

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
DECEMBER 28, 2020**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 28th day of December, 2020, 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 23rd day of December, 2020 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

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 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve bonds for Josh Davis, Chad Ford, Jeff Neal, Russell Crawford, James Strain, Jeff Estes, Susan Spellings, Sammy Stone, Robbie Caudle, Chris Lee, Donna Burns, Tina Petty, Mike Carter and Nancy Talley. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for November, 2020.

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

Item 5: On this 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve tax abatement to Texarkana Self Storage, LLC.

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

Item 6: On this 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for period ending November 30, 2020.

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

Item 7: On this 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the purchase of two (2) 15 passenger transport vans off the State Contract for the use at the Bowie County Jail.

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

Item 8: There was the first reading of an amendment to the Bowie County Employee Handbook and to establish a policy to state that retired employees will not be provided health insurance coverage, effective for employees hired on or after January 15, 2021.

Item 9: On this 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten 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 10: On this 28th day of December, 2020, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner James Strain 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 11: There were no minutes (due to the cyber-attack) to amend or approve as an Order of the Court.

Item 12: The Court recessed at 9:21 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 10:55 A.M.

On this 28th day of December, 2020, 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.