

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of December, 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 2nd day of December, 2025 with the HONORABLE BOBBY L. HOWELL present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone (absent)	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 Samuel Brown

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: There was a presentation given to the Court by Four States Fiber.

Item 4: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the FY 2026 SAVNS Grant Contract #C-02643.

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

Item 5: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer for \$43,827.00 for the Bowie County Juvenile Probation Office from Goodbuy State Contract #25-8F000.

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

Item 6: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the purchase of two 2026 Ford Transit Vans for \$114,153.00 for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office from Tips State Contract #240901.

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

Item 7: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the adoption agreement for the Bowie County section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

Item 8: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to reappoint George Huggins, Jr., Tina Petty, Jill Whittington, Kayla Simmons, Rebecca Reed and Anthony Pinkham to the Bowie County Child Welfare Board.

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

Item 9: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Axon Taser Contract.

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

Item 10: On this 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 12: On this 8th day of December, 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 (November 24, 2025).

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

Item 13: There was no adjournment in 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 14: There was no action taken 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 8th day of December, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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.