

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MARCH 22, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 22nd day of March, 2021, 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 19th day of March, 2021 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

Judge Howell recognized Gaye Beard with Congressmen Pat Fallon's office and Dr. Matt Young.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Count convened at 9:02 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 to retired Sheriff James Prince.

Item 4: There was no presentation given by Small Business Association Representative regarding Small Business Loans to help assist small businesses damaged by the Winter Storm 2021.

- Item 5: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to not mandate wearing a mask/face covering in the Courthouse and other County buildings pursuant to CDC guidelines until rescinded by County Judge or Commissioners Court.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Judge Howell voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve a resolution to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open bids for the sale of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala VIN# 2G1WS55RX79416400.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to accept the bid from Jonathan Hammonds for the sale of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala VIN# 2G1WS55RX79416400.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the County Tax Assessor/Collector's continuing education as required.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whiten to approve a Lease Agreement of Election Equipment with the City of Nash, City of New Boston, Redwater ISD, Liberty-Eylau ISD and Hooks ISD.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to reappoint Larry Meadows, Ron Rogers and Steve Hawkins for (2) two years and Ben Franks and John Paul Sellers for (1) one year to serve on the Emergency Service District #5 Board.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

Item 12: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve a credit card for the Bowie County Jail. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 13: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Guardian RFID System Agreement for the Bowie County Jail. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 14: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2021. Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 15: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 16: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 17: On this 22nd day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the minutes as an Order of the Court (March 8, 2021). Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Item 18: Court recessed at 9:35 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 9:45 A.M.

On this 22nd day of March, 2021, 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.