

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the above named Commissioner's Court will be held on the 9th day of April 2012 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Courthouse, New Boston, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit.

- I. Preliminaries
  1. Invocation
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Announcements

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II. Agenda

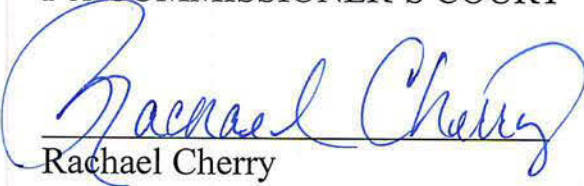
Call to Order

1. Public Comments – public comments shall be limited to 3 minutes per presenter, who submitted a public participation form at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Comments must be pertinent to an agenda item or an area for which the Court has jurisdiction. The total amount of time that is allocated is 30 minutes for all comments.
2. Commissioners Court response to Public Comments.
3. Consider and take action to renew the contract between Dr. Johnny Jones and the Texarkana-Bowie County Family Health Center.
4. Consider and take action to approve the Bowie County Data Reporting Improvement Plan – Shawn Vaughn
5. Consider and take possible action regarding the process used in making budget amendments.
6. Consider and take action to appoint William Tye, Billy Fox and Jack Stone to study cost of moving Commissioners Court sessions to evening time.
7. Consider and take action to declare surplus for future sale the following items: 2001 Dodge, Vin#1B4GP253X1B206065; 2003 Ford Crown Vic, Vin#2FAFP71W03X133189 – Sheriff's Dept.
8. Consider and take action to declare surplus office equipment.

9. Consider and take action to accept proposed Lease for Berry Farm Park. – Commissioner Pat McCoy, Pct. 4
10. Consider and take action re: payment of accounts payable.
11. Consider and take action to approve or to amend minutes as an order of the court.

III. Adjournment

For COMMISSIONER'S COURT

  
Rachael Cherry

This notice of meeting was posted in the locked bulletin board located on the first floor of the west side of the Bowie County Courthouse and on the inside facing outward of the north window of the Bowie County Courthouse, readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 5th day of April, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. and remained posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the meeting of the Court shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Court. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Court and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Court in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to actively participate in the business of the Court.

Dated the 5th day of April 2012

  
Rachael Cherry  
Bowie County

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, the HONORABLE COMMISSIONER'S COURT of Bowie County, Texas met in REGULAR SESSION at the Courthouse of said County in New Boston, Texas after due notice had been posted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012 with the HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Jack Stone	Commissioner Pct. #1
John Addington	Commissioner Pct. #2
Kelly Blackburn	Commissioner Pct. #3
Pay McCoy	Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance were the following County Officials: Auditor William Tye, County Clerk Denise Thornburg, County Legal Advisor Carol Dalby and the following staff members also present on the dais: Administrative Assistant Rachael Cherry.

**PRELIMINARIES**

In accordance with the Bowie County official policy on meeting invocations, County Judge Sterling Lacy read the following statement.

Any invocation that may be offered before the official start of the meeting of the Court shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Court. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Court and do not necessarily represent the religious beliefs or views of the Court in part or as a whole. No member of the community is required to attend or participate in the Invocation and such decision will have no impact on their right to actively participate in the business of the Court.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Jeff Shreve-First Baptist Church Texarkana

**PLEDGE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Lacy announced to the Court that putting information on the internet has been successful regarding Commissioner's Court agendas, all supporting documents and payables. The website that the public can go to is: [www.co.bowie.tx.us](http://www.co.bowie.tx.us)

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 10:07 A.M. when the following ORDERS, JUDGMENTS AND DECREES were had and ORDERED spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

- Item 1:** Public comments were heard from Carol Collins in support of having Commissioner's Court meetings in the evenings.  
Public comments were heard from Glenn Johnson regarding the financial aspects of having Commissioner's Court meetings in the evenings.
- Item 2:** Commissioner Pat McCoy responded regarding the financial aspects of Mr. Johnson's comments.
- Item 3:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, a motion was made by Commissioner Jack Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to renew the contract between Dr. Johnny Jones and the Texarkana-Bowie County Family Health Center .  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 4:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner John Addington to approve the Bowie County Data Reporting Improvement Plan as presented in Court by Mr. Shawn Vaughn.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 5:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, there was no action taken regarding the process used in making budget amendments.
- Item 6:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and died for a lack of a second to appoint William Tye-Auditor, Billy Fox-District Clerk and Commissioner Jack Stone to study the cost of moving Commissioner's Court Sessions to evening time.
- Item 7:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to declare surplus for future sale, the following items 2001 Dodge, VIN#1B4GP253X1B206065; 2003 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAFP71W03X133189 – Sheriff's Department.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 8:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to declare surplus the attached list of office equipment.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 9:** On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner John Addington to accept the proposed Lease for Berry Farm Park-Commissioner Pat McCoy, Pct. 4.

**Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 10: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Jack Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to pay accounts payable.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 11: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Judge Sterling Lacy to approve the March 26, 2012 minutes as an Order of the Court.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Jack Stone and duly second by Commissioner John Addington to adjourn (10:52 A.M.)  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT MINUTES-EMERGENCY  
APRIL 9, 2012**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, the **HONORABLE COMMISSIONER'S COURT** of Bowie County, Texas met in **EMERGENCY SESSION** at the Courthouse of County in New Boston, Texas after due notice had been posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

<b>Jack Stone</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #1</b>
<b>John Addington</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #2</b>
<b>Kelly Blackburn</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #3</b>
<b>Pat McCoy</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #4</b>

Also in attendance were the following County Officials: Auditor William Tye, County Clerk Denise Thornburg and the following staff members also present on the dais: Administrative Assistant Rachael Cherry.

Court convened at 11:17 A.M. when the following **ORDERS, JUDGMENTS AND DECREES** were had and **ORDERED** spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner John Addington to declare a "Local State of Disaster" due to the effect of the 2011 prolonged drought leaving approximately 1100-1500 (500 in Pct. 3 and 700 in Pct. 4) dead trees on the right of way of Bowie County roads. This drought has caused mature trees (15" to 36" in diameter) to die and with each storm or wind event more trees fall on county roads creating a hazard for emergency vehicles and people trying to exit their homestead. The fallen trees are a threat to the public and cannot be mitigated in a timely fashion with the current county staff. A letter, which has been signed by the Judge and all of the Commissioners, is being sent to Governor Rick Perry . Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, a motion was made by Commissioner Jack Stone and duly second by Commissioner John Addington to adjourn. (11:28 A.M.)  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.