

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2014**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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
Mike Carter	Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance were the following County Officials: Auditor William Tye, County Clerk Tina Petty, County Legal Advisor Carol Dalby and the following staff members also present on this day: Purchasing Agent Chris Goodsell and 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 Brian Leverett, Malta Baptist Church

**PLEDGE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 10:08 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 Robert Worthen, Texarkana, TX; Dale Barrett, DeKalb, TX; Gabe Tarr, New Boston, TX and Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX.

**Item 2:** Commissioner Mike Carter responded to Public Comments.

- Item 3:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Joint Election Agreement between Bowie County and the City of Texarkana, Texas.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 4:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the Joint Election Agreement between Bowie County and TISD (Texas Independent School District).  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 5:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, Judge Lacy withdrew this agenda item (Consider and take action to rescind the Order of the Commissioners Court on July 28, 2014 to allow Courthouse Security Funds to be used to pay the salary of one existing Sheriff's Office employee to monitor Courthouse security cameras in the Courthouse Sheriff's Office).
- Item 6:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, no action was taken. (To change the name of JP Courthouse Security Fund to Justice Court Building Security Fund pursuant to Article 102.017 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure).
- Item 7:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to establish two (2) armed deputy positions for Courthouse Security to be funded out of the Courthouse Security Fund pursuant to Article 102.017, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure thru September 30, 2014.
- On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014, an amendment to the original motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to also state "expenses not to exceed \$25,000 for these two (2) months".  
Commissioner Sammy Stone-no  
Commissioner Mike Carter-yes  
Judge Lacy-yes  
Commissioner Tom Whitten-no  
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-no  
Motion was put to a vote and two (2) voted yes and three (3) voted no.  
Motion failed.
- Item 9:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to accept District Judges' Order to set Court Reporters salaries for the remainder of 2013-2014 fiscal year.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.
- Item 10:** On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept the Order setting County Auditor and Auditor's Assistants' salaries for the remainder of 2013-2014 fiscal year.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.

**Item 11: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the Contract & Agreement with the City of Texarkana for the provision of inspections by Bowie County Health Inspector, Jim Phillips.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Sandy Ridge Subdivision Plat (not including roads) located on County Road 1214.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept tax rollback check from Elecia and Greg Thomas.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve budget adjustments (line item transfers).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 16: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court. (July 10, 2014, July 28, 2014 and July 30, 2014).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to table agenda Item #8 until September 22, 2014. (Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for funding of DFPS staff, contract #530-03-0001-00001).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to adjourn.**

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

**Motion carried.**