

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12th day of January, 2026, 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 6th day of January, 2026 with the **HONORABLE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone (absent)	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 Samuel Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:01 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 no presentation given by I WORKS.

Item 4: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Republican and Democratic Joint Primary Election Service Contracts.

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

Item 5: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Joint Resolution for Joint Primary.

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

Item 6: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to accept a donation of Fly Ash from Graphics Packaging International in Domino, Texas to use on Bowie County roads.

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

Item 7: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve State Contract #DIR-CPO-5427 between Vanco Systems and the Bowie County District Courts.

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

Item 8: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the cell phone allowance for David Parker for the Juvenile Probation Department.

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

Item 9: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a payment of Bond/Series 2018 and Bond/Series 2021.

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

Item 10: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the bonds of Nancy Talley, Susie Spellings, Mike Carter, Donna Burns and Katlyn Wilson.

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

Item 11: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain 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 12: On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 13: On this 12th day of January, 2026, 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 (December 22, 2025). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 14: There was no Adjournment into Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections:

- a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: Consultation with an attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.**
- b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.**
- c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code: Personnel Matters**
- d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.**

Item 15: There was no action to authorize the County Judge to execute settlement participation and release forms regarding confidential partial settlement matters in the Texas opioid multi-district litigation for Bowie County in the matter of *County of Bowie v Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*

On this 12th day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adjourn. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.