

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MARCH 27, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 27th day of March, 2023, 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 24th day of March, 2023 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

Commissioner James Strain spoke about the openings of Loves Truck Stop and State Bank.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:02 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 Mr. Mike Sandefur, Texarkana, TX.

Item 2: Commissioner James Strain responded to Public Comments.

Item 3: There was a presentation given to the Court by Stacy Tidwell regarding the Proclamation from Governor Abbott, declaring March as **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**.

- Item 4: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Resolution Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution requesting the resale of properties acquired by the Bowie Central Appraisal District, Trustee at Delinquent Tax Sales, per Exhibit A.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reappoint John Paul Sellers and Ben Franks to a one (1) year term effective January 1, 2023; Larry Meadows, Ron Rogers and Steve Hawkins to a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2023, to the Emergency Services District #5 Board.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Order of Appointment for Election Judges & Central Count.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Texarkana ISD for May 6, 2023 Election.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Bowie County and Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept a donation from a private citizen, in the amount of \$300.00.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 11: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Bowie County and Texas Department of Criminal Justice Facility (Telford Unit). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign a Resolution approving the execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to replace a bridge located at Sherwood Forest Road and Aiken Creek. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 14: On this 27th day of March, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 15: On this 27th day of March, 2023, 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 (March 13, 2023). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 16: Court recessed at 9:26 A.M. to go into Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725. Court reconvened at 9:37 A.M.

On this 27th day of March, 2023, 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.