

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 9th 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 6th day of September, 2024 with the **HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL** present and presiding with the following Commissioner 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 was the following County Official:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett

And the following staff member also present:

- County Clerk Chief Deputy Denise Thornburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner James Strain stated that the Cowboys had won their game.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:03 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 a presentation given by Darla Dyke of the Bowie County Child Welfare Board in recognition of Sue Anderson's 40 years of service.

Item 4: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to authorize the County Judge to sign an Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and Texarkana College regarding a Joint RFP for Broadband.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Grant Award #4823502 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program for the Bowie County District Attorney award amount \$64,808.90 and Cash Match amount \$26,000 for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 9th 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 7: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare surplus and sell at Purple Wave Auction the following item from Precinct 2: Asset 3458-2011 Ford F150.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Omnia State Contract #R200402 between Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP and the Bowie County Detention Center for the amount of \$144,393.80.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve an Order designating the day of the week in which Commissioners Court will convene in Regular Session-which will be the second and fourth Mondays at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Court Room.

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reappoint Judge Bobby Howell and Commissioner Tom Whitten to the IAC Board of Directors.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 11: On this 9th day of September, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the bonds of Ellen Eubanks, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 and Mary Ann Roberts, Assistant Auditor.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 12: On this 9th day of September, 2024, 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 13: On this 9th 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 14: On this 9th day of September, 2024, 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 (August 26, 2024).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 15: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 16: 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 9th 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.**