

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23rd day of January, 2023, 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 20th day of January, 2023 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. #2
Mike Carter	Commissioner Pct. #3

Also in attendance were the following County Officials:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett
- County Legal Advisor Randle Smolarz

And the following staff member also present:

- County Clerk Chief Deputy Denise Thornburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Howell stated that the unemployment figures for Bowie County was 4.0 down from 4.7 a year ago.

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: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the appointment of Randall Baggett to the unexpired term of Chris Lee as Constable for Pct. 1 to be effective February 1, 2023. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of (1) New Holland B95D Tractor/Loader/Backhoe Buyboard Contract #597-19 for Precinct 3 in the amount of \$99,925.64 from ARPA funds. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to rescind action of Item #5 of Commissioners Court at the November 28, 2022 meeting regarding approval of “the purchase of (5) five 2023 Ford Explorers from Buyboard Contract #601-19, in the amount of \$223,674.00 for the Sheriff’s Department to be paid from the ARPA funds.” Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the purchase of (3) three 2022 Ford Explorers from Buyboard Contract #601-19 in the amount of \$103,914.40 for the Sheriff’s Department to be paid for from ARPA funds. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2023 Bowie County Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Improvement Grant Program. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to declare fixed asset inventory items surplus. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give Commissioner Strain permission to sell asset #2840 Rhino SR15 Batwing Shredder, #3173 2006 Hefty Trailer, #2752 1990 Ford F800, #3649 Case 580M Loader Backhoe, #1154 Ford 6600 Tractor, #1119 Bush Hog 406 Cutter and #1120 Bush Hog 406 Cutter at the Brinkley Auction. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Investment Report as of December 31, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain 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 13: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, 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 14: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, 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 15: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, 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 (January 9, 2023).

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

Motion carried.

Item 16: Court recessed at 9:17 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 9:59 A.M.

**Item 17: On this 23rd day of January, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to execute the lease agreement at 602 Pine St (Texarkana, TX) and for the County to accept the donation of the lease payment for 4 years (for the Bowie County Public Defender's Office).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**On this 23rd day of January, 2023, 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.**