

There was a Public Hearing held at 9:00 A.M. regarding the proposed Bowie County Tax Agreement with Braven Environmental L.L.C. on property owned by TexAmericas located within a statutory reinvestment zone under Section 312.4011 Tax Code. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussion the hearing was closed at 9:01 A.M.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23rd day of September, 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 20th day of September, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tom Whitten spoke about the Department of Transportation.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:02 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 Adam Huggins, New Boston, TX.

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

Item 3: There was a presentation by Charter Communications.

Item 4: There was a presentation by Cherrie Curtis for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

Item 5: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Proclamation Proclaiming October 6-12, 2024, as National 4-H Week in Texas.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve Tax Abatement Agreement (1) with Braven Environmental L.L.C., on property owned by TexAmericas located within a statutory investment zone under Section 312.4011, Tax Code (2), consisting of 75 acres in the J.H. Mitchell Survey near Hooks, Texas, (3) for construction and operation of an environmental project, (4) with an estimated investment of \$361.8 million in improvements.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the contract between Round Table Networks and Bowie County for IT services.

On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table the contract between Round Table Networks and Bowie County for IT services.

Commissioner James Strain rescinded his second on approval of contract.

Commissioner Mike Carter withdrew his motion on approval of contract.

Commissioner Tom Whitten rescinded his second on motion to table.

Commissioner Sammy Stone withdrew his motion to table.

This item was passed until Commissioners could review the contract.

Item 8: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Amended Bowie County Detention Center Senate Bill 22 Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

Item 9: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay on Randal Road, RFP #2025-01.

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

Item 10: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay on Cummings Lane, RFP #2025-02

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

Item 11: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Resolution Authorizing Application for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program FY 2025, Grant #4823502.

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

Item 12: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to declare Fixed Asset Inventory items surplus and permission for disposal.

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

Item 13: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give Precinct 3 permission to sell asset 1104-644D John Deere Loader to Red River County Precinct 4, for \$100.

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

Item 14: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the 2024-2025 Renewal and Benefit Confirmation.

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

Item 15: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to sign Resolution Approving Assignment of Private Activity Bond Authority to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Containing Other Provisions Relating to the Subject.

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

- Item 16: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to sign Amendment to Agreement between Tyler Technologies and Bowie County. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Amendment to the Exclusive Agreement for Ground Ambulance Service for Bowie County, Texas with LifeNet, Inc. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 18: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to allow Service Dogs as defined by the ADA and ban all other pets from Bowie County buildings. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 19: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Amended Voting Locations for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 20: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to amend the "Order of Election" for the November 5, 2024, General Election, as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 21: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Notice of General Election for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 22: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the Elections Administrator to enter into Joint Election Agreements with Pleasant Grove ISD and Simms ISD for the November 5, 2024, General Election. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

Item 23: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Election Office Policy titled “Rules of Procedure Relating to the Public Inspection of Sensitive Election Documents” (Amended). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 24: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for August 2024. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 25: There were no budget adjustments (line item transfers).

Item 26: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, 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 27: On this 23rd day of September, 2024 a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to correct the minutes as an Order of the Court (September 9, 2024, Item #9 to reflect 9:00). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 28: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 29: 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.*

**COURT RECESSED AT 10:02 A.M. TO REVIEW CONTRACT FOR AGENDA ITEM #7
COURT RECONVENED AT 10:32 A.M.**

Item 7: On this 23rd day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Amended (Corrected) contract between Round Table Networks and Bowie County for IT services. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

On this 24th day of September, 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.