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Commissioners Office

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: **Board of County Commissioners**

FROM: **Adiel McKnight, Deputy Clerk of the Board**

DATE: **November 12, 2024**

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION SCHEDULE BOND No. 52BSBHB6126**; Issued by Hartford Fire Insurance Company for the Treasurer, Clerk, Sheriff, Auditor, Prosecuting Attorney, Engineer, Commissioners #1, #2 and #3, Judge and Assessor

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STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Pursuant to RCW 42.08.100 (Copy attached) the Board of County Commissioners shall approve the official bonds of all County and Township Officers, except the County Superintendent of Schools.

ANALYSIS:

Jefferson County holds a position schedule bond for eleven of its twelve Public Officials (Copy attached). A bond is not required for the Superior Court Judge. All other elected/appointed positions are covered under this bond. This bond is renewed annually and because of the type of bond, does not have to be cancelled and rewritten each time a new individual is elected or appointed to one of these positions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The annual fee for renewing the bond is $1,387.00.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve continuation and purchase of the public official position schedule bond #52BSBHB6126 December 31, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

REVIEWED BY:

Mark McCauley, County Administrator

11/7/24
Date

RCW 42.08.100

Approval and filing.

The official bonds of officers shall be approved and filed as follows, to wit: The official bond of the secretary of state shall be approved by the governor and filed in the office of the state auditor. The official bonds of all other state officers required by law to give bonds, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, shall be approved by the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

The official bonds of all county and township officers, except the county superintendent of schools, shall be approved by the board of county commissioners, if in session, and if not in session, by the chair of such board, and filed and recorded in the office of the county clerk of their respective counties: PROVIDED, That the bond of the county clerk shall be recorded in the office of the county auditor and filed in the office of the county treasurer.

[**2012 c 117 § 99**; **1955 c 157 § 11**. Prior: **1890 p 35 § 5**; RRS § 9934.]

NOTES:

Contractor's bonds: Chapter ***39.08*** *RCW.*

Official bonds—Payment of premiums: RCW ***48.28.040***.

Surety insurance: Chapter ***48.28*** *RCW.*

Continuation Certificate **The Hartford Insurance Group**

Surety - Government, Federal and Public Official

The Hartford Fire Insurance Company, (hereinafter called the Company),

hereby continues in force its Bond No. 52BSBHB6126

in the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand ($379,000.00) Dollars

on behalf of Public Official Bond
621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368

in favor of Jefferson County

for the (extended) term beginning on December 31, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2025.

subject to all the covenants and conditions of said Bond, said Bond and this and all continuations thereof being one continuous contract.

This Continuation is executed upon the express condition that the Company's liability under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the sum of

Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand ($379,000.00) Dollars.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be signed by its officers proper for the purpose and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on October 9, 2024.

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

By: Joelle LaPierre

Joelle L LaPierre , *Attorney in Fact*

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO. INCORPORATED 1810

Attest: Shelby Wiggins

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries, Bond Authenticity and Claims to:
THE HARTFORD
BOND, T-14
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut 06155
Bond.Claims@thehartford.com
call: **888-266-3488** or fax: **860-757-5835**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: AJ GALLAGHER RSK MGMT SVCS LLC
Agency Code: 52-811535

- [X] **Hartford Fire Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- [ ] **Hartford Casualty Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- [ ] **Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- [ ] **Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint
Joelle L LaPierre
of Lake Mary, Florida,
its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by, and to execute, seal and acknowledge the following bond, undertaking, contract or written instrument:

Bond No. 52BSBHB6126
Naming Public Official Bond as Principal,
and Jefferson County as Obligee,

in the amount of See Bond Form(s) on behalf of Company in its business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on May 23, 2016 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.

Phyllis A. Clark, Assistant Secretary

Joelle L. LaPierre, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SEMINOLE } **SS.** Lake Mary

On this 1st day of March, 2024, before me personally came Joelle L. LaPierre, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that (s)he resides in Seminole County, State of Florida; that (s)he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that (s)he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that (s)he signed his/her name thereto by like authority.

Mariluz Arce
My Commission HH 287363
Expires July 13, 2026

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of October 9, 2024.

Signed and sealed in Lake Mary, Florida.

Keith D. Dozois, Assistant Vice President cc: Treas 11/29/16

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12/14/2015 04:23 PM $75.00 JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Jefferson County WA Auditor's Office - Rose Ann Carroll, Auditor

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JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK

07-2-00200-5

RETURN ADDRESS

Jefferson County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1220
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Please print neatly or type information

DOCUMENT TITLE

Public Official Position Schedule Bond

REFERENCE NUMBER (S) OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

Additional Reference #'s on page

GRANTOR (S) (Last, First and Middle Initial)

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

Additional grantor on page

GRANTEE (S) (Last, First and Middle Initial)

Jefferson County

Additional grantee on page

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Abbreviated form: i.e. lot, block, plat or section, township, range, quarter/quarter)

Additional legal on page

ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL/ACCOUNT NUMBER

Additional parcel #'s on page

The Auditor/Recorder will rely on the information provided on this form. The staff will not read the document to verify the accuracy or completeness of the indexing information provided herein.

