

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**AUGUST 12, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, with the HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.**

<b>Sammy Stone</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #1</b>
<b>Tom Whitten</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #2</b>
<b>James Strain</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #3</b>
<b>Mike Carter</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. #4</b>

**Also in attendance were the following County Officials:**

- **County Auditor Jennifer Beckett**
- **County Clerk Tina Petty**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**None**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**Court convened at 9:00 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 Sam Goldsmith, Austin TX.**

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

**Item 3: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign a Retainer Agreement for redistricting of Justice of the Peace Precincts.**

**Commissioner James Strain-Yes  
Commissioner Tom Whitten-No  
Commissioner Mike Carter-Yes  
Commissioner Sammy Stone-No  
Judge Howell-Yes**

**Motion was put to a vote and two (2) Commissioners voted yes and two (2) Commissioners voted no, Judge Howell voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 4: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize setting date of September 23, 2024, for a Public Hearing and posting of notice for consideration of an application and agreement for tax abatement, deemed to be in due form from Braven Environmental, L.L.C.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 5: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to bring back from the table, 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 6: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve RFP (RoundTable) for the Management of Information Technology Services for Bowie County, RFP #2024-06.**

**Commissioner James Strain-Yes  
Commissioner Tom Whitten-No  
Commissioner Mike Carter-Yes  
Commissioner Sammy Stone-No  
Judge Howell-Yes**

**Motion was put to a vote and two (2) Commissioners voted yes and two (2) Commissioners voted no, Judge Howell voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve, as required by Article XVI Section 65 of the Texas Constitution, the "Order of Election" for the November 5, 2024 General Election.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Election Day and Early Voting Locations for the November 5, 2024, General Election.**

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

**Item 9: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the appointment of Judges and Alternate Judges from the names that appear on the "Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternate Judges" for the November 5, 2024, General/Joint Election.**

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

**Item 10: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Clerk to sign the agreement with Tyler Technologies for Tyler Meeting Manager.**

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

**Item 11: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve County Child Welfare Services Contract #HHS000285000030 for Fiscal Year 2025.**

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

**Item 12: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve County Legal Services Contract #HHS000285100031 for Fiscal Year 2025.**

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

**Item 13: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024 a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize County Judge to sign Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear Program with Texas Department of Public Safety.**

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

**Item 14: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to increase the per diem rate to \$59 a day, effective October 1, 2024.**

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

**Item 15: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Bowie County Precincts' Road & Bridge funds allocation percentages to be 15% - 15% - 35% - 35%, effective October 1, 2024.**

**Commissioner James Strain-Yes  
Commissioner Tom Whitten-No  
Commissioner Mike Carter-Yes  
Commissioner Sammy Stone-No  
Judge Howell-Yes**

**Motion was put to a vote and two (2) Commissioners voted yes and two (2) Commissioners vote no, Judge Howell voted yes.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Lease Agreement #BO614A between Dealers First Financial L.L.C. and the Bowie County District Judges' Office.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 17: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve Aircraft Hull and Liability Insurance for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office from Starr Indemnity & Liability Company.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 18: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the TIPS State Contract #24010401 HVAC project for \$315,000 for the Bowie County Detention Center, \$175,248.66 will be paid with ARPA Funds and \$139,751.34 will be paid out of General Operating Funds.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 19: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Auditor's Monthly report for June 2024 and July 2024.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 20: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 21: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 22: On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 (July 22, 2024).**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 23: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.**

**Item 24: 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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.**