una queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, PO Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

REMINDER

The surety for Bond No. 101928046 is

Merchants National Bonding, Inc.

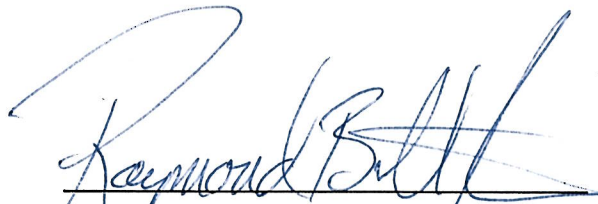
Please ensure you are using the above writing company name and seal on your bond documents. If you need additional assistance, comment in the bond transcript.

Thank you for choosing Merchants!

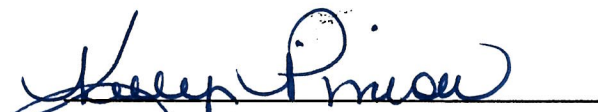
In the name and by the authority of
The State of Texas

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Raymond Billington, do solemnly swear
(or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of
Lubbock County Chief Deputy Elections Administrator 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.


Affiant Raymond Billington

SWORN TO and subscribed before me by affiant on this 22nd day of
July, 2026.


Signature of Person Administering Oath

(Seal)

Kelly Pinion

Printed Name

Lubbock County Clerk

Title

STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER

(Pursuant to Tex. Const. art. XVI, §1(b), amended 2001)

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2026 JUL 13 A 8:41
COUNTY CLERK
LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

I, Raymond Billington, 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.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED THEREIN ARE TRUE.

Raymond Billington
Officer's Signature

7-13-2026
Date

Elections Chief Deputy
Position to Which Elected/Appointed

Lubbock County
City and/or County

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

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Lubbock } ss

The foregoing bond of Raymond Billington as Chief Deputy Elections Admin in and for Lubbock County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Date August 10, 2026

Kelly Pinion Clerk Curtis Parrish County Judge,
County Court Lubbock County Lubbock County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Lubbock } ss

I, Kelly Pinion, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 29th day of June, 2026, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the August day of 2026, at _____ o'clock _____ M., and duly recorded the _____ day of August, 2026, at _____ o'clock _____ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume XXXX # _____, on page XXXX

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Lubbock, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Kelly Pinion Clerk

~~XXX~~ _____ ~~XXXX~~ _____ County Court Lubbock County