There was a Public Hearing beginning at 9:01 A.M. regarding the COUNTYWIDE VOTING PROGRAM. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet. After presentation by Elections Administrator Pat McCoy and no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 9:09 A.M.

## **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

# COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, the HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT of Bowie County, Texas met in REGULAR SESSION at the Courthouse in New Boston, Texas after due notice had been posted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 with the HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone Commissioner Pct. #1
Tom Whitten Commissioner Pct. #2
James Strain Commissioner Pct. #3
Mike Carter Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance were the following County Officials:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett
- County Clerk Tina Petty
- County Legal Advisor

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 9:09 A.M. when the following ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES were had and ORDERED spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

- Item 1: There was no Public Comments.
- Item 2: There was no Commissioners Court response to Public Comments.

- Item 3: There was an update from Corey Williams with the Small Business Administration-Office of Disaster Assistance.
- Item 4: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bond of Jerry D. Rochelle, as District Attorney.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve and renew the Lease Agreement with TexAmericas Center for the Bowie County Election Office.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

- Item 6: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Red River Army Depot and the Bowie County Sheriff's Department.

  Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

  Motion carried.
- Item 7: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and Simms ISD for the housing of certain inmates.

  Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

  Motion carried.
- Item 8: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to make changes to the budgeted positions in the Public Defender's Office.

  Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to make changes to the budgeted positions for Precinct 2.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Amendment and Extension of Delivery Order #2 to Contract #70959.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for December, 2022.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve budget adjustments (line item transfers).

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve payment of accounts payable and payroll.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

- Item 14: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court. (November 21, 2022-Regular Session and November 28, 2022-Special Session). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 15: Court recessed at 9:28 A.M. to go into Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

  Court reconvened at 10:12 A.M.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, 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 Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.