

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 81. Commissioners Court (Refs & Annos)  
Subchapter A. Organization and Procedure

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 81.002

§ 81.002. Oath, Bond

Currentness

(a) Before undertaking the duties of the county judge or a county commissioner, a person must take the official oath and swear in writing that the person will not be interested, directly or indirectly, in a contract with or claim against the county except:

- (1) a contract or claim expressly authorized by law; or
- (2) a warrant issued to the judge or commissioner as a fee of office.

(b) A commissioner must execute a bond, payable to the county treasurer, in the amount of \$3,000. The bond must be approved by the county judge and must be conditioned on the faithful performance of the commissioner's official duties. The bond must also be conditioned that the commissioner:

- (1) will reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to the commissioner; and
- (2) will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose.

(c) Subject to the provisions of Chapter 171, the county judge or a county commissioner may serve as a member of the governing body of or as an officer or director of an entity that does business with the county, excluding a publicly traded corporation or a subsidiary, affiliate, or subdivision of a publicly traded corporation.

**Credits**

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 475, § 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1989; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, § 13.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

**Editors' Notes**

**REVISOR'S NOTE**

**2008 Main Volume**

(1) The source law requires a county judge and a county commissioner to swear that he will not be interested in a contract with or a claim against “the county in which he resides.” “The county in which he resides” is another way of referring to the county in which the county officer holds office, since [Article XVI, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution](#) requires county officers to reside within their counties. The revised law omits the reference to “the county in which he resides” and, instead, simply refers to “the county” because “the county” as used in the revised law obviously means the county in which the county officer holds office.

(2) Because all payments are either voluntary or otherwise, the revised law dealing with a commissioner's bond omits reference to this distinction.

[Notes of Decisions \(29\)](#)

V. T. C. A., Local Government Code § 81.002, TX LOCAL GOVT § 81.002  
Current through the end of the 2019 Regular Session of the 86th Legislature

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FILED  
 AT 4:30 O'CLOCK P. M.  
 DEC 18 2020  
 ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR. COUNTY CLERK  
 HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS  
 BY [Signature] DEPUTY

**OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY**

(800) 217-1792

**PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND**

Bond Number W150394315

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Everardo Villarreal  
 of 1616 E Griffin Parkway PMB 227, Mission, State of Texas, as Principal, and  
 the Old Republic Surety Company organized under the Laws of the State of  
Wisconsin, as Surety, with its Home Office in  
Brookfield in said state, are held and firmly bound unto  
Hidalgo County Treasurer  
2810 S. Bus. Hwy 281 Edinburg, TX 78539,  
 as Obligee, in the penal sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$ 3,000.00 ),  
 for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors,  
 administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this 18th day of December, 2020.

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed or elected  
County Commissioner of the Hidalgo County Treasurer  
 State of Texas for the definite/indefinite term beginning on the  
January 1, 2021 and ending on the December 31, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of the foregoing obligation is such, that if the above bounded Principal shall faithfully perform such duties as may be imposed on him by law and shall honestly account for all money that may come into his hands in his official capacity during the said term, then his obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect; provided, however, that the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for any loss of public money deposited by or in behalf of the Principal with any bank when such loss is occasioned by the failure of such bank faithfully to account for and pay over such money on legal demand; any law, decision, or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

This bond is further conditioned that the liability of the Surety shall be fully terminated as to future acts of the Principal thirty (30) days after the receipt by the Obligee, of the Surety's written notice of cancellation.

Witness: [Signature]

By: [Signature]  
 Everardo Villarreal Principal

Old Republic Surety Company  
 Surety

Witness: [Signature]

By: [Signature]  
 Attorney-in-fact



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may call Old Republic Surety Company's and/or Old Republic Insurance Company's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

**1-(800) 527-9834**

You may also write to Old Republic Surety Company and/or Old Republic Insurance Company at:

**2201 E Lamar Blvd. Unit 260,  
Arlington, TX 76006**

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:

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 OR CLAIM DISPUTES:**

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the agent or Old Republic Surety Company and/or Old Republic Insurance Company 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.

## AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de Old Republic Surety Company's / Old Republic Insurance Company's para informacion o para someter una queja al:

**1-(800) 527-9834**

Usted tambien puede escribir a Old Republic Surety Company / Old Republic Insurance Company:

**2201 E Lamar Blvd. Unit 260,  
Arlington, TX 76006**

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companies, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

**1-(800) 252-3439**

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

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)

### **DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:**

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el agente o Old Republic Surety Company / Old Republic Insurance Company 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.



# OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint:  
Elise Faust of Brookfield, WI

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority, not exceeding \$10,000,000, for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, **(other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds)**, as follows: Effective Date: 1/1/2021 12:00:00 AM

Bond Number: W150394315                      Bond Amount:                      Three Thousand Dollars                      \$ 3,000.00

Principal Name: Everardo Villarreal

Obligee Name: Hidalgo County Treasurer of Edinburg, TX

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982.

RESOLVED that the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company

- (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or
- (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or
- (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile 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 affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 18th day of December, 2020.

*Karen J. Haffner*  
Assistant Secretary



OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

*Alan Pavlic*  
President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS

On this 18th day of December, 2020, personally came before me, Alan Pavlic and Karen J. Haffner, to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



*Kathryn R. Pearson*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09/28/2022

### CERTIFICATE

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

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

0895280



Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 18th day of December, 2020.

*Karen J. Haffner*  
Assistant Secretary

**Old Republic Surety Company**

PO Box 1635

Milwaukee, WI 53201-1635

www.orsurety.com

**NEW BUSINESS – Principal's Copy  
Execution Report**

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**PRINCIPAL**

Everardo Villarreal

1616 E Griffin Parkway PMB 227

Mission, TX 78572

**OBLIGEE**

Hidalgo County Treasurer

2810 S. Bus. Hwy 281

Edinburg, TX 78539

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**BOND NUMBER:** W150394315

**BOND AMOUNT:** 3,000.00

**BOND DESCRIPTION:**

County Commissioner

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 01/01/2021

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 12/31/2024

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**PREMIUM DUE:** 178.00

**FEES:** 0.00

**PAYMENT DUE SURETY:** 178.00

**FULL PREMIUM AND APPLICABLE FEES ARE DUE ON DIRECT BILL BONDS.**

**BILLING TYPE:** D (D-DIRECT BILL, B-AGENCY BILL)

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**AGENCY** 0895280  
KPGIN INC DBA MISSION DUNCAN INS AGENCY  
PO BOX 749

(956) 581-2183

MISSION, TX 78573

**REMARKS**

None

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

Mission Duncan Insurance Agency  
P.O. Box 749  
Mission, TX 78573  
Phone: (956) 581-2183  
Fax: (956) 581-4226

# Invoice

Hidalgo Cty Pct #3  
Commissioners Office  
P.O. Box 607  
Mission, TX 78573

**Proposed Renewal Term:** 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2024

Coverage	Company	Policy Number	Due Date	Premium
Public Official Bond - County Commissioner - Everardo Villarreal	Old Republic	W150394315	01/01/2021	\$178.00

Return the attached invoice and payment in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Make check payable to: **Mission Duncan Insurance Agency**