

Texas



# Western Surety Company

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NOV 21 2022

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK  
HIDALGO CO. TEXAS

DEPUTY

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hidalgo } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: BOND No. 70202393

That we, Arturo Guajardo, Jr., 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 County of Hidalgo, his successors in office, in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$500,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2022.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 8th day of November, 2022, duly Elected to the office of County Clerk in and for Hidalgo County, State of Texas, for a term of four years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2023.

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 of 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 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.

Arturo Guajardo Jr Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Bruflat  
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Hidalgo } ss

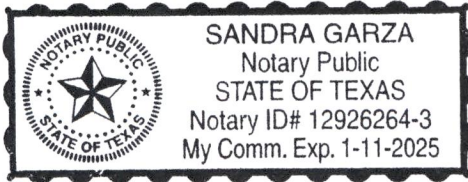
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ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK  
HIDALGO CO. TEXAS  
BY [Signature] DEPUTY

Before me, Sandra Garza on this day, personally appeared Arturo Guajardo, Jr.

, 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 21st day of November, 2022.

SEAL



[Signature]  
Hidalgo 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

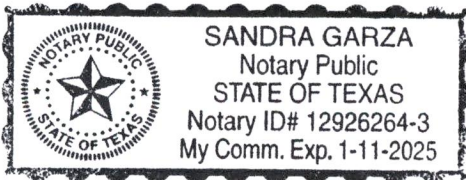
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Arturo Guajardo, Jr., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Hidalgo County Clerk, 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 [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Edinburg, Texas, this 21st day of November, 2022.

SEAL



[Signature]  
Hidalgo County, Texas

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## 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 County Clerk County of Hidalgo

bond with bond number 70202393

for Arturo Guajardo, Jr.

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$500,000.00

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 4th day of November, 2022.

ATTEST

[Signature]  
 P. Leitheiser, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By [Signature]  
 Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
 COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 4th day of November, 2022, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat and P. Leitheiser

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.



[Signature]  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

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



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 82. County Clerk  
Subchapter A. General Provisions

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 82.001

§ 82.001. Surety Bond and Oath of County Clerk; Self-Insurance

Currentness

- (a) The county clerk must, before beginning to perform the duties of office, execute a bond either with four or more good and sufficient sureties or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state as a surety.
- (b) In lieu of the clerk obtaining the bond, the county may self-insure against losses that would have been covered by the bond.
- (c) The bond must be:
- (1) approved by the commissioners court;
  - (2) made payable to the county;
  - (3) conditioned that the clerk will faithfully perform the duties of office; and
  - (4) in an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the maximum amount of fees collected in any year during the term of office preceding the term for which the bond is to be given, but not less than \$5,000 or more than \$500,000.

(d) The clerk must take and subscribe the official oath, which must be endorsed on the bond if the bond is required. The bond and oath shall be recorded in the county clerk's office and deposited in the office of the clerk of the district court.

(e) An injured party in a suit to which the county is a party may use and enter in the record in the suit a certified copy of the bond.

### **Credits**

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 1, § 9(a), eff. Aug. 28, 1989.

### Notes of Decisions (1)

V. T. C. A., Local Government Code § 82.001, TX LOCAL GOVT § 82.001  
Current through the end of the 2021 Regular and Called Sessions of the 87th Legislature.



Transaction Report & Invoice

PO Box 957289  
St Louis, MO 63195-7289

Principal Information:

ID: 007769371

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.  
100 N. CLOSNER  
EDINBURG, TX 78539

Agency Code: 42-29618

ROSA ANNA MORENO  
4104 BUENA VISTA  
PHARR TX 78577

YOU CAN PAY ONLINE BY VISITING ONLINEPAY.CNASURETY.COM

Transaction Description: RENEWAL

Transaction Effective Date: 01/01/2023

Bond/Policy #: 70202393

FILE LOCATION: SIOUX FALLS

Written By: WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
Description: COUNTY CLERK COUNTY OF HIDALGO

PHONE: 800-331-6053

Obligee: OBLIGEE ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Effective Date: 01-01-2023  
Expiration Date: 01-01-2027  
Current Penalty: \$500,000.00  
Renewal Method:

PREMIUM	\$6,212.50	@ 30.000%
Gross Premium Charge:	\$6,212.50	
Commission Amount:		
Net Amount Due:		

Change Detail:

Agent: You may remove stub below to use as a billing/ credit invoice

CNA Surety

INVOICE

CO #	BOND/POLICY#	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANNIVERSARY DATE	PROCESS DATE	PENALTY
0601	70202393	01-01-23	01-01-27	11-04-22	\$500,000.00
PRINCIPAL	ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR. 100 N. CLOSNER EDINBURG, TX 78539				
RISK STATE	TX	WRITTEN BY	WESTERN SURETY COMPANY		SF
DESCRIPTION	COUNTY CLERK COUNTY OF HIDALGO				
OBLIGEE	COUNTY OF HIDALGO				
AGENCY CODE	42-29618	AMOUNT DUE	\$6,212.50		

Your agent is:

ROSA ANNA MORENO  
4104 BUENA VISTA  
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