

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 25th day of September, 2023, 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 22nd day of September, 2023 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 Legal Advisor Randle Smolarz

And the following staff member also present:

- County Clerk Chief Deputy Denise Thornburg

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 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a proclamation Proclaiming October 1-7, 2023 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 4: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve amendments to the Windstream Phone/Fiber Contract.

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

Item 5: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to authorize the County Judge to execute First Contract Renewal Participating Entity Services Agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Services (SAVNS).

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

Item 6: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an order designating the day of week on which Commissioner Court will convene in a regular term.

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

Item 7: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Judge Bobby Howell and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to nominate Commissioner Mike Carter to the 2023-2024 Bowie Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

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

Item 8: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a purchasing agreement with OMNIA Intergovernmental Cooperative.

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

Item 9: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open request for proposals for the repair of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.

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

Item 10: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to table and review the request for proposals for the repair of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.

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

- Item 11: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open request for proposals for the replacement of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to table and review the request for proposals for the replacement of two elevators for the Bowie County Detention Center. (Judge Howell also appointed a committee consisting of Jeff Neal, Jennifer Beckett and James Strain).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the changes to the District Attorney Labor Table for FY 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the changes to the District Clerk Records Management Labor table for FY 2024.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Workers' Compensation renewal.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the bond of Jennifer Beckett as County Auditor.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Texarkana Texas and Bowie County regarding the 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 18: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the contract for the purchase of Body Cams from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 19: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the contract for the purchase of fleet vehicles from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 20: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the purchase of 18 ExpressVote Universal Voting System from ES&S under BuyBoard Contract #710-23, in the amount of \$73,260.00 to meet the requirements of SB924.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 21: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to give permission to advertise for request for proposals for Asphalt Concrete Paving, Type D to complete Akin Road construction in Precinct 2.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 22: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open request for proposals for South State Line Road and Iris Lane in Precinct 1.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 23: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to table and review the chip and seal request for proposals for South State Line and Iris Lane in Precinct 1.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 24: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the purchase of a Kyocera M2540 DN Copier for \$548.00 from OMNIA state contract number R-191102 for Justice of the Peace 5.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 25: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the service agreement #2612 between 3N1 and Bowie County Justice of the Peace 5.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 26: On this 25th day of September, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for August, 2023.

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

Item 27: On this 25th day of September, 2023, 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 28: On this 25th day of September, 2023, 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 29: On this 25th day of September, 2023, 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 (September 11, 2023-Regular Session and September 15, 2023-Special Session).

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

Item 30: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 30: There was no action to authorize the County Judge to execute settlement participation and release forms regarding confidential partial settlement offers 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 25th day of September, 2023, 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.**