

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. #3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 22nd day of September, 2025, 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 16th day of September, 2025 with the **HONORABLE 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 Samuel Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:01 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 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and the City of Texarkana, Texas regarding Levy, Collection and Apportionment of certain TABC Fees.

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

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution Authorizing County Grant Program Year 2026 for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meal Grant Program.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the bonds of Bobby Howell, Craig Henry and Jennifer Beckett.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Juvenile Probation cell phone allowances.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the 2025-2026 State Crisis Intervention Grant Program Resolution.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2025-2026 Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention Grant Resolution.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Order Setting Commissioners Court for FY26.

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule.

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

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to pay Four States Fiber payments of \$213,995.00 and \$435,992.00 from RP Funds for the Bowie County Fiber Ring Project. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for August 2025. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 14: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, 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 15: On this 22nd day of September, 2025, 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 (September 8, 2025). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 16: 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 17: 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 22nd day of September, 2025, 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.