

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**JANUARY 22, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024 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 Randle Smolarz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Howell introduced Michelle Price, who is the new Veteran's Service Officer for Bowie County.

Judge Howell announced that the unemployment rate is down.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 9:03 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: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a three percent (3%) increase to all Precinct 2 employees.**

Commissioner James Strain	No
Commissioner Tom Whitten	Yes
Commissioner Mike Carter	No
Commissioner Sammy Stone	Yes
Judge Bobby Howell	No

**Motion was put to a vote and 2 Commissioners voted yes and 2 Commissioners voted no.  
Judge Howell voted no.  
Motion failed.**

**Item 4: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adjust the District Attorney salary amounts within the salary budget for the following positions.**

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

**Item 5: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the reappointment of Ben Franks and John Sellers as Commissioners of the Emergency Services District #5 for a 1-year term beginning January 1, 2024, expiring December 31, 2024.**

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

**Item 6: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the appointments of Dwight Wilburn and Robin Curtis as Commissioners of the Bowie County Housing Authority with a term expiring October 31, 2025.**

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

**Item 7: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bond of Kaitlyn Wilson as Payroll Clerk.**

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

**Item 8: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Treasurer's Monthly report for December 2023.**

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

**Item 9: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly report as of December 31, 2023.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 10: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, 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 11: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve payment of accounts payable.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (January 8, 2024).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 13: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.**

**Item 14: 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024, 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.**