

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
JUNE 9, 2014**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2014 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE STERLING LACY** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

<b>Sammy Stone</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #1</b>
<b>Tom Whitten</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #2</b>
<b>Kelly Blackburn</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #3</b>
<b>Mike Carter</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #4</b>

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.

At 10:09 A.M., a Public Hearing was held regarding the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet. After no comments were made, the hearing was closed at 10:09 A.M.

**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**

Mr. Charles Vanderburg

**PLEDGE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 10:15 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; Gabe Tarr, New Boston, TX; Velma Moore, DeKalb, TX; and Sandra Nero, New Boston, TX.

Item 2: County Legal Advisor Carol Dalby responded to a public comment.

Item 5: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas and Bowie County for the 2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to take action and approve the Justice Assistance Grant 2014.

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

Motion carried.

Item 3: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, no action was taken. (To immediately stop providing medical benefits at taxpayer expense for newly retiring Bowie County Employees).

Item 4: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, no action was taken. (For Bowie County to withdraw as soon as possible from any program providing medical benefits at taxpayer expense for Bowie County retirees).

Item 7: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept the following individuals: Denis R. Washington, Michael Sandefur, Tim Ketchum, Joe H. Dike and my (Judge Lacy's) appointee later today, to the Financial Advisory Committee.

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 June, 2014, no action was taken on this agenda item. (Regarding an order authorizing the issuance of approximately \$5,000,000 "Bowie County, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2014" and matters related thereto).

**Item 9: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, no action was taken and will be brought back in two weeks. (To approve the portion of the 2014 budget for the Bi-State Criminal Justice Center relating to the amount needed for the replacement of the boilers).**

**Item 10: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, no action was taken. (To declare an emergency to amend and decrease the 2013-2014 Budget by temporary suspension of approximately \$279,600 through the following reductions-cell phone expense, approximately \$12,000; in-county travel expense, approximately \$267,600).**

**Item 11: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, no action was taken. (To declare an emergency and amend and decrease the 2013-2014 budget by \$1,178,000 through reductions of salaries and benefits as stated in budget reductions proposal print out. These reductions are to take effect by 7-1-14).**

**Item 12: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve budget adjustments (line item transfers). Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to pay the bills.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the minutes. (May 23, 2014-Special Session; May 27, 2014-Regular Session; and May 30, 2014-Special Session).  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to recess until Friday (June 13, 2014) morning at 10:00 A.M.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Court reconvened at 10:09 A.M. on Friday,  
June 13, 2014.**

**Item 1: Public Comments were made by Gabe Tarr, New Boston, TX; Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX.**

**Item 2: There was no Commissioners Court response to public comments.**

**Item 3: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to authorize the issuance of \$5,000,000 "Bowie County Texas, Tax Notes, Series 2014" with interest rate of 4% with Texas Independent Bankers Bank, maturity date February 1, issuance June 15, 2014.**

**County Auditor William Tye does make the recommendation that we do this note for \$5,000,000 at 4%.**

**Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes**

**Commissioner Mike Carter-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 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Judge Lacy's appointment , Robert Worthen, to the Financial Committee.**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **Court recessed to sign bank documents.**

**On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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.**