

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**MAY 28, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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**

Commissioner Tom Whitten spoke about NE Transportation meeting update on construction projects.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

Court convened at 9:08 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to sign a Proclamation declaring June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- Item 4: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reappoint Darla Dike and Jane Forrester to the Bowie County Child Welfare Board.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for the sale of property located at 424 W. Broad Street, Texarkana, TX, RFB #2024-04.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bid from John Delk (\$1000.00) for the sale of property located at 424 W. Broad Street, Texarkana, TX, RFB #2024-04.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the installation, disposal and purchase of new flooring for the 141 Plaza West Building from TIPS State Contract #24010401, in the amount of \$287,016.84 from ARPA funds.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution For the Resale of Properties acquired by Bowie Central Appraisal District as presented, Exhibit A.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Final Plat of Sunny Acres.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the following revisions to the Tax Assessor ARPA Budget: reduce furniture/office supplies line by \$1,960.00 and add a new line for office Polo Shirts.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 11: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the contract between Bowie County Sheriff's Office and Branson Tower.**

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

**Item 12: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Contract #450-7981558-005 renewal between Bowie County District Judges' offices and Ashley Office Systems.**

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

**Item 13: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2024.**

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

**Item 14: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, 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 15: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 16: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 (May 13, 2024).**

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

**Item 17: Court recessed at 9:21 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 9:30 A.M.**

**Item 18: On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to sign a Fee Agreement with Demarco Mitchell, PLLC to represent Bowie County in the Steward Bankruptcy Case.**

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

**Item 19: 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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.**