

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. #3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MARCH 25, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 25th day of March, 2024, 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 22nd day of March, 2024 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

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| 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 Auditor Jennifer Beckett
- County Clerk Tina Petty
- County Legal Advisor Randle Smolarz

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 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the presentation of Governor Gregg Abbott's Proclamation announcing March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

- Item 4: There was no action taken to approve the Final Plat of Sunrise Acres in Precinct 1.**
- Item 5: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Resolution for the District Attorney SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Equipment Service Contract #2788 between 3N1 and Bowie County Justice of the Peace Office Precinct 5 from Omnia State Contract #R-191102.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve Equipment Service Contract #2824 between 3N1 and Bowie County Justice of the Peace Office Precinct 1-1 from Omnia State Contract #R-191102.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Salary & Benefit increases to Jail employees to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 22 Grant.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Resolution approving the issuance of Bonds by Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation on behalf of Christus Health to finance and/or refinance the cost of health facilities located in Bowie County.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Application for Tax Abatement from Braven Environmental, LLC.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the installation, disposal and purchase of new flooring for the 601 Main Street Building from TIPS State Contract #24010401, in the amount of \$86,445.50 from ARPA Funds.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the designation of Lieutenant David Gipson as the Bowie County Rabies Control Authority.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 13: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the appointment of the following members as Commissioners of the Emergency Services District #2.

- Secretary David Wesselhoft (term expiration 12-31-25)
- Assistant Treasurer Danny Crump (term expiration 12-31-25)
- President Bradley Haugh (term expiration 12-31-26)
- Vice President George Hernandez (term expiration 12-31-26)
- Treasurer Ray Howell (term expiration 12-31-26)

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

**Item 14: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the update of the Bowie County Courthouse smoking policy to ban smoking, vaping and the use of smokeless tobacco inside the Courthouse and designate a smoking area(s) outside the Courthouse (Corner on east side)
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Genesis eBonds Licensing and Service Provider Agreement.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the GOVOLUTION by Deluxe Master Subscription Agreement.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 17: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 18: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 19: On this 25th day of March, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 20: On this 25th day of March, 2024, 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 11, 2024). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 21: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 22: 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 25th day of March, 2024, 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.