

There was a Public Hearing held beginning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the Tax Abatement for West Fraser Wood Products, Inc. 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
DECEMBER 23, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23rd day of December, 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 20th day of December, 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 (absent)	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 9:01 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 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to reappoint ESD 5 Board Members Ben Franks and John Sellers for a one (1) year term; Ron Rogers, Steve Hawkins and Larry Meadows for a two (2) year term.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to appoint Micah Fannin to a three (3) year term to the ESD 6 Board to replace Mike Ford.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve an InterLocal Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas and Bowie County for the 2024 BYRNE Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Red River Army Depot and Bowie County Sheriff's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bond of Jay Womack.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Windstream Agreement quote #2861815 between Bowie County and Windstream.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the waxing of the new flooring for the kitchen in the 141 Plaza West Building from TIPS State Contract #24010401 in the amount of \$18,880.00 from ARPA funds.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

- Item 10: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare fixed asset inventory items surplus and permission for disposal.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Auditor's Monthly report for November, 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the renewal of Service Agreement #0000036049 between Whitaker Brothers and Bowie County.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to make the following changes to the District Attorney labor table for FY 2025.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize County Judge to sign Tax Abatement Agreement between Bowie County, Texas and West Fraser Wood Products, Inc.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Bowie County Fiber Ring Agreement.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve budget adjustments.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 18: On this 23rd day of December, 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 (December 9, 2024).

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

Motion carried.

Item 19: Court recessed at 9:22 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 9:31 A.M.

Item 20: 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 23rd day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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.