

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 13th day of November, 2023, 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 9th day of November, 2023 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 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to cast Bowie County's ballot for Mike Carter to serve on the Bowie Central Appraisal Board of Directors.

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

Motion carried.

- Item 4: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the subdivision plat for Forest Estates. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the lease agreement between Vanco Systems and the Bowie County Detention Center for 6 Toshiba copiers through Tips State Contract number 210103. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the lease agreement between Vanco Systems and the Bowie County Auditor's Office for a Toshiba e-STUDIO478S Systems through Tips State Contract number 210103. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to advertise and approve RFP for laying hot mix asphalt on Nile Avenue for Bowie County Precinct 2. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to continue election worker pay at \$14 per hour for Judges and \$12 per hour for clerks. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a Joint Resolution for Joint Primary for March 5, 2024 Primary Election. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 13th day of November, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to authorize the Bowie County Election Administrator to enter into a Joint Primary Election Service Contract with the Republican and Democratic Parties of Bowie county for the March 5, 2024 Primary and the May 28, 2024 Primary Runoff. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.**

Item 11: On this 13th day of November, 2023, 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 12: On this 13th day of November, 2023, 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 13: On this 13th day of November, 2023, 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 (October 23, 2023-Regular Session; November 2, 2023-Special Session).

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

Item 14: There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

Item 15: 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*

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

On this 13th day of November, 2023, 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.**