

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MAY 13, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 13th 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 10th day of May, 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: There was no Public Comments.

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

Item 4: There was a presentation given by Brian Triplett for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office Presentation.

- Item 3: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Contract and agreement between Correct Solutions LLC and Bowie County for inmate telephone and communications services. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain 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 6: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to submit a request for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits Counties. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a \$50 a month cell phone allowance for Lance Cline, Jerl Palmore, Aaron Ragland, Jason Haak and Randle Smolarz from the District Attorney's Office. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give permission to advertise for Request for Proposals for Autopsy Transport for Bowie County. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare the fixed asset listing surplus and request permission for disposal. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to declare surplus and sell at Purple Wave Auction the following items from Precinct 3: Asset 4973-2014 Mack Truck. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for the month ending April 30, 2024. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

Item 12: On this 13th day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 13: On this 13th day of May, 2024, 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 14: On this 13th day of May, 2024, 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 22, 2024). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 15: Court recessed at 9:19 A.M. to go in Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725. Court reconvened at 9:40 A.M.

Item 16: 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.* Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

On this 13th day of May, 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.