

OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

(800) 217-1792

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

Bond Number B150011544

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Joe Allen
of [REDACTED], State of North Carolina, 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
Rowan County

130 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

as Obligee, in the penal sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 25,000.00),
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 10th day of November, 2022.

WHEREAS, the above-named Principal has been duly appointed or elected
Sheriff of the Rowan County
State of North Carolina for the definite/indefinite term beginning on the
December 1, 2022 and ending on the December 7, 2026.

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: _____

By: Joe Allen Principal

Old Republic Surety Company

Surety

Witness: [Signature]

By: Ellen S. Womble Attorney-in-fact





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:

Ellen S. Wornble

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority 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, or black lung bonds), as follows:

ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS

Principal: Joe Allen

Obligee: Rowan County

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 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 20th day of September, 2022.

OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY


Assistant Secretary




President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS

On this 20th day of September, 2022, personally came before me, Alan Paylic, 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.




Notary Public

My Commission Expires: September 28, 2026

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

CERTIFICATE

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.



Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 10th day of November, 2022.


Assistant Secretary