

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**APRIL 22, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 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**

Judge Howell spoke about the unemployment rate.

**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: There was no Public Comments.

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

Item 3: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to request permission to advertise for request for proposals for IT Services for Bowie County.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 4: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Election Services between Liberty Eylau ISD and Bowie County for the lease of an Express Vote (Ballot Marking Device) at the rate of \$203.25 per day of use.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 5: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Deployment Team pay at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to declare the fixed asset listing surplus and request permission for disposal of the items.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare surplus and sell at Purple Wave Auction the following items from Precinct 3: Asset 1135-Ford Winch Truck, Asset 3132-1986 Ford Dump Truck, Asset 3343-2005 Ford 350 and Asset 4128-1986 GMC Dump Truck.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the bond of Gerald Rankin as Justice of the Peace.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 9: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2024.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 10: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Treasurer's Investment Report as of March 31, 2024.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 11: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for March 2024.**

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

**Item 12: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 13: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024, 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 14: On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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 (April 8, 2024).**

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

**Item 15: Court recessed at 9:09 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 9:22 A.M.**

**Item 16: 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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.**