

***There was a Public Hearing held at 9:00 A.M. regarding the Reinvestment Zone Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussion, the hearing was closed at 9:01 A.M.***

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**APRIL 14, 2025**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 Certificates of Participation to the Commissioners by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.**

**Item 4: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

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

**Item 5: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to extend the Declaration of Disaster issued April 7, 2025.**

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

**Item 6: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain approving the creation of a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Bowie County Reinvestment Zone-Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC and located as described and depicted in the Application for Tax Abatement by Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC, and in the public notices published In accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.**

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

**Item 7: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter approving a Road Use Agreement between Bowie County and Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC, to address possible degradation of any county-maintained Roads in the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Bowie County Reinvestment Zone-Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC.**

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

**Item 8: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Rabbit's Foot Solar LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.**

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

**Item 9: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Animal Control InterLocal Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas and Bowie County.**

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

- Item 10:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the purchase of two Ford Transit Vans for \$113,474.40 for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office from Buyboard State Contract #724-23. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 11:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the reappointment of Fred Meisenheimer to the Board of Directors of TexAmericas Center for a two-year term of office expiring in June 2027. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 12:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Lease Agreement (vehicle) between Chad Ford and Bowie County for a term beginning March 21, 2025 thru December 31, 2025. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 13:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the contract between REC-TXK, LLC and the Bowie County Detention Center for \$33,906.60 from TIPS State Contract #5432. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 14:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for Chipseal on County Road 2204 in Precinct 2, RFP #2025-07. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 15:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for the Reconstruct of Copper Ridge Road in Precinct 2, RFP #2025-08. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.
- Item 16:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 17:** On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare surplus and sell at Purple Wave Auction the following item from Precinct 2: Asset 2296-2-Diamond boom saw head. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

**Item 18: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for March 2025.**

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

**Item 19: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 20: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, 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 21: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 24, 2025).**

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

**Item 22: Court recessed at 9:35 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 litigations.**
- 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 9:46 A.M.**

**Item 23: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to execute confidential settlement documents in resolution of dispute with FundView Software.**

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

**Item 24: 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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.**