

# MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY™

MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL) P.O. BOX 14498, DES MOINES, IA 50306-3498  
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## TEXAS OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Titus } ss.

Bond No. TX 411479

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, CARL JOHNSON JR, 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 Judge, 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 13th day of February 2018, duly Appointed to the office of County Auditor in and for Titus County in the State of Texas, for a term beginning the 28th day of February, 2018 and ending the 28th day of February, 2020

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 10th day of November, 2017

CARL JOHNSON JR

Principal

CARL JOHNSON JR  
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, a notary public, on this day personally appeared

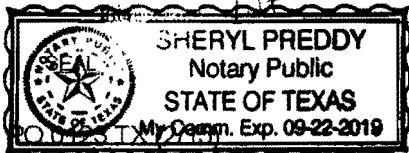
CARL JOHNSON JR

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 March, 2018



Sheryl Preddy  
Titus

County, Texas.

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Carl Johnson Jr, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Auditor Titus County 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 Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018

[Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County, Texas

SEAL  
Danny Woodson  
District Judge  
76th Judicial District  
Camp, Morris & Titus Counties

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

\_\_\_\_\_, 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.

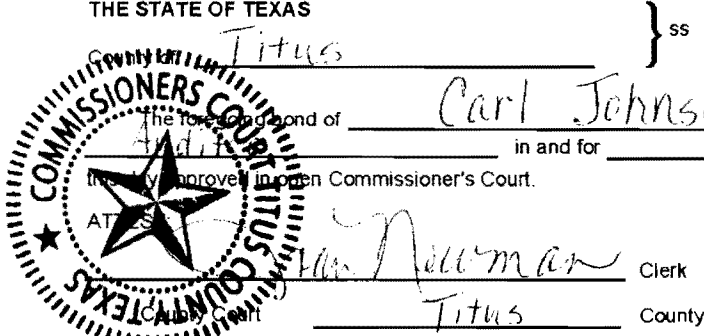
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

SEAL

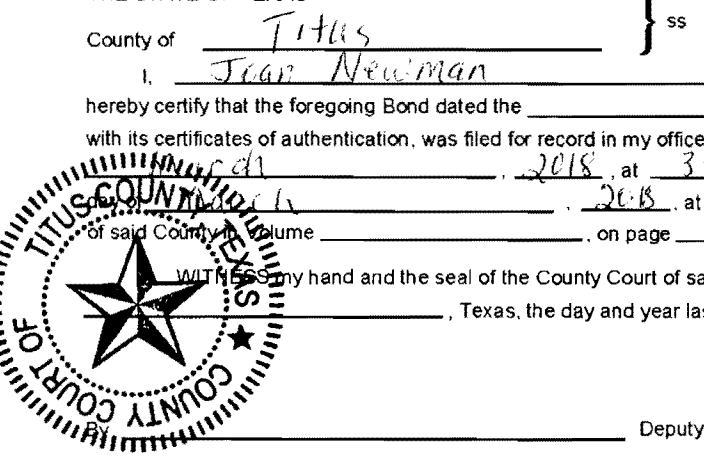
THE STATE OF TEXAS



County of Titus } ss  
The foregoing bond of Carl Johnson, Jr as Auditor in and for Titus County and State of Texas, as approved in open Commissioner's Court.

Date February 26, 2018  
Brian P. Xu 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 2nd day of March, 2018, at 3:58 o'clock P M., and duly recorded the 2nd day of March, 2018, at 5:58 o'clock P M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_

WITH 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.  
Jean Newman Clerk  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

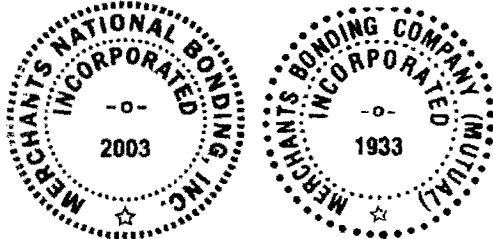
"The President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary or any Vice President shall have power and authority to appoint Attorneys-in-Fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, 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 10th day of November, 2017.

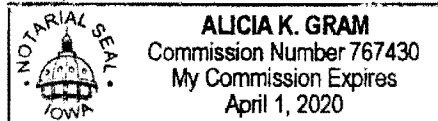


MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY (MUTUAL)  
MERCHANTS NATIONAL BONDING, INC.

By *Larry Taylor*  
President

STATE OF IOWA  
COUNTY OF DALLAS ss.

On this this 10th day of November, 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.

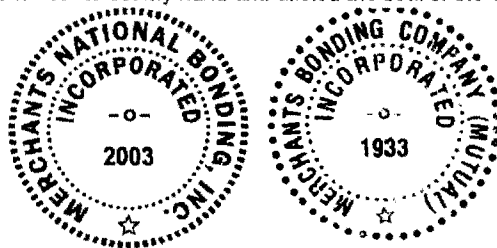


*Alicia K. Gram*  
Notary Public

(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 10th day of November, 2017.

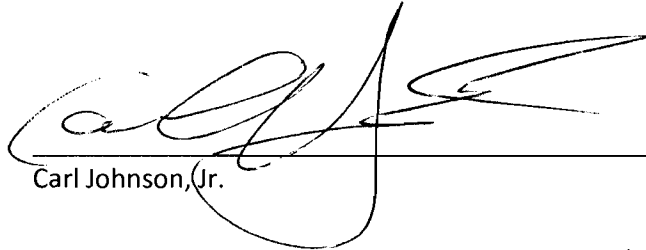


*William Warner Jr.*  
Secretary

OATH OF OFFICE  
COUNTY AUDITOR

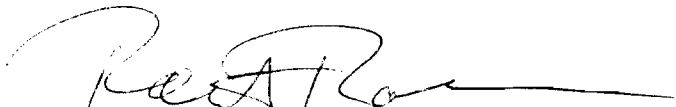
"I, Carl Johnson, Jr. do solemnly swear that as County Auditor of Titus County, Texas beginning March 1, 2018, I will now, and as long as I shall hold said Office, faithfully execute the duties of the office of Auditor of Titus County, State of Texas, and will, to the best of my ability preserve, protect, 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; that I do now possess and have always, during my entire tenure as County Auditor of Titus County, Texas, possessed, the qualifications required by the laws of the State of Texas to perform the duties of the office of County Auditor; and I have never, in the past during my service as 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, Carl Johnson, Jr., before the undersigned authority, this 13 Day of February, 2018.

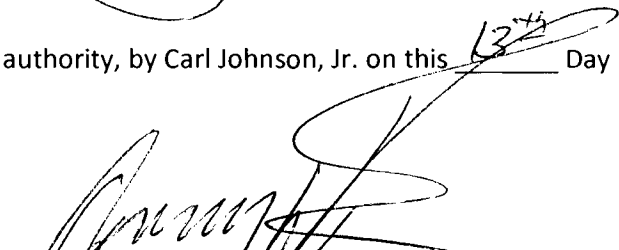


Carl Johnson, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, by Carl Johnson, Jr. on this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2018.



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



Danny Woodson, District Judge  
76<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
Titus County