

*There was a Public Hearing held beginning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the County Clerk's Archive Plan for 2021-2022. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussion, the hearing was closed at 9:01 A.M.*

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
AUGUST 23, 2021**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 with the HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone (absent)	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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judge Howell stated that unemployment rates were improving.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 9:03 A.M. when the following ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES were hand an 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with BancorpSouth Equipment Finance for the purchase of three (3) Mack Trucks for Pct. 4. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

**Item 4: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Order to Approve Online Education for County Commissioners. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

**Item 5: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to bring back from the table RFP's for Information Technology Services and infrastructure buildout services at the Bowie County Offices. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept the RFP's (Round Table) for Information Technology Services and infrastructure buildout services at the Bowie County Offices. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to adopt the proposed Bowie County Tax Rate for 2021 tax year.**

**Commissioner Sammy Stone-absent  
Commissioner Tom Whitten-yes  
Commissioner James Strain-yes  
Commissioner Mike Carter-yes  
Judge Howell-yes**

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

**Item 8: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Service Agreement with Texas Association of Counties County Information Resources Agency (TAC CIRA) for the Bowie County 2022 Website Plan. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

**Item 9: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the County Clerk's Archive Plan for FY 2021-2022. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

- Item 10: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a 2021 mandatory payment of 1.1% of net patient revenue for the Bowie County Local Provider Participation Fund, pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code 292.151.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Bond for Auditor Jennifer Beckett.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Texarkana, Texas and Bowie County regarding the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Mail Handling Services Agreement with Tech Friends, Inc., and Bowie County Sheriff's Office.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Non-Terminal Agency Agreement with Red Lick ISD, DeKalb PD, DeKalb ISD, Maud PD, Maud ISD, Wake Village PD, Nash PD, Liberty-Eylau ISD, Texas A&M-Texarkana, Texarkana College PD, Hooks PD, Texarkana ISD and Pleasant Grove ISD.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the nomination of Tom Whitten to the 2022-2023 Bowie Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Interlocal Agreement for a Joint Election with Pleasant Grove ISD.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

- Item 19: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare surplus 2014 Mack CHU613 Truck VIN #1M2AN07Y5EM016780.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 20: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the trade-in of the 2014 Mack CHU613 Truck for a 2021 Brazos Belly Dump Trailer.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 21: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2021.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 22: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, 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 23: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain 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 24: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, 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 (August 9, 2021).  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 25: Court recessed at 9:28 A.M. to go into Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigations as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.  
Court reconvened at 9:47 A.M.**
- Item 17: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Bowie County Elections Office Information Security Policy (ISP)-Confidential Document.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 18: On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Bowie County Elections Office Vendor Risk Management Policy.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adjourn.**

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

**Motion carried.**