

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 22nd 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 19th day of September, 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: Assistant Lynna Williams.

There was a Public Hearing beginning at 10:10 A.M. regarding the 2014 Records Archive Plan for the County Clerk's office. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after no comments were made, the hearing was closed at 10:11 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

Sheriff James Prince

PLEDGE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 10:14 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 Becky Robertson, Texarkana, TX; Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX; Robert Worthen, Texarkana, TX and Gabe Tarr, New Boston, TX.

Item 2: There was no Commissioners Court response to Public Comments.

Item 3: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the State Case Registry and Local Customer Service Cooperative Agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and Bowie County, Texas.

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

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the new Archive Plan for the County Clerk's office.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract between the Office of the Attorney General and Bowie County, Texas.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to accept Tax Rollback check from Mark and Cindy Spriggs.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to appoint Tish Hicks to the Housing Authority board for a two (2) year term.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Order adopting Rules of Bowie County, TX for On-Site Sewage Facilities.

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

Motion carried.

- Item 9:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) for funding of DFPS Staff Contract No. 530-03-0001-00001.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Item 10:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the holding of one of the Commissioners Court sessions each month in the evening and that being the first meeting of the month.
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 11:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to set the dates for Commissioners Court meetings from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Item 12:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to table agenda item #12 (Interlocal Agreement between the City of New Boston and Bowie County for Dispatch Services).
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Item 13:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to accept the District Judges Order to set Court Reporters salaries for 2014-2015 as presented.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Item 14:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to accept the Order setting County Auditor and Auditor's Assistants salaries for 2014-2015.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.
- Item 15:** On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to accept the District Judges Order to Re-Appoint County Auditor for a two (2) year term.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.

**Item 16: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to accept Correct Solutions as our carrier for the Correction Center Inmate Long Distance phone service.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**

**Item 17: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the salary for Courthouse Security Camera Monitor to be paid out of Courthouse Security Funds for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**

COURT RECESSED AT 11:15

COURT RECONVENED AT 11:34

**Item 18: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the proposed budget with the suggested changes that have been submitted to you today for the 2014-2015 Budget Year.
Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes
Commissioner Mike Carter-yes
Judge Lacy-yes
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes
Motion was put to a vote and all voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 19: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter that we authorize a tax rate increase to .473610/\$100 valuation.
Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes
Commissioner Mike Carter-yes
Judge Lacy-yes
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes**

**On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn that we set the tax rate, M&O at .302332/\$100 valuation, I&S at .171278/\$100 valuation for a total .473610/\$100 valuation.
Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes
Commissioner Mike Carter-yes
Judge Lacy-yes
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-yes
Motion was put to a vote and all voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 20: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve budget adjustments (line item transfers) as noted.

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

Motion carried.

Item 21: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve payment of the accounts payable list as presented by the Auditor.

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

Motion carried.

Item 22: On this 22nd day of September, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the minutes (September 8, 2014) as an Order of the Court.

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

Motion carried.

On this 22nd day of September 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.