

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 15th day of October, 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 11th day of October, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:02 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 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2024 Bowie County Tax Rolls. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

- Item 4: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the replacement of the access control system at 601 Main Street Building for \$8,695.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the 2025 Bowie County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the District Attorney's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Public Defenders' Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Bowie County CSCD liability contribution & coverage declarations renewal.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the transfer of the administration fee of \$20,000 from the LPPF to the County General Fund for FY 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Workers' Compensation Renewal.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize County Judge to send notification of non-renewal of lease for property located at 4844 US Hwy 67 West, Simms, Texas 75574.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize County Judge to sign a Resolution Approving the Financing by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation of Health Facilities located in Bowie County, Texas.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

COURT RECESSED AT 9:58 A.M.

COURT RECONVENED AT 10:04 A.M.

**Item 13: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to nominate 2 candidates (Mike Carter) for Bowie County to serve a one-year term on the Board of Directors for Bowie Central Appraisal District.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to nominate 3 candidates (Mike Carter) for Bowie County to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors for Bowie Central Appraisal District.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve Commissioner Carter's Online Continuing Education from August 28-August 30.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize one additional hour of Online Continuing Education for Commissioner Carter.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 17: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2025 County Holidays.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 18: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the bonds of Catie Hawkins, Bobby Howell, Lori Caraway and Jennifer Beckett.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 19: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Reports for August and September 2024.

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

Motion carried.

Item 20: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the following external placement contracts for Bowie County Juvenile Probation for September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025: Youth-Opportunities-Rockdale, Gulf Coast Trade Center, Pegasus Schools, Inc., and Rite of Passage.

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

Motion carried.

Item 21: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the following Intercounty Placement Contracts for Bowie County Juvenile Probation for September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025: Angelina County, Bell County, Bexar County, Dallas County, Denton County, Garza County, Grayson County, Gregg County, Guadalupe County, Harrison County, Hays County, Lubbock County, Midland County, Montgomery County, Randall County, Smith County, Taylor County, Tom Green County, Van Zandt County and Victoria County.

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

Motion carried.

Item 22: On this 15th day of October, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the following non-residential contracts for Bowie County Juvenile Probation: Counseling and Psychological Services, Driskill & Bates Psychology, El Rio Psychological, John R. Kennedy, Psy.D., Kranz Psychological Services and Sage Cognitive Solutions.

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

Motion carried.

Item 23: On this 15th day of October, 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 24: On this 15th day of October, 2024, 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 25: On this 15th day of October, 2024, 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 (September 23, 2024-Regular Session and September 30, 2024-Special Session).

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

Motion carried.

Item 26: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 27: 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 15th day of October, 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.