

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 4-Mike Carter, New Boston, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JULY 14, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 14th day of July, 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 11th day of July, 2025 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL** absent and Commissioner Tom Whitten present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone	Commissioner Pct. #1
Tom Whitten	Commissioner Pct. #2
James Strain (absent)	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
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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: Public Comments were made by Marilyn Reynolds, Maud, TX.

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

**Item 3: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to allow the Election Administrator to use Section 31 (Acct. 125.492.486) to purchase: Verity Trolley Ballot Carts to comply with Section 20 of HB2753 at approximately \$5400 and Generators and supplies for emergency power supply for vote centers at approximately \$7000.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 4: This line item was passed regarding approving the Presiding and Alternate Judges to be placed in the Election Worker Pool List.

**Item 5: On This 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a payment of Bond/Series 2018 and Bond/Series 2021.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to open bids for request for proposals for Jail Commissary Services for the Bowie County Detention Center, RFP #2025-11.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to table bids and authorize the contract for request for proposals for Jail Commissary Services for the Bowie County detention Center, RFP #2025-11.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to bring back to the table the bids 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 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the bid from Tri-State and authorize the contract 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 10: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to give permission to sign a Limited Power of Attorney for Eligible Motor Vehicle Transactions.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.**

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a lease agreement between Bowie County Sheriff's Office and Reliance Refrigeration & Restaurant Supply for ice machines. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a lease agreement between the Bowie County Sheriff's Office and Ecolab for a dishwasher. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bond of Ellen Eubanks and Kim McNatt. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 14: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 15: On this 14th day of July, 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 16: On this 14th day of July, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (June 23, 2025). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 17: 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 issue 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 18: 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 14th day of July, 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.