

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MAY 11, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 11th day of May, 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 5th day of May, 2026 with the **HONORABLE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

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| Sammy Stone (absent) | 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 Janet L. Johnson-Hooks, TX; Donna Hodges Hutson-DeKalb, TX; Alicia Utz-Texarkana, TX; Sheryl Stiles-New Boston, TX and Richie Grant-Texarkana, TX

Item 2: Judge Howell responded to Public Comments.

Item 3: Cherie Curtis and Brian Triplett spoke to the Court regarding Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Interpretation.

- Item 4: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas and the Bowie County Sheriff's Office for the 2025 BRYNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the reappointment of Matt Young, M.D. as the Bowie County Local Health Authority.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign the Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center Contract and Agreement for Detention and Residential Placement.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids 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 8: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bid from H.V. Caver 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 9: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open bids 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 10: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bid from H.V. Caver 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 11: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to give permission to advertise for request for bids for the Sale of a Dump Truck, RFB #2026-05.

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

Item 12: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to advertise for request for proposal for Hydraulic Elevator Maintenance Services, RFP #2026-06.

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

Item 13: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Transit Van for \$56,580.75 for the Bowie County Juvenile Probation Office from TIPS State Contract #260204.

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

Item 14: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 15: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for March 2026.

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

Item 16: On this 11th day of May, 2026, 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 17: On this 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 18: On this 11th day of May, 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 27, 2026).

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

Item 19: There was no adjournment into Executive Closed 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 20: 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 11th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.