

## **INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

## **COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES**

**MARCH 10, 2025**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 9:03 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Governor Abbott's Proclamation announcing March as Development Disabilities Awareness Month as presented by Stacey Tidwell and Brenda Clark.

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

Motion carried.

- Item 4: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve recommendations for no change in Voting Precinct Boundaries in compliance with Section 42.031 of the Texas State Election Code. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the Election Administrator to enter into Contracts with Local Entities for May 3, 2025 Joint Local Election. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the Election Administrator to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Liberty Eylau ISD for the lease of election equipment. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Resolution for application for the Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grant (VCLG). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to allow the County Clerk to make any future changes or additions to the Bowie County website, following approval from the County Judge. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Order with Respect to Waste Management, INC. Project that authorizes the County Judge to execute certificates approving the order and public hearing. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for January, 2025. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 12:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve payments of accounts payable and payroll. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

**Item 13:** On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 24, 2025). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

**Item 14:** There was no Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections:

- a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: Consultation with 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 15:** 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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.