

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2022 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: There was presentation given by Cherrie Curtis regarding Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Interpretation. Brian Triplett also spoke to the Court.**

**Item 4: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Proclamation declaring October 2-8, 2022, as National 4-H Week.**

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

**Item 5: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and TexAmericas Center regarding a grant application with the Texas Department of Agriculture.**

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

**Item 6: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Supplemental Appointment of Judges and Alternate Judges for the November 8, 2022 General/Joint Election.**

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

**Item 7: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve Interlocal Agreements between Bowie County and the City of Hooks, City of New Boston, City of Maud, City of Wake Village and the City of Nash for Volunteer Fire Department Services.**

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

**Item 8: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve signing an Order designating day of week on which Court will convene in a regular term (the second and fourth Monday of the month at 9:00 A.M.).**

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

**Item 9: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the 2023 Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution.**

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

**Item 10: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to accept the approved salaries for the Auditor, Auditor Assistants and Court Reporters salaries for the 2022-2023 fiscal budget year.**

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

- Item 11: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to open bids for the purchase of one (1) 51-foot HydraTail, Pct. 4.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept bids (Ledwell \$105,240.10) for the purchase of one (1) 51-foot HydraTail, Pct. 4.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to open bids for Long-Term Disability Benefits for Bowie County.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to accept bids (Mutual of Omaha) for Long-Term Disability Benefits for Bowie County.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of (3) three Ford Transit Wagons from Buyboard Contract #521-16 in the amount of \$134,191.60 to be funded by ARPA funds designated for the Sheriff's Department.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to declare surplus the following: 2013 Ford Van, VIN# 1FBSS3BL5DDA07959 and 2009 Ford Van, VIN# 1FBSS31L09DA088946, Sheriff's Department.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve bonds for Jennifer Beckett, Catherine Hawkins and Mary Hankins.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 18: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare Fixed Asset Inventory as surplus.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 19: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Worker's Compensation renewal for January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024.**

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

**Item 20: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain 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 21: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 22: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the minutes (with correction) as an Order of the Court.**

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

**Item 23: Court recessed at 9:37 A.M. to go into Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.  
Court reconvened at 10:15 A.M.**

**On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, 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.**