

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
JULY 28, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 28th day of July, 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 25th day of July, 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: 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

Sue Anderson, New Boston, TX

PLEDGE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 10:05 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 Sue Anderson, New Boston, TX; Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX; Lillian Tidwell, Texarkana, AR; Linda Luxem, Hooks, TX.

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

Item 3: On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Judge Lacy to rescind the 15% pay cut that we voted to do last 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 4: On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Judge Lacy to approve the request to employ two existing Sheriff's deputies to act as security and bailiff's for all Justices of the Peace not located in the Courthouse as pertaining to current law.

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 5: On this 28th day of July, 2014,

- A motion was made by Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table this item until we can get further documentation and clarification on how this is going to be proceeded.
Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes
Commissioner Mike Carter-no
Judge Lacy-no
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-no**
- A motion was made by Mike Carter and duly second by Judge Lacy to allow Courthouse Security funds to be used to pay the salary of one of the existing Sheriff's Office employee to monitor the Courthouse Security cameras and the costs of moving the monitors.
Commissioner Sammy Stone-yes
Commissioner Mike Carter-yes
Judge Lacy-yes
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes
Commissioner Kelly Blackburn-no
Motion was put to a vote and four (4) voted yes and one (1) voted no.
Motion carried.**

- Item 6:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to reappoint Linda Hooks to the Board of Trustees of Community Healthcare for a two year term from September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2016. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 7:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Judge Lacy and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to set Monday, August 18, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Courthouse using the Central Jury room for the Public Hearing for the 2014-2015 Budget. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 8:** On this 28th day of July, 2014,
- A motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to reduce Bowie County Commissioners In-County travel expenses by 50% effective August, 1st for Pcts. 1,2,3 and 4.
 - An amended motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to take action and reduce by 50%, Bowie County Commissioners In-County travel expenses.
- Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 9:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve Treasurer's Investment Report for the Quarter ending 6/30/2014. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 10:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to receive and accept tax rollback refund checks from Walter and Sharon Davis and Paul Lindsey. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 11:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to give permission to advertise to bid out BCCC Long Distance Inmate Telephone Services. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 12:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to purchase licenses' for Departments regarding Purchase Order system. Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed. Motion carried.
- Item 13:** On this 28th day of July, 2014, there was no action taken on a report from Financial Advisory

Committee Member Robert Worthen.

Item 14: On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the budget adjustments (line item transfers).

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

Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to pay bills.

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

Motion carried.

Item 16: On this 28th day of July, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court. (Regular Session-July 14th and Special Session-July 18th)

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

Motion carried.

On this 28th day of July, 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.