

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 27th 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 21st 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
- County Legal Advisor Samuel Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:00 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 Steve Oglesby- New Boston, TX and Angela Breitknewtz- Emory, TX

Item 2: There was no Commissioners Court response to Public Comments.

Item 3: This item was passed regarding Proclaiming June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

- Item 4: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the renewal of the service agreement with DebtBook for debt, service agreement and lease management software.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Sheriffs' Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program (SB8).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to submit a request for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for Counties.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign a proclamation designating May as Mental Health Awareness Month.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Investment Report as of March 31, 2026.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending March 2026.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 27th day of April, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 11: On this 27th day of April, 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 12: On this 27th 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 (April 13, 2026).

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

Item 13: There was no adjournment 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.**

Item 14: 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 27th 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.**