THE HARTFORD

PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION SCHEDULE BOND NUMBER **52BSBHB6126**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned Surety, a Connecticut corporation, is held and firmly bound unto **Jefferson County** as Obligee, in the penal sum equal to the aggregate of the amounts set opposite the positions listed in the attached Schedule, as Principals, or added thereto by acceptance as hereinafter set forth, for the payment of which the Surety binds itself, its successors and assigns, firmly by these presents.

Whereas, the persons in the positions listed in the Schedule have been elected or appointed by the Obligee and have been required to file bond conditioned as follows.

The condition of this obligation is such that if each person in the positions listed in the Schedule or added thereto shall save and keep harmless and indemnify the Obligee from all actions, suits, costs, damages, loss and expense by reason of malfeasance or nonfeasance in the faithful performance of their public duties, then this obligation is to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect, subject to the following conditions.

1. The liability of the Surety for each position in the Schedule, or added thereto, will not exceed the amount set opposite the position as applicable to each person in that position.

2. If the Obligee requests the Surety to add to the Schedule any position not already shown therein, or adjust the number of persons shown in that position, or any other change, and the Surety agrees to do so, the Surety will add the position or effect the change in the Schedule by written acceptance setting forth the applicable penal amount or other relevant change and effective date of suretyship.

3. Either the Obligee or Surety may cancel this bond as an entirety or as to any person or position in the Schedule by written notice served upon or sent by certified mail to the other, specifying the cancellation effective date, but not less than 30 days after the receipt of such notice.

This bond shall apply to all acts of the principals in the performance of their public duties for the term of office beginning on **January 1, 2016** and ending on **December 31, 2016 unless renewed by continuation certificate.**

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this **January 1, 2016**

Surety: Hartford Fire Insurance Company

By [signature]
Guida McClain, Attorney-in-Fact

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO. INCORPORATED 1810

THE HARTFORD

PUBLIC OFFICIAL POSITION SCHEDULE BOND NUMBER 52BSBHB6126

Attached to and Forming Part of Bond No. 52BSBHB6126

Employer: Jefferson County, WA

Bond No. 52BSBHB6126 **Effective:** January 1, 2016

Position	Number In Position	Amount Per Person	Total Aggregate per Position
Treasurer	1	$ 150,000.00	$ 150,000.00
Clerk	1	$ 100,000.00	$ 100,000.00
Sheriff	1	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Auditor	1	$ 50,000.00	$ 50,000.00
Prosecuting Attorney	1	$ 5,000.00	$ 5,000.00
Engineer	1	$ 20,000.00	$ 20,000.00
Commissioner #1	1	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Commissioner #2	1	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Commissioner #3	1	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Judge	1	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Assessor	1	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Total:			$ **379,000.00**

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

By: Guida McClain

Guida McClain, Attorney-in-Fact

HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE CO. INCORPORATED 1810

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Carrier Ratings

Proposed Insurance Companies	A.M. Best's Rating & Financial Size Category *
Hartford Fire Insurance Company	A+, XV 06/18/2024

*Gallagher companies use A.M. Best rated insurers and the rating listed above was verified on the date the proposal document was created.

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Carolyn Gallaway

From: Guida McClain <Guida_McClain@ajg.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:18 PM
To: Carolyn Gallaway
Subject: Invoice 5318923
Attachments: Invoice 5318923.pdf; 52BSBHB6126 Jefferson County - Conti Certif 24-25.pdf; 2024 Hartford Fire Insurance Company - AM Best Rating Disclosure.pdf

Attached please find the invoice for the renewal of the following bond:

Bond No. 52BSBHB6126
Public Official Position Schedule Bond, $379,000
Effective: 12/31/2024 to 12/31/2025

This bond is continuous by continuation certificate attached.

Bond forms vary widely with respect to cancellation provisions. Please refer to your particular form for specific provisions and contact us with any questions or concerns. A copy of the Guide to Best's Rating and Important Disclosures including Compensation Disclosure are attached for your reference.

Should you wish to pay online, you can pay at WWW.AJG.COM/EZPAY

Thank you for placing your bond business with us.

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Please note that our Tacoma office will be relocating to 950 Pacific Avenue, Suite 830, Tacoma, WA 98402 starting **October 14, 2024**. Despite the change in location, all phone numbers will remain the same. We are excited and eager to continue connecting with you at our new address.

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