

There was a Public Hearing held beginning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the 2025 PROPOSED LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussion, the hearing was closed at 9:00 A.M.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23rd day of June, 2025, 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 20th day of June, 2025 with the HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL absent and Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 Official:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett
- County Clerk Tina Petty
- County Legal Advisor Samuel Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:02 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 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a 2025 mandatory payment rate of 6% of net patient revenue for the Bowie County Local Provider Participation Fund, pursuant to §292.151 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

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

Item 4: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to sign a Proclamation declaring June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

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

Item 5: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a resolution and authorize the Election Administrator to apply for a 2025 HAVA Election Security Sub-Grant through the Secretary of State Office.

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

Item 6: On this 23rd day of June 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve InterLocal Cooperation Agreements with the cities of DeKalb, Hooks, Nash, Wake Village and the Independent School Districts of DeKalb, Maud, Pleasant Grove, Redwater and Simms for the housing of certain inmates.

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

Item 7: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a contract between the Bowie County Sheriff's Office and Axon Enterprise, Inc.

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

Item 8: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for request for proposals for Autopsy Transport in Bowie County, RFP #2025-10.

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

Item 9: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to table and appoint a Committee consisting of Susie Spellings, Nancy Talley, Tom Whitten and Brandon Allison regarding bids and authorizing the contract of request of proposals for Autopsy Transport in Bowie County, RFP #2025-10.

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

Item 10: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to table establishing Bowie County Travel Policy. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the 2025 Fixed Asset Inventory. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 23rd day of June, 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 13: On this 23rd day of June, 2025, 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 23rd day of June, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court. Motion was put to a vote and 3 Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Commissioner Tom Whitten abstained. Motion carried.

Item 15: There was no adjournment for 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 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.*

On this 23rd day of June, 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.