

There was a Public Hearing held beginning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the 2024 PROPOSED LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet. 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

JULY 8, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of July, 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 3rd day of July, 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 9:01 A.M. when the following **ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES** were hand 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 given by Texas Association of Counties for Bowie County's mid-year review of health insurance pool.**
- Item 4: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Law Enforcement Mutual Assistance Agreement between the Bowie County Sheriff's Office and the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Police Department.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the 2025 Sheriff and Constables Fees.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a 2024 mandatory payment rate of 6% of net patient revenue for the Bowie County Local Provider Participation, 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 7: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to open RFP's for the Management of Information Technology Services for Bowie County, RFP#2024-06.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table and appoint a committee regarding the RFPs for the Management of Information Technology Services for Bowie County, RFP#2024-06. The committee will consist of Lance Hall, Jennifer Beckett, Judge Howell, Jeff Neal and Tina Petty.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 8th day of July, 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 10: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 11: On this 8th day of July, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (June 24, 2024).

Motion was put to a vote and three (3) Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Commissioner James Strain abstained.

Motion carried.

Item 12: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 13: 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 8th day of July, 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.