

***There was a Public Hearing held at 9:00 A.M. regarding the consolidation of Justice of the Peace Precincts 4 & 5. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussion the hearing was closed at 9:05 A.M.***

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024 with the HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone  
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 District Attorney Jerry Rochelle

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 9:06 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for the upgrade of the front elevator in the Bowie County Courthouse, RFP #2025-03.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 4: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to consolidate Justice Precincts 4 and 5.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 5: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize County Judge to sign a revised Resolution Approving the Financing by the New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation of Health Facilities located within Bowie County, Texas.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize County Judge to sign Memorandum of Agreement between Bowie County Family Health Center and Michael N. Holland, M.D.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to cast Bowie County's Ballot for Mike Carter to serve on the Bowie Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for a three-year term.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the bonds of Tom Whitten and Tina Petty.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 9: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, 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 10: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the payment of accounts payable and payroll.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 11:** On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the minutes as an Order of the court (October 25, 2024-Special Session and October 28, 2024-Regular Session).  
Motion was put to a vote and four (4) Commissioners voted yes and one (1) Commissioner Tom Whitten abstained.  
Motion carried.

**Item 12:** Court recessed at 9:13 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 9:46 A.M.

**Item 13:** On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize setting the date of December 23, 2024 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 for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and to take up for consideration an application for tax abatement, 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 14:** On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give notice to other taxing jurisdictions of tax abatement pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.

**Item 15:** On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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.*  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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.