

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MARCH 24, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 24th 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 21st 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 9:02 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 of the Bronze Award from the State of Texas to Josh Davis, Tax Assessor/Collector.

- Item 4: On this 24th day of March 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to extend the County Burn Ban until canceled by County Judge.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the amendment to the service agreement between Bowie County and Kinetic Business using Quote #2883232.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the reappointments of Alwin Smith, Norman Prewitt and Richmond White to the Board of Commissioners for the Bowie County Emergency Services District #4 for a term ending December 31, 2026.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Constable Dillon Gardner and Texas Department of Public Safety, Children's Advocacy Center, Hubbard ISD and DeKalb ISD.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve an Order Adopting a Property Tax Exemption for Qualifying Child-Care Facilities.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for month ending February 2025.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2025.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 24th day of March, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 #13: On this 24th day of March, 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 (March 10, 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 24th 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.