

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. #2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of April, 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 5th day of April, 2024 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE 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 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: Public Comments were made by Sue Anderson, who is resigning from the Child Welfare Board.

Item 2: All Commissioners responded to Public Comments.

Item 3: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Judge Bobby Howell and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the appointment of Jay R. Womack to the vacated position of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the bond of Jay R. Womack as Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Place 2.

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

Item 5: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Road Use Agreement to be used for heavy vehicles over 84,000 pounds.

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

Item 6: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Petition to Cancel and Vacate Subdivision Plat and Replat of Red Hill Subdivision.

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

Item 7: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to amend the County leave policy to no longer include paid time off for Covid Leave.

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

Item 8: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of 16 ExpressVote BMD's, 16 ExpressVote Soft-Sided Cases and 15 ExpressVote Printers from Buyboard State Contract #710-23, in the amount of \$60,624.

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

Item 9: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to purchase three (3) 2023 Ford Explorers from Buyboard State Contract #601-19, in the amount of \$147,180.40 for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office from Senate Bill 22 Funds.

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

Item 10: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the service order between ClearGov and Bowie County, in the amount of \$31,200 from ARPA Funds.

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

- Item 11:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Lease Agreement #BO612C between Dealers First Financial L.L.C. and the Bowie County District Attorney's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 12:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for Level up blade patch and asphalt overlay on Barkman Creek Trace Road in Precinct 3, RFP #2024-01.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 13:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for Level up blade patch and chipseal on Barkman Creek Trace Road in Precinct 3, RFP #2024-02.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 14:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reject all bids and authorize the contract for Level up blade patch and asphalt overlay on Barkman Creek Trace Road in Precinct 3, RFP #2024-01 out of ARPA Funds.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 15:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bid from Sid & Son (\$57,213.00) and authorize the contract for Level up blade patch and chipseal on Barkman Creek Trace Road in Precinct 3, RFP #2024-01 out of ARPA Funds.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 16:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open bids for the purchase of one (1) 12/14-yard box dump truck for Precinct 3, RFB #2024-03.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.
- Item 17:** On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bid from Ledwell (\$151,535.00) and authorize the contract for the purchase of one (1) 12/14-yard box dump truck for Precinct 3, RFB #2024-03 out of ARPA Funds.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.

Item 18: On this 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 8th day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the 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 8th day of April, 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 25, 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 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 8th day of April, 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.