

Texas



Western Surety Company

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of TYLER } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: BOND No. 66555467

That we, MELISSA CARSON, 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 ¹Commissioners Court, his successors in office, in the sum of ²Twenty 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 23rd day of February, 2023.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 1st day of March, 2023, duly Appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of County Assessor-Collector (County Bond) in and for ³TYLER County, State of Texas, for a term of 1 year commencing on the 1st day of March, 2023.

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 faithful performance of the person's duties as assessor-collector.

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDE HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any amount paid shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDE 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.



Melissa Carson

Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By *Paul T. Druflat*

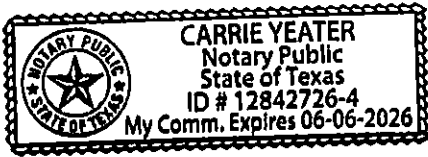
Paul T. Druflat, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Tyler } ss

Before me, _____ on this day, personally appeared
Melissa Carson, 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 _____, Texas, this
1 day of March, 2023.



Carrie Yeater

SEAL

Tyler 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, Melissa Carson, 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 Melina Carson

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, Texas, this 1 day of
March, 2023.

Melina Carson

SEAL

Tyler County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Tyler } ss

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

ATTEST:
Donece Gregory Clerk
County Court Tyler County

Date March 13, 2023
Milton Powers County Judge,
Tyler County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Tyler } ss

I, Donece Gregory, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 23rd day of February, 2023, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 1st day of March, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the _____ day of March, 2023, 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 Woodville, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Donece Gregory Clerk
County Court Tyler County

By _____ Deputy

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 23rd day of February, 2023, 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

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 County Assessor-Collector (County Bond) County of COUNTY OF TYLER

bond with bond number 66555467

for MELISSA CARSON

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 23rd day of February, 2023.

ATTEST

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 23rd day of February, 2023, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat 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.



My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

Notary Public

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



BOND OF TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR (Required by TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28)

STATE OF TEXAS

Bond number 66555452

COUNTY Tyler

PRINCIPAL: MELISSA CARSON, Social Security number 456-45-7570, Assessor and Collector of Taxes for the County of Tyler, elected or appointed on March 1st, 2023

SURETY: WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Federal Employers Identification number 46-0204900, authorized and qualified to do business as a surety company in the State of Texas. Surety's mailing address: 101 S. Reid St., Ste. 300, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103-7046

AMOUNT OF BOND: Eighty Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$ 86,000.00).

CONDITIONS: We, the Principal and Surety shown above, and our heirs, executors, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, are responsible to the Governor of the State of Texas, and successors in office, for the amount of this bond payable at the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the City of Austin. If the Principal performs all the duties of the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and honestly accounts for all money that comes into the office during the Principal's full term of office, then this obligation shall be null and void. Otherwise, the obligation shall remain in full force for the full term. An additional bond may be demanded if the Comptroller of Public Accounts determines that the amount of this bond is insufficient. The demand for additional bond shall not affect the validity of this or any other bond given by the Principal. This bond shall be continuous for the full term of office and is executed according to the provisions of TEX. TAX CODE ANN. sec. 6.28.

SIGNATURES: Signature and seal of office of the Principal affixed: sign here [Signature: Melissa Carson] Date 03/01/2023

Signature and seal of a duly authorized officer of the Surety and Corporate seal affixed: sign here [Signature: Paul T. Bruflat] Date February 23rd, 2023 Title Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: (Acknowledgements are necessary BEFORE this bond is filed for approval.) ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR

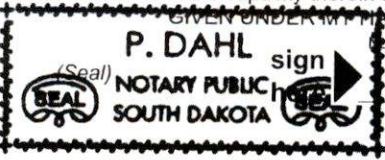
STATE OF TEXAS, County of Tyler. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Melissa Carson, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, as



Carrie Yeater acknowledged to me that this bond was executed for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated. UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 1 day of March, 2023. My commission expires on 6-6-2026

SURETY COMPANY

STATE OF South Dakota, County of Minnehaha. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this bond, and acknowledged to me that this bond was executed as the act and deed of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and as the Vice President thereof, and for the purposes and considerations therein expressed and in the capacity therein stated.



P. DAHL sign here [Signature: P. Dahl] My commission expires on June 18, 2025

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Melissa Carson, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County 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 of the election at which I was ELECTED.
- to secure my APPOINTMENT or the confirmation thereof.

Assessor - Collector
sign here Melissa Carson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 1 day of March, 2023

sign here [Signature]

BOND AND OATH

OF

Melissa Carson

ASSESSOR and COLLECTOR OF

Tyler COUNTY

APPROVED IN OPEN COMMISSIONERS' COURT

sign here March 13, 2023

sign here

Milton Powers, County Judge

County Judge Tyler County

RECORDED BY COUNTY CLERK

March 13, 2023

Volume _____ Page _____

sign here

Donette Gregory, County Clerk

County Clerk Tyler County

(Seal)

APPROVED BY
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

sign here

Comptroller of Public Accounts

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BOND

BOND REQUIREMENT: Each person elected or appointed Assessor-Collector must make a bond to the state within twenty days after receiving notice of election or appointment.

- **ELECTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after the Commissioners' Court has canvassed the general election returns and Assessor-Collector has received notice of election.
- **APPOINTED ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR** - Bond must be executed after official appointment.

BOND AMOUNT: Bond must be made for an amount equal to 5% of the net total of state motor vehicle sales and use tax and motor vehicle registration fees collected in the county during the twelve-month period ending August 31 immediately prior to the date the bond is executed. However, the bond shall not exceed \$100,000 nor be less than \$2,500.

SIGNATURES: The Assessor-Collector must sign the bond as Principal after the election or appointment. A duly authorized agent of the surety company must sign the bond for the surety company after the election or appointment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: The acknowledgement for the Assessor-Collector must be completed after the Assessor-Collector has signed as Principal. The acknowledgement for the surety company must be completed after the agent has signed as the surety.

OATH OF OFFICE: The oath of office must be completed after the election or appointment but before the bond is approved by the Commissioners' Court. Check the applicable box.

APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT: The bond must be approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge after the signatures, acknowledgements and the oath of office are completed.

RECORDING BY THE COUNTY CLERK: The bond must be recorded by the County Clerk after it has been approved by the Commissioners' Court and signed by the County Judge.

APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: The completed bond should be sent to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for approval.

Send to:

COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Account Maintenance Division
111 E. 17th Street
Austin, Texas 78774-0100



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
E-Mail: 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:

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Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax: (512) 490-1007
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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.