

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MAY 26, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 26th 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 19th day of May, 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

Commissioner Mike Carter spoke about the Veteran's Assistance Grant

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:08 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: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 4: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of two (2) 2026 Ford civilian model Explorers and three (3) 2026 Ford patrol model Explorers for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office and one (1) 2026 Ford civilian model Explorer for the Bowie County Detention Center for \$233,133.00 from TIPS State Contract #260204.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Amended 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 6: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement between Bowie County, Texas and COIM USA, Inc., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table to approve the addendum to the Bowie County Travel & Meal Policy.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for Bowie County Road Materials, RFP #2026-02.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 26th day of May, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to table to approve or reject bids for Bowie County Road Materials, RFP #2026-02.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 26th day of May, 2026, 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 11: On this 26th 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 12: On this 26th 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 (May 11, 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 26th day of May, 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.**