

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, 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 November, 2013 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY** absent and Commissioner Pat McCoy 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, 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**

**INVOCATION**

Brenda White

**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 Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX; Glenn Johnson, Texarkana, TX; and Jeff Akin, Texarkana, TX.

**Item 2:** Commissioner Pat McCoy responded to Public Comments.

**Item 13:** On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to table the Fines and Collection Department employee replacement (and bring back to Court in December). Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.

- Item 3: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to appoint LeAnna Stephenson, Jessica Walker and Robert Spears to the Bowie County Child Welfare Board.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: Mr. Scottie Taylor was recognized for receiving the John R. Rauch Award from TIAAI for dedication to Teaching and Promotion of Fire Cause Determination throughout the State of Texas, March 2013.**
- Item 5: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to bring back to the table, website hosting and maintenance agreement between Bowie County and CIRA (County Information Resources Agency).  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the agreement between Bowie County and CIRA (County Information Resources Agency) with changes to 1.8 and to strike section 2 and enter into the \$550 per year contract. (Commissioner Tom Whitten is to follow up).  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to table until we get our budget in order, to cover the extra costs, regarding proposed quote from Sound Towne for sound system in the Commissioner Courtroom.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the Website Manager to get the necessary information to achieve our Gold Level Award from the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to give standing authorization for the Website Manager to post agendas and supporting materials for each session of Commissioners Court on the County's Website.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, this item died for lack of motion regarding moving one Commissioners Court session a month to an evening time for greater transparency.**

**Item 11: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Clerk to add a link to Texas Land Records on the County's website.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to give authorization to maintain Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) plan provisions Plan Year 2014.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a lease for Justice of the Peace Pct. 4-1 between Marvin and Aileen Poer and Bowie County.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to sell the property located at 209 W. Broad St., Texarkana, TX.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to advertise for bids on property located at 209 W. Broad St., Texarkana, TX. (Will look at actual bid specs at Special Meeting on Monday-11-18-13)**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 17: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize payment of accounts payable.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 18: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 Commissioners Court.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, 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.**