**COMMISSIONERS’ COURT**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF BOSQUE**

On this the 9th day of February, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Courtroom, in Meridian, Texas, the Bosque County Commissioners’ Court convened in Regular Session with the following present:

**Dewey Ratliff, County Judge**

**Douglas Day, Commissioner, Precinct #1**

**Durwood Koonsman, Commissioner, Precinct #2**

**Sammy Leach, Commissioner, Precinct #3**

**Ronny Liardon, Commissioner, Precinct #4**

**Tabatha Ferguson, County Clerk**

**1) CALL TO ORDER –** 9:08 a.m.

**2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – all present

**3) PROOF OF NOTICE**

**4) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**5) END OF MONTH FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT**

Auditor Kent Reeves reported that property tax received as of January 31, 2015 is at 39%. He went over the handouts that were given to the Commissioners prior to court.

**6) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST COUNTY FUNDS**

Commissioner Leach made the motion approving to pay claims, salaries and wages against county funds in the amount of $132,240.58. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**7) ORDER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING TO PAY CLAIMS, SALARIES AND WAGES AGAINST PRECINCT FUNDS**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion approving to pay claims, salaries and wages against precinct funds. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**8) LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

None presented.

**9) STATUS REPORT ABOUT JAIL FROM MARY FARLEY, JAIL ADMINISTRATOR**

Today’s population is currently 25 and we are housing 26 out of county. Somervell County charges $38 per bed, Hill County $35 per bed, but will be going up to $38, Comanche County $33 per bed and Limestone $43 per bed. Jail Commission did the jail inspection in January and found the jail to be out of compliance due to paperwork in reports and files. There was also a plumbing issue in a shower and exposed wires in a cell. We also lacked the annual Fire Marshall inspection but did have it scheduled for January 20 and provided proof. The intercom system needed a circuit board replaced. Ms. Farley will notify the Jail Commission to come back for re-inspection. The Sheriff put in policy that no class c cases would be admitted to the jail to keep the count down during the time that we were having to house inmates in other counties. Ms. Farley is working with the courts to get inmates to court quicker. She has notified the court system of an inmate that has a large amount of medical bills. The Sheriff is having a staff meeting to streamline cases and preparing paperwork to submit to the D.A. Office. The District Attorney is looking into doing a pre-indictment offer and having two grand juries to move cases along quicker.

**10) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PETITION TO VACATE, CLOSE OR ABANDON A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 2585**

No Action.

**11) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LETTER FROM BOUCHER, MORGAN AND YOUNG, A P.C. TO CONFIRM UNDERSTANDING OF SERVICES**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to accept and confirm the understanding of services. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**12) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONSOLIDATING VOTING PRECINCTS FOR POSSIBLE MAY ELECTION**

Commissioner Liardon made the motion to keep all eleven polling locations open for the May election. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**13) DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ITEMS AND VEHICLES TO BE DESIGNATED AS SURPLUS AND DISPOSED OF BY ONLINE AUCTION**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to designate vehicles and items as surplus and dispose of by online auction. Commissioner Day seconded the motion. All approved.

**14) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN STERLING COMMISSARY, LLC AND BOSQUE COUNTY JAIL**

Commissioner Day made the motion to approve the agreement between Sterling Commissary, LLC and Bosque County. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**15) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE COINLESS TELEPHONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROWN CORRECTIONAL TELEPHONE, INC AND BOSQUE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Commissioner Day made the motion to approve the coinless telephone agreement between Crown Correctional Telephone and Bosque County. Commissioner Koonsman seconded the motion. All approved.

**16) RECEIVE AND FILE 2014 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR THE BOSQUE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

Commissioner Koonsman made the motion to receive and file the 2014 Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

**17) RECEIVE AND FILE CERTIFICATES FOR TABATHA FERGUSON**

Commissioner Leach made the motion to receive and file certificates for Tabatha Ferguson. Commissioner Liardon seconded the motion. All approved.

**18)** **ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMENTS**

Building Coordinator, Kent Harbison reported that the windowsills are being painted, scaffolding on the tower will be put up February 16-19 and they will block off the southwest side to start work on the courthouse. New lighting in the courthouse has been installed. Five new A/C units will be installed this year in several annex buildings.

Nita Penny and several residents of Precinct #3 appeared to talk about road conditions on CR 3640, 3645 & 3635. Judge Ratliff said he would drive the roads.

Danny LeFever introduced himself as the new county trapper.

Meridian VFD will have a chili supper tonight and Iredell VFD will have a Chili supper February 14.

**19) ADJOURN**

Commissioner Day made the motion to adjourn at 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Leach seconded the motion. All approved.

I, TABATHA FERGUSON, COUNTY CLERK, ATTEST THAT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNTING OF A PROCEEDING OF THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2015.

TABATHA FERGUSON, BOSQUE COUNTY CLERK