

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 (absent)	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 9:04 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Declaration of Local Disaster Related to Damaging Winds from multiple tornadoes issued November 7, 2022 and to extend until such time as the County Judge deems it is no longer necessary.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.

**Item 4:** There was no action taken to accept the Statement of Financial Position as of August 31, 2022 from the Bowie County CSCD.

- Item 5: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and the Bowie County Dive Team.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to open bids for the purchase of (4) four dump trucks designated for Bowie County Commissioners Precincts 2,3 and 4.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept bids from Ledwell for the purchase of (4) four dump trucks designated for Bowie County Commissioners Precincts 2,3 and 4.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the bond for Mary Hankins, Justice of the Peace.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: There was no action taken to approve the Corrected Order of Appointment for Election Judges for the November 8, 2022 Election.**
- Item 10: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Resolution confirming Van Alexander to serve on the Riverbend Board of Directors as the At-Large Representative until December 31, 2026.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the purchase of (5) five 2022 Ford Explorers from Buyboard Contract #601-19 in the amount of \$204,524.00 for the Sheriff's Department, to be paid from the ARPA Funds.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Simms ISD Police Department and the Bowie County Sheriff's Department.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**

**Item 13: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the County's participation in the Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Course.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 14: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the engagement letter between Bowie County and Consolidated Admin Services, LLC (CAS) to prepare Premium Only Cafeteria Plan Documents.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 15: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the Administration of Employee Benefits Agreement between Consolidated Admin Services, LLC and Bowie County.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 16: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 18: On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, 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.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**Item 19: Court recessed at 9:19 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 9:37 A.M.**

**On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adjourn.**

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

**Motion carried.**