

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 9th day of December, 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 5th day of December, 2013 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY** present and presiding with the following Commissioner 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 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

Sheriff James Prince

PLEDGE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Lacy announced that the Extension Office provided annual snacks for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Pat McCoy announced that Domestic Violence has provided a "wish list" for items that they need.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 10:17 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; Michael Green, Texarkana, TX; Chester Pinkham, New Boston, TX and Jasmine Crockett, Texarkana, TX.**
- Item 2: Commissioner Pat McCoy responded to Public Comments.**
- Item 3: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2013 Texas Capital Fund grant for construction of public natural gas, roadway and drainage improvements in support of an economic development project proposed by R2 Oil, Inc.
Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes
Commissioner Pat McCoy-yes
Judge Lacy-yes
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Kelly Blackburn to approve adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan and Citizen Complaint Procedures to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Texas Capital Fund projects.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve publication of required “public notice” in the December 11 edition of the Bowie County Citizen Tribune.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize County Judge Sterling Lacy to sign necessary TCF Project Detail application documents.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to renew Interlocal Agreements with Volunteer Fire Departments in New Boston, Maud, Redwater, Simms, Pleasant Grove, C5, Wake Village, Nash, Hooks and DeKalb.
Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted aye and none opposed. Judge Lacy abstained.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.**

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve bonds for William Tye, Clarence K. Blackburn, Billy Fox, Gibson L. Hadaway, Nancy Talley, Jeff Addison, Steve R. Hawkins and Donna Burns.

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn for approval to apply for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program along with any requirements for public hearings necessary for that application.

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

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to retain Allison, Bass and Associates to represent Bowie County in the application process for County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program.

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

Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table and bring back in two (2) weeks, procedures for Courthouse closures during inclement weather.

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

Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Pat McCoy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to take no action on agenda Item 13 (open bids for sale of building located at 209 W. Broad St., Texarkana, TX.)

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

Motion carried.

Item 14: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to pay accounts payable with the coding changed as designated.

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

Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 9th day of December, 2013, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Pat McCoy to approve minutes (November 25, 2013) as an Order of the Court.

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

Motion carried.

On this 9th day of December, 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.