

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JULY 13, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 13th day of July, 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 7th day of July, 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:

David Grant, Texarkana, TX

George Green, Nash, TX

Richie Grant, Texarkana, TX

Christal Prince, Hooks, TX

Danny Proctor, Texarkana, TX

Tom Parsons, Texarkana, TX

Justin Koch, Texarkana, TX

Paula Sorenson, Hooks, TX

Alicia Utz, Texarkana, TX

Sandy Burton, Texarkana, TX

Item 2: Judge Howell and Commissioner Mike Carter responded to Public Comments.

Item 3: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve a Resolution supporting legislation to create a Regional Groundwater Conservation District.

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

Motion carried.

COURT RECESSED FOR A BREAK AT 10:04 A.M.

COURT RECONVENED AT 10:10 A.M.

Item 4: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the updated Purchase Agreement of one Cat 317 TC Excavator-Serial Number ONDX20218 from Holt Cat Sourcewell State Contract #011723-cat for \$196,621.02 with a down payment cost of \$30,000 and a lease cost of \$166,621.02 for Pct. 4.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Service Agreement between the Bowie County Auditor's Office and Planet Bids from TIPS state contract #230105 for \$10,200.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sam Stone to approve the cell phone allowance for Mitzi Randall for the Juvenile Probation Department.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign Juvenile Detention Contracts with Bell County, Taylor County, Rite of Passage and Victoria County.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Bulletproof Vest OMB Grant #1121-0235 for Bowie County Constable, Precinct 3, in the amount of \$326.23 from the Department of Justice.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to appoint Roy Beckett as the Administrator of the Nuisance Abatement Program.

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Jail Contracts with DeKalb ISD, Maud ISD, City of DeKalb, Pleasant Grove ISD, Redwater ISD, City of Hooks, City of Nash, City of Wake Village and Simms ISD.

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

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a payment of Bond/Series 2018 and Bond/Series 2021.

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

Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Service Agreement between UT Southwestern Medical Center and Bowie County.

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

Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to accept the Annual Financial Report and Single Audit report for Year Ended September 30, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Item 14: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Order Revising Election Precincts.

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

Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 13th day of July, 2026, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 16: On this 13th day of July, 2026, 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 17: On this 17th day of July, 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 (June 22, 2026).

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

Item 18: 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 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 13th day of July, 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.**