

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 24th day of March, 2014, the **HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS 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 21st day of March, 2014 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone	Commissioner Pct. #1
Tom Whitten	Commissioner Pct. #2
Kelly Blackburn	Commissioner Pct. #3
Pat McCoy	Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance were the following County Officials: Auditor William Tye, County Clerk Tina Petty, and the following staff members also present on this day: 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 Bobby Horn, Chapelwood United Methodist Church

PLEDGE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 10:03 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 made by Linda Luxem, Hooks, TX and Rusty Hicks, Texarkana, TX. Emily Sabo submitted a form but passed on speaking.

Item 2: Commissioners Court response to public comments were made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and Commissioner Pat McCoy.

Item 3: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the District Judge's (Judge Leon Pesek) request to replace the bailiff (202nd District Court).

Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes

Commissioner Pat McCoy-yes

Judge Lacy-no

Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes

Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes

Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted yes and one (1) voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 24th day of March, 2014:

- A motion was made by Judge Lacy, but died to the lack of a second to not make Jerry Rochelle (Elected Official) come and ask permission to replace an investigator in the Bowie County District Attorney's Office.**
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to honor the District Attorney's request and approve the replacement of an investigator.**

Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes

Commissioner Pat McCoy-yes

Judge Lacy-no

Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes

Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes

Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted yes and one (1) voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to take \$51,000 from 41-400, Indigent Legal and that we transfer that to 411-whatever 3 digit number is assigned, that the \$51,000 be there but the title of it be Mental Health Legal.

Judge Lacy amended the motion and Commissioner Kelly Blackburn seconded, to include recoding any Mental Illness legal fees that already have been charged elsewhere, be charged to the new line item being created.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to approve the Treasurer's continuing education (20 hours along with 15 hours of PFIA certification).

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to declare surplus property, 2004 Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FAFP73W04X107621 for future sale.

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

Item 8: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

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

Item 9: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the resale of the property out of Abstract 429, M.E.P. & P. Rwy Co. Survey acquired by Bowie Central Appraisal District.

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

Item 10: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to approve the resale of the property as described in Exhibit B. (resale of property acquired by Bowie Central Appraisal District)

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

Item 11: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Bowie County and TexAmericas Center for the Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Project-R2 Oil, Inc.

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

Item 12: On this 24th day of March, 2014:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy, but died to the lack of a second to approve the mid-year budget adjustments as discussed and presented and to immediately cut filled and unfilled employee positions as presented.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to approve the mid-year budget adjustments as discussed and presented and to immediately cut unfilled employee positions as presented.

Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes

Commissioner Pat McCoy-yes

Judge Lacy-no

Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes

Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes

Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted yes and one (1) voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to authorize payment of accounts payable.

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

Item 14: On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and

duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the minutes of the previous court meeting (March 10, 2014).

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

Motion carried.

On this 24th day of March, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.