

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 9th day of March, 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 3rd day of March, 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 Auditor Jennifer Beckett
- County Clerk Tina Petty
- County Legal Advisor Samuel Brown
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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 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Resolution in Support of the Sheriff Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program-Senate Bill 8 Application.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare surplus fixed assets #3496 Cat Motor Grader M9D00668 and #3497 Cat Motor Grader M9D00671 to be traded in on the purchase of new equipment for Precinct 3.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the purchase of two Cat Motor Graders Serial Numbers 0EB210304 and 0EB210316 from Holt Cat Sourcewell State Contract #011723-cat in the amount of \$354,230.05, less trade-in of \$95,000 for a cost of \$259,230.05 each, for Pct. 3-total cost for both is \$518,460.10.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Governmental Lease with Cat Financial for the financing of two Cat Motor Graders-Serial Numbers 0EB210304 and 0EB210316 for Pct. 3.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the preservation of records by Kofile for \$69,292.50 from TxMAS State Contract #23-92001 for the Bowie County District Clerk's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to make the following changes to the District Attorney's office labor table for FY2026.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give permission to advertise for a Request for Proposal for Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay on Smith Road RFP #2026-01.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

- Item 10:** On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare fixed asset inventory items surplus and permission for disposal.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 11:** On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the 2026-2027 County Solutions to address Commercial Sexual Exploitation Grant Resolution.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 12:** On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to sign the Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Property to DeKalb Independent School District.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 13:** On this 9th day of March, 2026, 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 14:** On this 9th day of March, 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 15:** On this 9th day of March, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (February 23, 2026).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 16:** Court recessed at 9:15 A.M. to go into Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections:
- a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code: Consultation with attorney regarding legal issue 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.

COURT RECONVENED AT 10:15 A.M.

Item 17: 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 9th day of March, 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.