

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MAY 12, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12th day of May, 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 9th day of May, 2025 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 Samuel Brown**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:01 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 by Rea Donna Jones, Director of the Texarkana MPO concerning the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant application.

- Item 4: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bond of Amy Burnett as payroll clerk. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Investment Report as of March 31, 2025. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2025. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for April, 2025. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to open bids 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 10: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to table approving or rejecting bids and authorizing the contract 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 11: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for request for proposals for the Reconstruction 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 12: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to table approving or rejecting bids and authorizing the contract for request for proposals for the Reconstruction 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 13: On this 12th day of May, 2025, 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 14: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 15: On this 12th day of May, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (April 28, 2025).

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

Motion carried.

Item 16: There was no Adjournment of 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 17: 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 12th day of May, 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.