

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of January, 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 5th day of January, 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
- County Legal Advisor Randle Smolarz

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 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to contract Private Process Server, Sharon Sharp to temporarily serve civil papers for the Justice of the Peace Offices in Precinct 1 until the return of a Constable. The rate will be \$85.00 per paper, and she will submit a monthly bill. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 4: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to accept the Tax Assessor-Collector's Continuing Education Transcript as required by Texas Property Tax Code 6.231. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to reappoint Cory Floyd and Andrea Williams-McCoy to the NET RMA Board for a 2-year term. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve carryover balances for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office employees. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve carryover balances for the Bowie County Detention Center employees. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to accept the roads in Bradbury by Clayton Subdivision in Pct. 1. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to create County and District Court Technology Fund #117, in the amount of \$18,000.00 and separate from the Justice Court Fund. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the carryover from FY 2023 for Road and Bridge Lateral Fund (036): Pct 1-\$99,394.00; Pct 2-\$33,247.93; and Pct 3-\$13,500.00. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

Item 11: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the carryover from FY 2023 for Road and Bridge Motor Vehicle Fund (037): Pct. 1-\$224,891.83; Pct. 2-\$95,104.70 and Pct. 3-\$383,532.12.

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

Item 12: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to accept contract amendment Q-214606 for the Kronos SaaS Service Agreement.

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

Item 13: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for September, October and November 2023.

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

Item 14: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Report as of September 30, 2023.

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

Item 15: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for October, November and December 2023.

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

Item 16: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 17: On this 8th day of January, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 18: On this 8th day of January, 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 (December 27, 2023).

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

Item 19: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 20: 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 January, 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.