State of Florida

Secretary of State Division of Elections

500 South Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Public Official Bond

County of <u>Pinellas</u>

| KNOW ALL MEN BY THE | SE PRESENTS, That we, John Christopher Scherer (Official's Name) |
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| as Principal, and Hartford Fire In | surance Company |
| as Surety, are bound unto the Governor | of the State of Florida, and his successors in office, in the |
| sum of \$ <u>2</u> ,000 | _Dollars, we hereby bind ourselves and each of our heirs, |
| executors, administrators, successors and | d assigns, jointly and severally. |
| THE CONDITION OF THIS | OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, whereas, said official |
| was elected X appointed <u>Cou</u> | nty Commissioner to hold this office (Name of Office) |
| for a term beginning_November 17, 2 | and ending <u>November 20, 2028</u> and until |
| his/her successor is qualified according | to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida. |
| NOW, THEREFORE, If the or as provided by law, this obligation is voi | fficial shall faithfully perform the duties of his/her office id. John Christopher Scherer |
| Signed and Sealed this15th | Signature of Official) |
| (SEAL) | (Address of Main Surety Company) A J GALLAGHER RISK MGMNT SVCS LLC (Name of Local Bonding Company) 200 S ORANGE AVE SUITE 750, ORLANDO, FL 32801 (Address of Local Bonding Company) By X (Signature of Licensed Resident Agent) (Social Security Number of Licensed Resident Agent) (Social Security Number of Licensed Resident Agent) Joelle L LaPierre, Attorney-in-Fact (Type Name of License Resident Agent) |
| The above is approved this | _day of, 20 |
| Signature: | |
| Approved by: | |
| 1bond.doc (2/04)) | |



Producer Compensation Notice To The Principal

You can review and obtain information on The Hartford's producer compensation practices at <u>www.thehartford.com</u> or at 1-800-592-5717.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: A J GALLAGHER RISK MGMNT SVCS LLC Agency Code: 21-225021

Х 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. 21BSBJH2725

Naming John Christopher Scherer as Principal,

and State of Florida Secretary of State - Division of Elections 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.



Hylis A. Clark, Assistant Secretary

ss. Lake Mary

Joelle LaPierre, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

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.



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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 November 15, 2024. Signed and sealed in Lake Mary, Florida.



Keith Goros

Keith D. Dozois, Assistant Vice President



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November 15th, 2024

Pinelias County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida

RE: Public Officials Bond # 21BSBJH2725 John Scherer: County Commissioner Policy Term: 11/17/2024 to 11/20/2028

Dear:

Your above captioned bond is continuous until cancelled. Our invoice is attached for the annual premium of \$341.00. Our commission on this bond is 0%.

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.

Thank you for placing your bond business with us and we look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely, Dakota Kendall Client Service Manager II (407) 563-3561 Dakota_Kendall@ajg.com



Carrier Ratings

| Proposed Insurance Companies | A.M. Best's Rating & Financial Size Category * |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Hartford Fire Insurance company | A+(XV) |

*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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