

There was a Public Hearing held beginning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the Bowie County Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). After discussion the hearing was closed at 9:01 A.M.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 24th day of February, 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 21st day of February, 2025 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 Legal Advisor Samuel Brown

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 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application from the Office of the Governor for the 2025-2026 State Homeland Security Grant.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve Contract Number HHS0015825 with DFPS for the Bowie County CWS.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Contract Number HHS0015827 with DFPS for the Bowie County Legal Contract.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bond of Katlyn Wilson, Payroll Clerk.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Application for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program FY 2026.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the 2025-2026 Truancy Prevention and Invention Grant Resolution.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the 2025-2026 Crisis Intervention Grant Program Resolution.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give the District Clerk permission to sign an agreement with Kofile (TXMAS CONTRACT #TXMAS-23-92001) for preservation of records.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 11: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the appointment of Donna Hunt and the reappointment of Tish Hicks and Jared Rhodes to serve as Commissioners of the Bowie County Housing Authority for a term expiring on October 31, 2026.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the FY2024 Jail Commissary Audit for the Bowie County Sheriff's Department.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept the 2024 Racial Profiling Report 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 14: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution amending the Bowie County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Administration of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Treasurer's Investment Report as of December 31, 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 17: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for November and December 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 18: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for January, 2025.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 19: On this 24th day of February, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 20: On this 24th day of February, 2025, 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 21: On this 24th day of February, 2025, 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 (February 10, 2025).

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

Motion carried.

Item 22: Court recessed at 9:12 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 9:16 A.M.

Item 23: There was no action take 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 24th day of February, 2025, 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.