

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated  
Local Government Code (Refs & Annos)  
Title 3. Organization of County Government  
Subtitle B. Commissioners Court and County Officers  
Chapter 86. Constable  
Subchapter A. General Provisions

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 86.002

§ 86.002. Oath; Bond

Effective: September 1, 2005

[Currentness](#)

(a) Before entering on the duties of office, a person who is elected to the office of constable must execute a bond with two or more good and sufficient sureties or with a solvent surety company authorized to do business in this state. The bond must be payable to the governor and the governor's successors in office and conditioned that the constable will faithfully perform the duties imposed by law. The bond must be approved by the commissioners court of the county. The commissioners court shall set the bond in an amount of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,500.

(b) A person who is elected constable must also take and sign the constitutional oath of office. The oath shall be endorsed on the bond, together with the certificate of the officer who administers the oath. The bond and oath must be deposited and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court.

(c) The bond is not void on the first recovery but may be sued on from time to time in the name of an injured party until the whole amount of the bond is recovered.

(d) A person who is elected or appointed to the office of constable and who has given the necessary bond and taken the oath of office may immediately perform the duties of the office. The acts of the constable are as valid in law as if the constable were commissioned.

(e) Repealed by [Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 683, § 1.](#)

**Credits**

[Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987.](#) Amended by [Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 683, § 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1995;](#) [Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1094, § 18, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.](#)

[Notes of Decisions \(17\)](#)

V. T. C. A., Local Government Code § 86.002, TX LOCAL GOVT § 86.002  
Current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 86th Legislature

Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

FILED  
 AT 10:45 O'CLOCK A.M.  
 DEC 18 2020  
 ARTURO GUARDADO, JR. COUNTY CLERK  
 HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
 BY: [Signature] DEPUTY  
 BOND No. 65248729

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
 County of Hidalgo } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Martin Cantu, 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 <sup>1</sup>The Governor and the Governor's successors in office, his successors in office, in the sum of <sup>2</sup>One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2020.

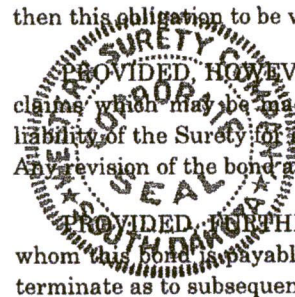
THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 3rd day of November, 2016, duly Elected (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Constable in and for <sup>3</sup>Hidalgo County, State of Texas, for a term of 4 years commencing on the 1st day of January, 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> faithfully perform the duties imposed by law.

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.



[Signature] Principal  
 WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
 By [Signature]  
 Paul T. Brufat, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

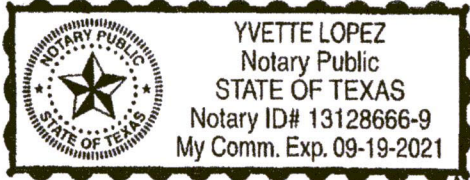
THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hidalgo } ss

Before me, Yvette Lopez on this day, personally appeared Martin Cantu, 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 Edinburg, Texas, this 3rd day of December, 2020.

Yvette Lopez  
Hidalgo 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)

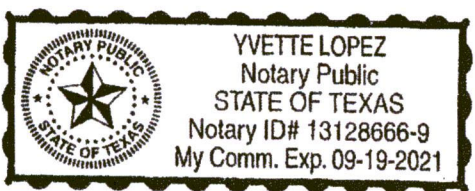
I, Martin Cantu, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Hidalgo County Constable Precinct 2, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and 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 M. Cantu

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Edinburg, Texas, this 3rd day of December, 2020.

Yvette Lopez  
Hidalgo County, Texas

SEAL



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

The foregoing bond of \_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_ in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

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

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 3rd day of December,  
2020, 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 Constable

bond with bond number 65248729

for Martin Cantu

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 1,500.00.

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 3rd day of December, 2020.

ATTEST

L. Nelson  
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

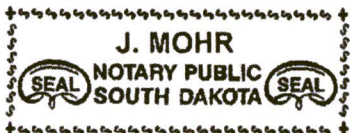
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Bruflat  
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss



On this 3rd day of December, 2020, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat and L. Nelson

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.



J. Mohr  
My Commission Expires June 23, 2021 Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

