

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Tyler } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: BOND No. 68998376

That we, Lynnette Cruse, 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 Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS ( \$23,500.00 ), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2021.

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 Tyler County, State of Texas, for a term of one year commencing on the 20th day of April, 2021.

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> 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.

Lynnette Cruse Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Brufft  
Paul T. Brufft, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Tyler } ss

Before me, TAMARA HADNOT on this day, personally appeared Lynnette Cruse, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to

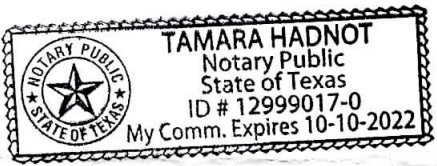
the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Woodville, Texas, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of MARCH, 2021.

Tamara Hadnot

Tyler County, Texas

SEAL



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, Lynnette Cruse, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Tax Assessor/Collector, 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.

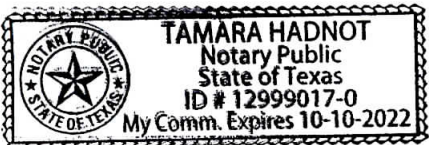
Signed Lynnette Cruse

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Woodville, Texas, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of MARCH, 2021.

Tamara Hadnot

Tyler County, Texas

SEAL



# 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

Paul T. Bruflat 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 Tax Assessor/Collector County of Tyler

bond with bond number 68998376

for Lynnette Cruse

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$23,500.00.

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.

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 4th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST

A. Viator  
A. Viator, Assistant Secretary

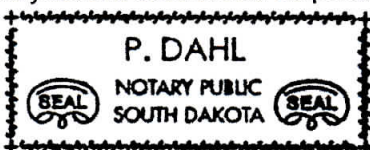
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Bruflat  
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 4th day of January, 2021, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat and A. Viator

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  
My Commission Expires June 18, 2025  
Notary Public



## OFFICIAL BOND REQUIREMENTS - continue

County Assessor-Collector (County Bond)	Equal to 10% of the total amount of county taxes imposed in the preceeding 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.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Tyler } ss

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge,  
County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk, in and for said 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy \_\_\_\_\_ County Court \_\_\_\_\_ 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 4th day of January,  
2021, 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.



P. Dahl  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 18, 2025

## 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 43.002	"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 45.001	"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 51.302	"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 51.309	"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, \$30,000 maximum	Governor	Commissioners Court	Local Gov't Code 85.001	"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."

Figure: 28 TAC 1.601(a)(3)

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 1 To obtain information or make a complaint:
- 2 You may contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at 605-336-0850.
- 3 You may call Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's or Universal Surety of America's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

**1-800-331-6053**

- 4 You may also write to Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America at:

P.O. Box 5077  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

- 5 You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

**1-800-252-3439**

- 6 You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007  
Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)  
E-Mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

#### 7 PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America or Universal Surety of America first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

#### 8 ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

### AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

Puede comunicarse con Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America al 605-336-0850.

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de Western Surety Company's, Surety Bonding Company of America's o Universal Surety of America's para informacion o para someter una queja al:

**1-800-331-6053**

Usted tambien puede escribir a Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America:

P.O. Box 5077  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-5077

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

**1-800-252-3439**

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007  
Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)  
E-Mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

#### DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el Western Surety Company, Surety Bonding Company of America o Universal Surety of America primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

**UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:** Este aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.

