

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 9th day of December, 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 6th day of December, 2024 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone

Tom Whitten

James Strain

Mike Carter

Commissioner Pct. #1

Commissioner Pct. #2

Commissioner Pct. #3

Commissioner Pct. #4

Also in attendance was the following County Official:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett

And the following Staff Member also present:

- County Clerk Chief Deputy Denise Thornburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:01 A.M. when the following **ORDERS, JUDGMENTS and DECREES** were had 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: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to declare fixed asset inventory items surplus and permission for disposal.

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

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open bids for request for proposals for the upgrade of the front elevator in the Bowie County Courthouse, RFP #2025-03.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the bid from CAMCO Elevator (\$88,865.56) and authorize the contract for the upgrade of the front elevator in the Bowie County Courthouse, RFP #2025-03.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve moving the JP 4 Clerk to JP 5 and set the salary at \$31,326, effective January 1st, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a bond for Dillon Wade Gardner, Constable Pct. 3.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve bonds for James Strain, Sammy Stone, Mike Carter, Susie Spellings, Jeff Neal, Donna Burns, Chad Ford, Russell Crawford, Robert Caudle and Nancy Talley.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for hot mix asphalt overlay on Presley Road in Precinct 1, RFP #2025-06.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 10: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for request for proposals for The Bowie County Fiber Ring, RFP #2025-04.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

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**Item 11: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bid by Four States Fiber and authorize the contract for The Bowie County Fiber Ring, RFP #2025-04.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2025 Payroll Calendar.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 9th day of December, 2024, 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 14: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 15: On this 9th day of December, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (November 25, 2024).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 16: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 17: 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 9th day of December, 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.