

**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY**

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50309  
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TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Titus } ss.  
KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, CHRISTIE L DAVIS, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto District Judge for the County of Titus, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) 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 15th day of May, 2013, duly Appointed to the office of Assistant County Auditor in and for Titus County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 15th day of May, 2017 and ending the 15th day of May, 2019.

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 Assistant 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 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 1st day of March, 2017

CHRISTIE L DAVIS  
Christie Davis Principal

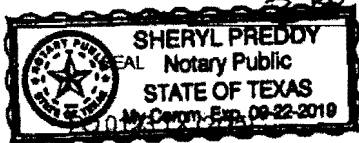
CHRISTIE L DAVIS  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)  
By: Jeannette D. Blanke  
Jeannette D Blanke Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Titus } ss.  
Before me, Sheryl Preddy

CHRISTIE L DAVIS, a notary public, on this day personally appeared CHRISTIE L DAVIS 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 Titus County Courthouse day of May, 2017



Sheryl Preddy  
Titus 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)

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss

The foregoing bond of Christie L. Davis as Assistant County Auditor in and for Titus County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

APPEST: [Signature] Clerk Date May 8 2017  
[Signature] County Judge  
County Court Titus County Titus County, Texas

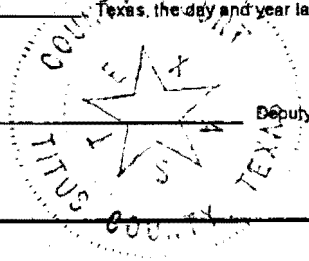
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss

I, Jean Newman, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 1st day of March, 2017 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 16th day of May, 2017 at 8:12 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 16th day of May, 2017 at 8:12 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 Mount Pleasant, Texas, the day and year last above written.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court Titus County



**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY**  
**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 (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

**Brenda L Sutton; Donald Newton Morriss; Jeannette D Blanke; Kristina Michael Wright;  
Rolla Scott Bruner**

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on behalf of the Companies, as Surety, bonds, undertakings and other written obligations in the nature thereof, subject to the limitation that any such instrument shall not exceed the amount of:

**FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000.00) DOLLARS**

This Power-of-Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by authority of the following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc. on October 24, 2011.

"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 15th day of August 2015



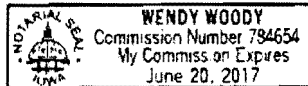
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*

President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF Dallas ss.

On this 15th day of August 2015, before me appeared Larry Taylor, to me personally known, who being by me sworn did say that he is President of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; 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

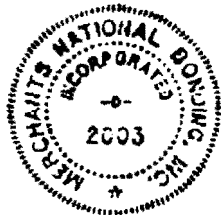


*Wendy Woody*  
Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa

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

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., 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 1st day of March 2017



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

OATH OF OFFICE  
ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR

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"I, Christie Davis, do solemnly swear that, since my initial appointment as an Assistant County Auditor of Titus County, Texas beginning October 9, 1997, I have faithfully executed and will now, as long as I shall hold said Office, faithfully execute the duties of the office of an Assistant Auditor of Titus County, 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, that I have never in the past or now, 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 to secure my appointment or the confirmation thereof; and I have never, in the past during my services as an Assistant County Auditor, nor will I, during the term of my appointment, become personally interested in a contract with the county; So help me God."

Signed under Oath, by me, Robert Rolston before the undersigned authority, this 3 day of May 2017

Christie Davis  
Signature

CHRISTIE DAVIS  
Print name

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, by Christie Davis on this day of May 3, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Danny Woodson, District Judge  
76th Judicial District Court  
Titus County, Texas

Robert Rolston  
Robert Rolston, District Judge  
276<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
Titus County, Texas

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BY *[Signature]*  
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DEPUTY

TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Titus } ss  
KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, SHARON K. REYNOLDS, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto County Auditor, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) 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 15th day of May, 2017 duly Appointed to the office of Assistant Auditor in and for Titus County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 15th day of May, 2017 and ending the 15th day of May, 2019

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.

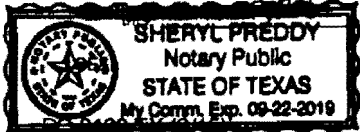
Dated this 5th day of April, 2017

SHARON K. REYNOLDS  
Sharon K. Reynolds Principal  
SHARON K. REYNOLDS  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)  
BY: Jeanette D. Blanke  
Jeanette D Blanke Attorney-in-Fact

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Titus } ss  
Before me, Sheryl Preddy, a notary public, on this day personally appeared SHARON K. REYNOLDS 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 Titus County Courthouse day of May, 2017  
Sheryl Preddy  
Titus 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, \_\_\_\_\_, 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

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss

The foregoing bond of Sharon K. Reynolds as Assistant Auditor in and for Titus County and State of Texas this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Jean Newman Clerk  
County Court Titus County

Date May 8 2017  
Brian P. Lee County Judge.  
Titus County, Texas

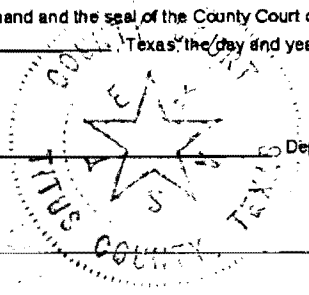
THE STATE OF TEXAS

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I, Jean Newman, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 at 8:12 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 at 8:12 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 Mount Pleasant Texas, the day and year last above written.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy  
Jean Newman Clerk  
County Court Titus County



# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY 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 (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

**Jeannette D Blanke**

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 following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 18, 2015.

