

**INVOCATION**

**Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**JANUARY 26, 2026**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 26<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 with the HONORABLE BOBBY L. HOWELL absent and Commissioner Tom Whitten present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.**

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

**Also in attendance were the following County Officials:**

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett**
- County Clerk Tina Petty**
- County Legal Advisor Samuel Brown**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Jail Commissary Audit Report.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- Item 4: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the updated Compliance & Administration Service Agreement between RBA and Bowie County.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 457(B) Plan Agreement between Bowie County and John Hancock Life Insurance Company.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign the Service Agreement with Garratt Callahan.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Bowie County and the City of Texarkana, Texas/Texarkana Texas Fire Department for placement of a Warning Siren.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to re-appoint Randy Mansfield and Kenny Turner to the Board of Commissioners for the Board of Commissioners for the Bowie County Emergency Services District #4 for a term ending December 31, 2027.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign a Resolution Supporting Legislation to Exempt Texas counties from the State Hotel Occupancy Tax.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reappoint Andrea Williams-McCoy and Cory Floyd to serve on the Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors for a two-year term expiring February 1, 2028.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: There was no action taken to accept the roads in the Mustang Ridge Subdivision, Pct. 2.**

- Item 12: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Resolution for the 2026-2027 Grant submission for County Solutions to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation to the Office of the Governor.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Resolution for the 2026-2027 Grant submission for Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention to the Office of the Governor.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Resolution for the 2026-2027 Grant submission for the State Crisis Intervention Grant Program to the Office of the Governor.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the cell phone allowance for Helen Buck for the Juvenile Probation Department.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to accept a donation from a private citizen, in the amount of \$1000.00.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Racial Profiling Analysis Report for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 18: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Texas and the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 19: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly**

second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for December 2025.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 20:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> 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 21:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 22:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, 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 (January 12, 2026).

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

Motion carried.

**Item 23:** 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 24:** 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, 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.0