

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 2-Tom Whitten, Texarkana, TX

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th 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 5th 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 was the following County Official:

- County Auditor Jennifer Beckett

And the following staff member also present:

- County Clerk Chief Deputy Denise Thornburg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Howell spoke regarding the number of Covid vaccines to be issued this week. Bowie County is to receive over 4000 doses. The Texas Department of State Health Services has more information through a press release.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Court convened at 9:05 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 by Mr. Boyd London discussing the refinancing of Series 2018 Bonds (Hwy 82).

**Item 4: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to award engineering services for the County's TXCDBG project #7220051 to Hayter Engineering Inc. regarding Oak Grove WSC.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 5: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to allow Honorably Retired Sheriff James Prince to purchase his service weapon, a Glock model 21 handgun Serial #ETY 780 for an even exchange with a Glock 21 handgun Serial #AETT80 as allowed under Government Code 641.051.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 6: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the First Amendment to the Correctional Communications Service Agreement.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 7: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Sheriff's Racial Profiling report for 2020.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 8: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve Bowie County Constable Precinct 5 Racial Profiling report.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 9: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve replacing Barry Telford with Mike Ford to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Commissioners for Emergency Services District #6.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 10: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Resolution authorizing Application from the Office of the Government for the Capital Murder Prosecution CDJ Grant FY 2020-2021.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

- Item 11: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a Resolution for Opposition to SB234/HB749 Efforts to Silence County Officials.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve a Resolution for Opposition to Unfunded Mandates.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to continue to pay sick leave pursuant to Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which expired December 31, 2020; leave to be paid so long as Governor Abbott's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration is in effect.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2021.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 8th day of March, 2021, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for February 2021.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 8th day of March, 2021, 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 17: On this 8th day of March, 2021, 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 18: On this 8th 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 (February 25, 2021-Special and Emergency).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**

**Item 19: Court recessed at 9:48 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 10:00 A.M.**

On this 8th 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.