

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of June, 2026, 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 2nd day of June, 2026 with the **HONORABLE 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 were the following County Officials:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett
- County Clerk Tina Petty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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: Public Comments were made by Christal Phiffer Prince, Hooks, TX; Robin Buchanan, Texarkana, TX and Paula Sorenson, Hooks, TX.

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

Item 3: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to proclaim 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 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to bring back to the table the addendum to the Bowie County Travel & Meal Policy.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the addendum to the Bowie County Travel & Meal Policy.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to bring back to the table bids for Bowie County Road Materials, RFP #2026-02.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve all bids for Bowie County Road Materials, RFP #2026-02.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to sign the 2026-2027 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation with Texas Associations.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to open bids for the Sale of a Dump Truck, RFB #2026-05.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bid from Bubba Green (\$3500) for the Sale of a Dump Truck, RFB #2026-05.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for Hydraulic Elevator Maintenance Services, RFP #2026-06.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 12: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table the bids for Hydraulic Elevator Maintenance Services, RFP #2026-06.

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

Item 13: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve for the Election Administrator to purchase meals for election workers on elections days.

Commissioner James Strain rescinded his motion on Item 13, for correction.

On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to change the agenda item from just straight Election workers on Election days to Central Count Election Workers and Deployment Workers.

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

Item 14: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for April and May 2026.

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

Item 15: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the 2026 Fixed Asset Inventory.

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

Item 16: On this 8th day of June, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2026.

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

Item 17: On this 8th day of June, 2026, 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 18: On this 8th day of June, 2026, 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 19: On this 8th day of June, 2026, 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 (May 26, 2026).

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

Motion carried.

Item 20: There was no Adjournment into Executive Session pursuant to the following Sections:

a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; Consultation with attorney regarding legal issues relating to pending or contemplated litigation.

b. Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation of the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; Personnel Matters

d. Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code; Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

Item 21: 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 8th day of June, 2026, 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.