

There was a Public Hearing held beginning at 9:00 A.M. Everyone in attendance was asked to sign a sign-in sheet and after discussions and concerns were heard, the hearing was closed at 9:01 A.M.

- **ADOPTING THE 2025 TAX YEAR LEVY**

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States

**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th 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 2nd 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: Public Comments were made by: Judy Chapman-Texarkana, TX; Armando Sanchez, Jr.-Texarkana, TX; and Stacy Chapman-Texarkana, TX.

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

Item 3: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adopt the 2025 Tax Year Levy.

- Commissioner James Strain Yes
- Commissioner Tom Whitten No
- Commissioner Sammy Stone Yes
- Commissioner Mike Carter Yes
- Judge Howell Yes

Motion was put to a vote and three (3) Commissioners voted yes and one (1) Commissioner Tom Whitten voted no.

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to permit CHRISTUS Health to use a portion of the property sale proceeds from a facility located outside of Bowie County, Texas to finance healthcare facilities located in Bowie County, Texas.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the 2026 Sheriff's and Constable's Fees.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Bowie County 2025-2026 renewal notice and benefit confirmation for TAC.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement between Bowie County and TAC HEBP.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Bowie County CSI program for 2025-2026 plan year.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Service Agreement between Bowie County Detention Center and Waste Management.

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to correct amount on BuyBoard State Contract #710-23 between ES&S and Bowie County Elections Office for Ballot on Demand printers in the amount of \$108,745.00.

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

Motion carried.

Item 11: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the County Judge to sign Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Harrison County Detention Center for Juvenile Pre-and Post-Adjudication.

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

Motion carried.

Item 12: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to proclaim September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

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

Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to nominate Robert Sheppard and Paul Miller to serve as District Board Members of the Bowie Central Appraisal District for the 2026-2029 term.

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

Motion carried.

Item 14: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report ending July 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve budget adjustment (line-item transfers)

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

Motion carried.

Item 16: On this 8th day of September, 2025, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 8th 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 (August 25, 2025).

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 issue 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 8th 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.