

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
MAY 27, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 27th day of May, 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 23rd day of May, 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

Pastor Matt Neese, Faith Assembly of God Church, 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 Richard Smith, The Colony, TX; Emily Sabo, Texarkana, TX; and Chester Pinkham, New Boston, TX.

- Item 2: Judge Lacy, Commissioner Sammy Stone, Commissioner Mike Carter, and Commissioner Kelly Blackburn responded to Public Comments.**
- Item 3: Mr. Todd Ramberg with Gjerset and Lorenz L.L.P. gave a presentation to the Court regarding the Bowie County's UPL (Upper Payment Limit) with Christus St. Michael Health System and Wadley Regional Medical Center.**
- Item 4: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Resolution and Order Approving the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Agreement, Designating Authorized Representative and Making Specific Findings Required by the Texas Department of Transportation.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to de-obligate Bowie County from the Northeast Texas Trail Grant and to transfer the grant to the City of New Boston as specified.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Liberty-Eylau Independent School District and Bowie County, Texas as presented.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to bring back to table, to change from Capital One to Certified Payments Inc. (credit card processing).
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to change credit card processing from Capital One to Certified Payments, Inc.
Motion was put to a vote and all vote aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give permission to advertise road materials for various sites in Bowie County.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to establish an advisory committee authorizing each Commissioner and County Judge one appointment to the committee on June 9, 2014, their**

charge will be to provide a five year plan to this Court.
Motion was put to a vote and all voted aye and none opposed.
Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 27th day of May, 2014:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the mid-year budget amendments as discussed and presented and to immediately cut unfilled positions as presented and make these retroactive back to March 21st, line item #12 of March 24th.
- After advice from Legal Counsel, Commissioner Sammy Stone rescinded the motion.
- Judge Lacy withdrew agenda item #11 for today.

Item 12: On this 27th day of May, 2014:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone, there was no call for a second, to amend and decrease the 2013-2014 Budget by eliminating unnecessary cell phones and in-county travel expenses for Bowie County employees and elected officials excluding the following qualified areas: Sheriff's Department, Constables, and Homeland Securities. Also included in this motion is to direct the expenditures for education expenses to only those that are mandated or is requirement for their continued education for their department and this motion would be effective 7-1-2014.
- After discussion, Commissioner Sammy Stone withdrew the motion.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn to table the agenda item.

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

Item 13: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Kelly Blackburn and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve budget adjustments (line item transfers).

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

Item 14: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to authorize the payment of the current accounts payable.

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

Item 15: On this 27th day of May, 2014, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014.

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

On this 27th day of May, 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.