

## **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

## **COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**JANUARY 13, 2025**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, 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 January, 2025 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone

Tom Whitten

James Strain

Mike Carter

Commissioner Pct. #1

Commissioner Pct. #2

Commissioner Pct. #3

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: Public Comments** were made by Adam Huggins-New Boston, TX.

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

**Item 3: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution Opposing Elimination of Countywide Polling Place Program.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- Item 4: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the property lease agreement between Dillon Gardner and Bowie County.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to accept Constable Robbie Caudle's Racial Profiling Report.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the contract between Andrew Sohn Software LLC and the Bowie County Sheriff's Office for a jail public access portal.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve renewal of the bank depository contract with Cadence Bank.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to make the following changes to the County Court labor table for FY 2025.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to make the following changes to the District Clerk labor table for FY 2025.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open bids for request for proposals for hot mix asphalt overlay on Presley Road in Precinct 1, RFP #2025-06.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bid (Gibson-\$35,904) and authorize the contract for hot mix asphalt overlay on Presley Road in Precinct 1, RFP #2025-06.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the lease agreement between Vanco Systems and Bowie County.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the lease agreement between Vanco Systems and the Bowie County Auditor's Office.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 15: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, 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 16: On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (December 23, 2024).  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 17: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.**

**Item 18: 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, 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.**