

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 13th day of April, 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 7th day of April, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tom Whitten gave updates on TXDOT projects going on in Bowie County.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:05 A.M. when the following **ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES** were had and **ORDERED** spread upon the minutes of the Court to-wit.

Item 1: Public Comments were made by John Alquist-Wake Village, TX and Justin Binning-Texarkana, TX.

Item 2: Judge Howell responded to Public Comments.

Item 3: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

- Item 4: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to proclaim May as Community Action Month. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve a contract with Rec-TXK,LLC and Bowie County Sheriff's Office for \$377,943.88 from TIPS #5432. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the corrected agreement between Kofile and Bowie County District Clerk's Office for \$69,292.50 from TxMAS State Contract #23-92001. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to accept the resignation of Dwight Wilborn as Commissioner of the Bowie County Housing Authority and appoint David Dahman to serve as Commissioner for the remaining term ending October 31, 2027. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare Fixed Asset Inventory items #4706 and 2949 for Precinct 2 surplus and give permission for disposal. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the trade-in of fixed asset #4706 and 2949 in the amount of \$15,500 towards a New Holland Tractor and 15' wing cutter for Precinct 2. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of a New Holland Tractor and 15' wing cutter for Precinct 2 in the amount of \$101,157.60 minus the trade-in of \$15,500 for an actual cost of \$85,859.31. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids 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 12: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bid from Gibson (\$72,600) 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 13: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for request for proposal for Bowie County Road Materials, RFP #2026-02.

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

Item 14: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to give permission to advertise for request for proposal for Chipseal on Birdwell Davis Road, RFP #2026-03.

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

Item 15: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to give permission to advertise for request for proposal for Chipseal on Earnest Road, RFP #2026-04.

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

Item 16: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Regulations of Political Signs on Bowie County owned or controlled polling places.

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

Item 17: On this 13th day of April, 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 18: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 19: On this 13th day of April, 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 (March 23, 2026).

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

- Item 20: Court adjourned at 9:46 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 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.**

COURT RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M.

- Item 21: On this 13th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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.***
- Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.**
- Motion carried.**

On this 13th day of April, 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.