

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

DECEMBER 27, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 27th day of December, 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 22nd day of December, 2023 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
- 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 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of Four 2023 Ford Explorers from Buyboard Contract #601-19, in the amount of \$196,107.20 for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open bids for the purchase of three prisoner transport vans for the Bowie County Detention Center RFB #2023-15.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve bids and authorize the contract (McClarty Ford \$152,755.50) for the purchase of three prisoner transport vans for the Bowie County Detention Center RFB #2023-15.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bonds of Elected Officials Donna Burns, Mike Carter, Gerold Rankin, Susie Spellings, Nancy Talley and Mary Ann Roberts as Assistant Auditor.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Joint Election Agreement for the May 4, 2024, Uniform Local Election.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the Bowie County Election Administrator to enter into Joint Election Agreements with local entities for the May 4, 2024, Uniform Local Election, and any necessary Runoff Elections.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Community Healthcore.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 10: On this 27th day of December, 2023, 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 11: On this 27th day of December, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve payment of accounts payable.

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

Item 12: On this 27th day of December, 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 (December 11, 2023).

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

Item 13: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 14: There was no action to authorize the County Judge to execute settlement participation and release forms regarding the 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 27th day of December, 2023, 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.**