

THE STATE OF TEXAS

STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER

(PURSUANT TO TEX. CONST. ART. XVI, §1(B), AMENDED 2001)

I, SHARON FERGUSON, 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.

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE  
FOREGOING STATEMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED THEREIN ARE  
TRUE.**

January 2, 2015  
Date

  
SHARON FERGUSON

County Clerk  
Position to Which Elected/Appointed

Brownwood, Brown County, Texas  
City and/or County

Form No. 2201

January 2, 2015  
(Exhibit # 4)

**RLI**® RLI Indemnity Company  
P.O. Box 3967  
Peoria, IL 61612-3967  
Phone: (309) 692-1000 Fax: (309) 683-1610

# POWER OF ATTORNEY

## RLI Indemnity Company

Bond No. LSM0148176

**Know All Men by These Presents:**

That the RLI Indemnity Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, and authorized and licensed to do business in all states and the District of Columbia do hereby make, constitute and appoint: Roy C. Die in the City of Peoria, State of Illinois, 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 their behalf as Surety, in general, any and all bonds, undertakings, and recognizances in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) for any single obligation, and specifically for the following described bond.

Principal: Sharon Ferguson  
Obligee: Brown County  
Type Bond: County Clerk Of Brown County  
Bond Amount: \$ 10,000.00  
Effective Date: January 1, 2015

RLI Indemnity Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of RLI Indemnity Company, and now in force to-wit:

"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 RLI Indemnity Company has caused these presents to be executed by its Vice President with its corporate seal affixed this 3rd day of October, 2014.



ATTEST:

RLI Indemnity Company

Cynthia S. Dohm  
Cynthia S. Dohm Assistant Secretary

Roy C. Die  
Roy C. Die Vice President

On this 3rd day of October, 2014 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Roy C. Die and Cynthia S. Dohm, 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 RLI Indemnity Company, and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.

Jacqueline M. Bockler  
Jacqueline M. Bockler Notary Public





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**Official Bond And Oath**

Bond No. LSM0148176

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That we, Sharon Ferguson, as Principal, and RLI Indemnity Company, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Brown County in the penal sum of Ten Thousand Dollars And No Cents DOLLARS (\$ 10,000.00), to the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we jointly and severally bind ourselves and our legal representatives firmly by these presents.

Signed this 3rd day of October, 2014.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the said Principal was duly  elected  appointed to the office of County Clerk Of Brown County, State of Texas, for the term commencing on the 1st day of January, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall faithfully perform the duties of his said office, then this obligation shall be void and of no effect, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Countersigned

Karen Deal



Sharon Ferguson

Sharon Ferguson  
Principal

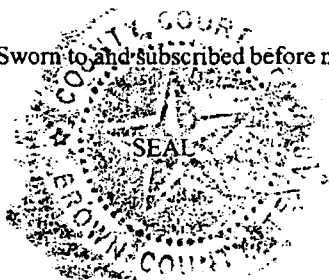
RLI Indemnity Company

Roy C. Die  
Roy C. Die

**OATH OF OFFICE  
 (COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)**

I, Sharon Ferguson, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Brown 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 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 warrant as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at, Brownwood Texas, this 2 day of January, 2015  
Sharon Ferguson Principal  
E. Reynolds County Judge  
 Notary Public  
Brown County, Texas



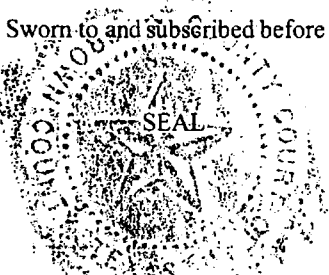
OATH OF OFFICE  
(GENERAL)

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Sharon Ferguson  
Principal

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at, Brownwood Texas, this 2 day of January, 2015.

E Ray W... County Judge  
Notary Public  
Brown County, Texas



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURETY

THE STATE OF Illinois  
County of Peoria } ss

On this 3rd day of October, 2014, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Roy C. Die who acknowledged himself to be the aforesaid \_\_\_\_\_ of the RLI Indemnity Company, a corporation, and he as such officer, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Jacqueline M. Bockler  
Notary Public  
Jacqueline M. Bockler County





## OATH OF OFFICE

In the name and by the authority of

### The State of Texas

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Sharon Ferguson  
Signature of Officer

SWORN TO and subscribed before me by affiant on this 2 day of January, 2015.



E. Ray West  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath

E. Ray West  
Printed Name

County Judge  
Title

INSTRUMENT NO. 120

*NC*

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN

FILED JANUARY 12.2015 10:40 AM

I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in File Number Sequence on the date and at the time stamped hereon by me, and was duly RECORDED in the Official Public Records of Brown County, Texas.

RETURN TO:

BROWN COUNTY CLERK  
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DEPUTY:  
SHARON FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK  
BROWN COUNTY, TEXAS