"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 5th day of April, 2017

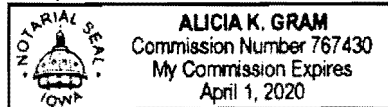


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this this 5th day of April, 2017, 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) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; 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.



*Alicia K. Gram*  
Notary Public

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

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., 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 5th day of April, 2017



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may contact your insurance agent at the telephone number provided by your insurance agent.

You may call Merchants Bonding Company's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-678-8171

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

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance at:

P. O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-0104  
Fax: (512) 475-1771  
Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>  
E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us)

**PREMIUM AND CLAIM DISPUTES:** Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the agent first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

**ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:** This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.



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**ENDORSEMENT**

It is hereby understood and agreed that Bond No.: TX 820477

Principal: Sharon K. Reynolds

Obligee: County Auditor

in the Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual), is changing this bond effective April 5, 2017

FROM:

Expiration Date: 04/20/2017

TO:

Expiration Date: 05/15/2017

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

Signed, sealed and dated this 5th day of April, 2017

Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual)  
By Kristina Michael Wright  
Kristina Michael Wright  
Attorney-in-Fact

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**MERCHANTS**  
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**Kristina Michael Wright**

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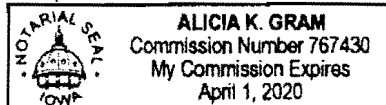


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OATH OF OFFICE  
ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR

"I, Sharon Reynolds, do solemnly swear that, since my initial appointment as an Assistant County Auditor of Titus County, Texas beginning October 6, 2014, I have faithfully executed and will now, as long as I shall hold said Office, faithfully execute the duties of the office of an Assistant Auditor of Titus County, 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, that I have never in the past or now, 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 to secure my appointment or the confirmation thereof; and I have never, in the past during my services as an Assistant County Auditor, nor will I, during the term of my appointment, become personally interested in a contract with the county; So help me God."

Signed under Oath, by me, Robert Rolston before the undersigned authority, this 3 day of May 2017.

Sharon Reynolds  
Signature

Sharon Reynolds  
Print name

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, by Sharon Reynolds

on this day of May 3, 2017.

Robert Rolston

Robert Rolston, District Judge  
276th Judicial District Court  
Titus County, Texas

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY

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KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

Bond No. TX 835867

That we, Shelby L. Lovelady, as Principal, and the MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual), a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto County Auditor, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) 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 15th day of May, 2017, duly Appointed to the office of Assistant Auditor in and for Titus County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 15th day of May, 2017 and ending the 15th day of May, 2019.

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 5th day of April, 2017

Shelby L. Lovelady  
Principal  
Shelby L. Lovelady  
MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (Mutual)  
Jeannette D. Blanke  
Jeannette D Blanke Attorney-in-Fact

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss

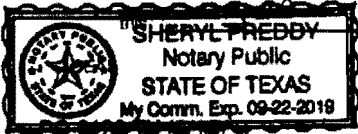
Before me, Sheryl Preddy, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

Shelby L. Lovelady 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 Titus County Courthouse

day of May, 2017



Sheryl Preddy  
Titus 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, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss

The foregoing bond of Shelby L. Lovelady as Assistant Auditor in and for Titus County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Jean Newman Clerk  
County Court Titus County

Date May 8 2017  
Thomas P. Lee County Judge,  
Titus County, Texas

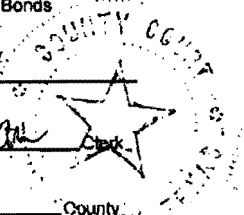
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss

I, Jean Newman, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, at 8:12 o'clock A M., and duly recorded the 16 day of May, 2017, at 5:12 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 Mount Pleasant, Texas, the day and year last above written.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court Titus County



**MERCHANTS**  
**BONDING COMPANY**  
**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 (herein collectively called the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, individually,

**Jeannette D Blanke**

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 following By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants Bonding Company (Mutual) on April 23, 2011 and amended August 14, 2015 and adopted by the Board of Directors of Merchants National Bonding, Inc., on October 16, 2015.

"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 5th day of April, 2017.

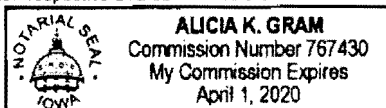


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this this 5th day of April, 2017, 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) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.; 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.



*Alicia K. Gram*  
Notary Public

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

I, William Warner, Jr., Secretary of MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) and MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC., 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 5th day of April, 2017.



*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may contact your insurance agent at the telephone number provided by your insurance agent.

You may call Merchants Bonding Company's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-678-8171

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

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance at:

P. O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 475-1771  
Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>  
E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us)

**PREMIUM AND CLAIM DISPUTES:** Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the agent first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

**ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:** This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

FILED FOR RECORD  
2017 MAY 16 AM 9:47  
COUNTY CLERK TITUS CO TX  
BY KA DEPUTY

**OATH OF OFFICE  
ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR**

"I, Shelby Lovelady, do solemnly swear that, since my initial appointment as an Assistant County Auditor of Titus County, Texas beginning November 16, 2015, I have faithfully executed and will now, as long as I shall hold said Office, faithfully execute the duties of the office of an Assistant Auditor of Titus County, 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, that I have never in the past or now, 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 to secure my appointment or the confirmation thereof; and I have never, in the past during my services as an Assistant County Auditor, nor will I, during the term of my appointment, become personally interested in a contract with the county; So help me God."

Signed under Oath, by me, Robert Rolston before the undersigned authority, this 3 day of May 2017.

Shelby Lovelady  
Signature  
Shelby Lovelady  
Print name

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, by Shelby Lovelady on this day of May 3, 2017.

Robert Rolston  
Robert Rolston, District Judge  
276th Judicial District Court  
Titus County, Texas