

There was a Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the REINVESTMENT ZONE-WEST FRASER WOOD. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussion, the hearing was closed.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 10th day of October, 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 6th day of October, 2023 with the HONORABLE JUDGE 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 Randle Smolarz

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: On this 10th day of October, 2023 there was a presentation from ARTEX Council of Governments regarding 911 Addresses and Signage.**
- Item 4: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to reappoint Jennifer Harland to serve as the Bowie County Representative for the Local Workforce Board.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to appoint Amado Azua to serve as the Bowie County Representative for the Local Workforce Board.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Texas Veterans Commission and Bowie County.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare surplus a 2008 Case 580 M Loader Backhoe (Serial #N8C5600637) Asset #5560.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to donate a 2008 Case 580 M Loader Backhoe (Serial # N8C500637) Asset #5560 to Red River County Precinct #4.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Order and Resolution creating Bowie County Reinvestment Zone-West Fraser Wood.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2024 Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

- Item 11: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Resolution authorizing County Grant Program Year 2024, Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans-Home Delivered Meal Grant Program.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to bring back to the table, to approve or reject request for proposals for the repair of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reject the repair of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to bring back to the table, to approve or reject request for proposals for the replacement of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the request for proposals (Camco) for the replacement of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Special Order and Amended Authorized Plan for Electronic Jury Selection for Bowie County.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 18: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Bowie County Investment Policy for 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 19: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for August 2023.

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

Item 20: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for September 2023.

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

Item 21: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 22: On this 10th day of October, 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 23: On this 10th day of October, 2023, 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 (September 25, 2023).

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

**Item 24: Court recessed at 9:30 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 9:55 A.M.**

Item 25: 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.*

Item 26: On this 10th day of October, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the final offer from TXDOT in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 for the ROW acquisition of the US Highway 82 Project (Parcel number P00059405.001).

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

On this 10th day of October, 2023, 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.**