

## **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

## **COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025 with the **HONORABLE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone (absent)

Tom Whitten

James Strain

Mike Carter

Commissioner Pct. #1

Commissioner Pct. #2

Commissioner Pct. #3

Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance were the following County Officials:

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Howell announced he is not running for County Judge.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Resolution requesting the Resale of Properties acquired by the Bowie Central Appraisal District (Exhibit A).  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.

- Item 4:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the 2025 Tax Roll.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.
- Item 5:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to sign a Retainer Agreement with Allison, Bass and Magee LLP for assistance with the Red Barn Solar LLC Tax Abatement Agreement.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.
- Item 6:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Bowie County, Texas and McCurtain County, Oklahoma.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.
- Item 7:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to cast votes on behalf of Bowie County for Paul Miller and Robert Sheppard to serve on the Board of Directors for Bowie Central Appraisal District for 2025-2029.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.
- Item 8:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize setting the date of December 22, 2025 for a Public Hearing and publication of notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation on the creation of a reinvestment zone to be known as Bowie County Reinvestment Zone-Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC No. 2 for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and to take up for consideration an application for modification of the tax abatement agreement, deemed to be in due form, from Rabbit's Foot Solar, LLC.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.
- Item 9:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the contract for NEMO-Q to show the corrected amount.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.
- Item 10:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the contract between Gibson Asphalt and Bowie County Precinct 2 for road repairs on Akin Road.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none vote dno.  
Motion carried.

**Item 11: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly report for August 2025.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, 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 13: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 14: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, 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 (October 27, 2025).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 15: 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 16: 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to adjourn.**

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

**Motion carried.**