

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026 with the **HONORABLE 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 Legal Advisor Samuel Brown

And the following staff members also present:

- County Clerk Chief Deputy Denise Thornburg
- County Auditor Assistant Brandon Allison

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the calendar year 2026 Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Services (ARTS) renewal agreement.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the FY 2026 grant resolution for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA).  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whittent o approve the FY 2027 grant resolution for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA).  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bond of Amy Burnett.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, 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, 2025.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December 2025.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 11: On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, 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 (January 26, 2026).**

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

**Item 12: There was no Adjournment into 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 13: 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, 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.**