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STATEMENT OF OFFICER

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AT 10:30 o'clock a.m.  
JAN 2 2024  
TRACY SMITH  
COUNTY CLERK  
HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

Statement

I, John C. Ginn, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed, or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever the case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Elected/Appointed: Judge, County Court at Law for Hopkins County, Texas

Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and that the facts stated therein are true.

Date: January 2, 2024

John C. Ginn  
Signature of Officer

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OATH OF OFFICE

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AT 10:32 o'clock A.M.  
JAN 2 2024  
TRACY SMITH  
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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
I, John C. Ginn, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully  
execute the duties of the office of Judge of the County Court at Law for Hopkins 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, so help me God.

John C. Ginn  
Signature of Officer

Certification of Person Authorized to Administer Oath

State of Texas  
County of Hopkins  
Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 2nd day of January, 2024.

(Affix Notary Seal,  
only if oath  
administered by a  
notary.)

Eddie Northcutt  
Signature of Notary Public or  
Signature of Other Person Authorized to Administer An  
Oath

Eddie Northcutt, District Judge, 8th Judicial District

Printed or Typed Name

Texas



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# Western Surety Company

FILED  
AT 10:34 o'clock A.M.  
JAN 2 2024

TRACY SMITH  
COUNTY CLERK  
HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hopkins } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 66901789

That we, John Claude Ginn, 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 Treasurer, his successors in office, in the sum of One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 27th day of December, 2023.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 22nd day of December, 2023, duly Appointed (Elected—Appointed) to the office of Judge in and for Hopkins County, State of Texas, for a term of 3 years commencing on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

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>

Pay all money that comes into his hands as county judge to the person or officer entitled to it; pay to the county all money illegally paid to him out of county funds; and not vote or consent to pay out county funds for other than lawful purposes.

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.

John C. Ginn Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Paul T. Bruflat  
Paul T. Bruflat, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hopkins } ss

Before me, Tracy Smith, County Clerk on this day, personally appeared John C. Ginn, 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 Sulphur Springs, Texas, this 2nd day of January, 2024.



Tracy Smith  
Hopkins 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, John C. Ginn, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of County Court at Law Judge, 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 John C. Ginn

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Sulphur Springs, Texas, this 2nd day of January, 2024.

Eddley Northcutt  
Hopkins County, Texas

SEAL

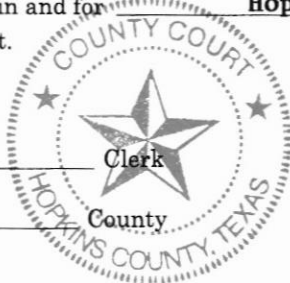
THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Hopkins } ss

The foregoing bond of John C. Ginn as County Court at Law Judge in and for Hopkins County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Nancy Smith

County Court Hopkins



Date January 8, 2024  
Hopkins County Judge,  
Hopkins County, Texas

[Signature]

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.

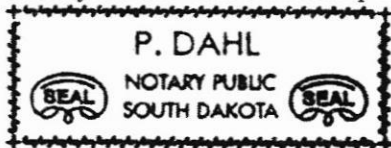
\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

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 27th day of December, 2023, 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.



My Commission Expires June 18, 2025

P. Dahl  
Notary Public

# 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 County Judge County of County of Hopkins

bond with bond number 66901789

for John Claude Ginn

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 100,000.00.

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 27th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST

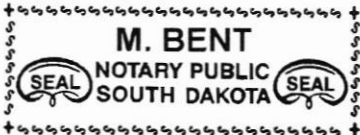
L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

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

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss



On this 27th day of December, 2023, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul T. Bruflat and L. Bauder 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.



M. Bent  
My Commission Expires March 2, 2026 Notary Public

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





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# Western Surety Company

## RIDER

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood by and between the principal and Western Surety Company, that instead of as originally written:

The description has been changed to read:  
County Court at Law Judge

No further changes other than above.

AT **FILED**  
10:00 o'clock A.M.  
JAN 12 2024  
TRACY SMITH  
COUNTY CLERK  
HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive or extend any of the terms, limits or conditions of the Bond, except as hereinabove set forth.

This Rider becomes effective on the 10th day of January, 2024, at twelve and one minute o'clock a.m., standard time.

Attached to and forming part of Bond No. 66901789  
issued by WESTERN SURETY COMPANY of Sioux Falls, South Dakota,  
to John Claude Ginn

Signed this 10th day of January, 2024.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
By Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President



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Larry Kasten 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 Court at Law Judge

bond with bond number 66901789

for John Claude Ginn  
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 100,000.00

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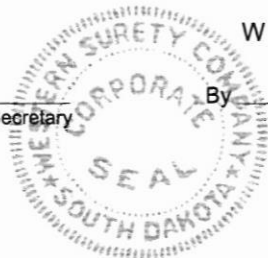
This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

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 10th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary



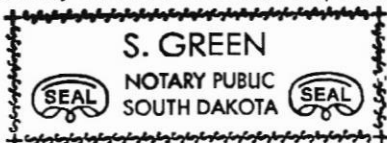
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By Larry Kasten  
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 10th day of January, 2024, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

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.



S. Green  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

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