

Fast & Loose Management

Elections Administrator for Burnet County Operating without a Sworn Statement of Oath on File, Record of Having Taken the Oath of Office of Elections Administrator and Admittedly Without Having any Bond in place Since 2015

- The county online document repository, as of Oct 9, 2023 (yesterday) shows no record of the Burnet County Elections Administrator (EA), Doug Ferguson, having taken his Oaths, filed any statement of Oaths or having filed Bond since his inception as County EA on 2015. Mr. Ferguson is in progress to obtain a BOND Asap as the following emails included depict by his own words.
- Notably, the prior Elections Administrator is missing also.
- It is clear the county HAS a practice of Oath taking and Bond filing prior to this as is evidenced by Ms. Huff's bond and oath being found online as recent as today at the same county online clerk's website referenced. And the County Judge's Oath and Bond is filed there. As are all the commissioners.
- It is imperative that the County Elections Administrator file a new statement of oath with the current date, take the oath of office per the statutes and obtain a bond of \$20,000 effective immediately before our next election.
 - 236 Tex. Constitution, Art. XVI, §1(a)
 - 237 Tex. Constitution, Art. XVI, §1(c)
 - 238 Tex. Elec. Code, §31.040.
- The bonding of our Elections Administrator is important for ensuring the sanctity of our local elections and must also be completed and filed before the election this November to meet the Texas Constitution's requirements for a legal election to take place.
- The Oaths taken by our Elections Administrator and the Bond in place gives people confidence in both the County, the People running the Election and the Election System's sanctity and honesty under the watchful eye of vigilant management in Burnet County.
- This 8+ year oversight for proper administration of the Elections Administrator Oaths and the lack of a bond does not instill confidence, nor does the communication by the county attorney and elections administrator that it's a casual oversight. The fast and loose interpretation of these Texas Constitutional statutes does not instill confidence or calm.
- Please do the needful and do it today. Expectations of proper filing of all oaths of office, statements on file and bonds associated is expected by We the People of Burnet County and the State of Texas. Strict adherence to the statutes of our Constitutional laws and statutes is expected.

<https://burnetcountytexas-web.tylerhost.net/web/>

Mary Anne Huff,
Elections
Administrator
documents are
online and available.

Doug Ferguson,
Elections
Administrator
documents are not
found online.
Note the search
time range
1-1-2007 thru
10-9-2023.

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Official Public Record Search and Copies Both Names contains HUFF and AZ Document types in BOND, OATH

Recording Date	Grantor	Grantee	Legal Description
08/06/2007 04:37 PM	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
05/17/2006 09:07 PM	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
04/20/2006 02:44 PM	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
03/09/2005 09:26 AM	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	HUFF, ANNE MELANIE	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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Western Surety Company

OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of ...

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: BOND No. ...

That we, ... 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 ...

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the ... day of ... in the office of ... in and for the ... County, State of Texas, for a term of ... years, commencing on the ... day of ...

NOW KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That the Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties and obligations of the office of ... as the same may be required of him, and shall be held and bound unto ...

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years the bond may remain in force and the number of times which may be made against the 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 revenue 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.

WILL INSURANCE AGENCY
Considered and acknowledged by ...
By ...
By ...

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of ...

Before me, ... on this day, personally appeared ... 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 purposes therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at ... this 1st day of ... 2007, Texas.

SEAL
Notary Public
By ... Deputy

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Official Public Record Search and Copies Both Names contains FERGUSON DOUG ET AL* and Recording Date is between Jan 1, 2007 and Oct 9, 2023

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Official Public Record Search and Copies Both Names contains any (OAKLEY JAMES, OAKLEY JAMES N. ET AL) and Recording Date is between Jan 1, 2007 and Oct 9, 2023

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Recording Date	Grantor	Grantee	Legal Description
202300090 • BOND 01/03/2023 02:17 PM	OAKLEY JAMES	OAKLEY JAMES	COUNTY JUDGE
201900328 • BOND 01/09/2019 02:40 PM	OAKLEY JAMES	OAKLEY JAMES	COUNTY JUDGE
201709551 • BOND 08/27/2017 09:14 AM	OAKLEY, JAMES	OAKLEY, JAMES	COUNTY JUDGE
201500765 • B: NONE V: 0 P: 0 • BOND 02/02/2015 11:14 AM	OAKLEY JAMES	OAKLEY JAMES	COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Oakley's
County Judge Oath
and Bond going back
to 2015 (when
Doug started as
EA) are online as
of today.