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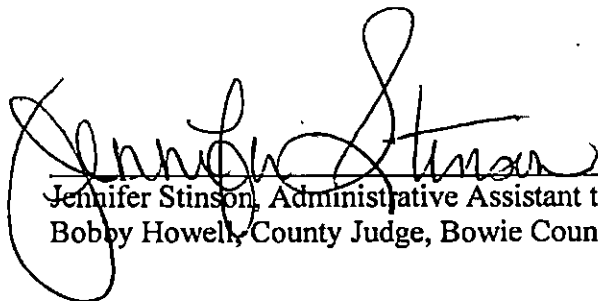
## INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 3:00 PM

Council Chambers  
City of Texarkana, Texas

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider and take action to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled meeting on April 9, 2025.
4. Quarterly CRC Report
5. Quarterly Maintenance Report
6. Quarterly Finance Report
7. Consider and take action to approve the FY26 Budget
8. Next Meeting: January 14, 2026
9. Adjourn

  
Jennifer Stinson, Administrative Assistant to  
Bobby Howell, County Judge, Bowie County, Texas



## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 3:00 PM

TAPD Training Room  
Bi-State Justice Building

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bowie County, Texas: Judge Bobby Howell and Commissioner Tom Whitten

Chamber of Commerce:

City of Texarkana, Arkansas: Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Steve Thompson

City of Texarkana, Texas: Mayor Bob Bruggeman

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Bi-State Justice Building: Manager Larry Vaden, Trevor Frost

Bowie County: Robby McCarver

Chamber of Commerce: Kellie Hickerson

City of Texarkana, Arkansas: Tyler Richards, Shena Washington

City of Texarkana, Texas: Steve Thompson

CRC: Manager Wendy Herring, Maegan McBain-Terry

1. Judge Howell called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Bob Bruggeman
3. Consider and take action to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled meeting on January 15, 2025.

Steve Thompson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mayor Bob Bruggeman. The motion carried.

4. Update on renovations of Texarkana, Arkansas District Courtroom.

Larry Vader discussed the damages and discussions with insurance company. He stated the actual cost was around \$212,000.00, but the insurance did not want to pay stating some was normal wear and tear and not due to the damage. Larry Vader was unsure what the outcome of negotiations. Tyler Richards stated the insurance company paid \$60,000 which included depreciation value. The insurance stated they would not be paying anymore due to their stance they do not pay for items caused by normal wear and tear. Commissioner Whitten requested a copy of the letter to review. Mayor Bruggeman asked if there as a possibility of appealing the insurance company's decision. Tyler Richards stated he had gone all the way up to John Wells, and was told nothing more could be done. Mr. Richards further states there was money budgeted for various items that would not be used. Those funds could be moved over to help offset the uncovered cost.

5. Quarterly CRC Report

Wendy Herring discussed the CRC report. No questions were asked.

6. Maintenance Report

Larry Vaden gave a demonstration on a timing device that would help stop overflows in the jail. Inmates are causing issues with plumbing by shoving material in toilets to clog them and continuing to flush to cause overflows. The device created by Kenny has a sensor that checks water flow. If water is not going down the pipe it senses it and stops the ability to flush until the line is clear. He answered several questions and stated they will be installing these in all jail cells to help with the issue. He has a plumbing contractor coming next week to look at a retrofit up to the cast iron. He will update at next meeting. He stated he has had 115 maintenance calls. 121 lightbulb changes. Director Brewer asked about the type of bulb utilized for replacement. Mr. Vador stated slowly changing over to LED. Judge Howell expressed appreciation for the work done.

7. Financial Report

Shena Washington introduced herself. She stated the budget is on target for the first quarter, and it looks good

8. Mayor Bruggeman stated the new alert system was active. Wendy stated the agencies will push out on social media. Hardin will push out for Bowie County. The system added severe weather warning with larger notices going out. It goes out much faster than Code Red.

9. Ulysses Brewer made a motion to adjourn. Tom Whitten second. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned