

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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.

There was a Public Hearing beginning at 10:10 A.M. regarding the 2014 Technology Fund for the District Clerk's office. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after comments were heard, the hearing was closed at 10:13 A.M.

There was a Second Public Hearing beginning at 10:14 A.M. regarding the 2014-2015 Proposed Tax Rate. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after all comments and concerns were heard, the hearing was closed at 11:20 A.M.

**COURT RECESSED UNTIL 11:30 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**

John Goodwin

**PLEDGE**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**None**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**Court convened at 11:36 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; Edwin Bilbo, DeKalb, TX (submitted request but left meeting); Gabe Tarr, New Boston, TX; and Glenn Johnson, Texarkana, TX.**

**Item 2: Commissioner Sammy Stone responded to Public Comments.**

**Item 3: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Certification of the 2014 Tax Anticipation Tax Note Proceeds as Revenue.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 4: There was no action taken regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation from Financial Advisory Committee Member Robert Worthen.**

**Item 5: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Technology Fund for the District Clerk's Office for \$10.00.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to pass a resolution to designate authorized signatures for the Texas Capital Fund Contract 7214012.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to pass a resolution to adopt Section 3 Local Opportunity Plan.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to accept the resolution to adopt Excessive Force Policy.  
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 9: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.**

**Item 10: This Agenda Item is passed and will be brought back at a later date (To bring back to the table a report from the Chairman of the Financial Advisory Committee regarding reimbursement of taxpayer funds from the Courthouse Security Fund).**

**Item 11: This Agenda Item is passed and will be brought back at a late date (Report from the Chairman of the Financial Advisory Committee regarding reimbursement of taxpayer funds from the Courthouse Security Fund).**

**Item 12: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to bring back to the table authorizing payment to County employees for compensatory time. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.**

**COURT RECESSED AT 12:26 P.M.**

**COURT RECONVENED AT 1:30 P.M.**

**Item 13: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize payment to Deputy Stephen Powell for 200 hours compensatory time. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve 2015 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees update report. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve cost recovery fee for E-Filing in the amount of \$2.00 for the County Clerk's Office. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve cost recovery fee for E-Filing in the amount of \$2.00 for the District Clerk's Office.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 17: There was no action taken on the opened bids regarding the Bowie County Correctional Center Inmate Long Distance Phone System. Judge Lacy appointed an Inmate Long Distance Phone Service Committee consisting of William Tye-Auditor, Commissioner Sammy Stone-Pct. 1 and Jeff Neil-Bowie County Sheriff's Office.**

**Item 18: There was no budget adjustments (line item transfers).**

**Item 19: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to authorize the list of payables with the exception of the bill for Texarkana Regional Dialysis.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 20: On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the minutes of August 25, 2014 and August 29, 2014.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to adjourn.**

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

**Motion carried.**