

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

MAY 8, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of May, 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 5th day of May, 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 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to give the County Clerk permission to sign the HHS Data Use Agreement to issue Remote Birth Certificates.

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

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to table accepting the roads in the Akin Ridge Subdivision.

Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Judge Howell abstained from voting.

Motion carried.

Court recessed at 10:02 A.M.

Court reconvened at 10:11 A.M.

Item 5: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the County Judge to submit a request to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits.

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Project LifeSaver Active Membership Operational Agreement and Standards.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to declare surplus and sell the County building located at 424 West Broad Street, Texarkana, Texas-Asset #1532.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give permission to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the County building located at 424 West Broad Street, Texarkana, Texas-Asset #1532.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Request for Proposals for a county-wide phone system

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to give permission to advertise for Request for Proposals for a county-wide phone system.

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

Motion carried.

- Item 11: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to appoint a committee to review the Request for Proposals for a county-wide phone system and make a recommendation. The committee will consist of Judge Howell, Lance Hall and Jennifer Beckett.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 12: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the Renewal Contract with DebtBook for debt, lease and subscription management software.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 13: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to declare Asset #3108-Case 590SM surplus and sale at Purple Wave Auction for Precinct 2.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to declare Asset #5077-2017 Ford Explorer surplus to be sold in an auction for the Bowie County Sheriff Department.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to declare fixed items surplus and permission for disposal.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 16: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Auditor's Monthly reports for March 2023 and April 2023.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter 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 18: On this 8th day of May, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 19: On this 8th day of May, 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 (April 24, 2023).

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

Motion carried.

Item 20: Court recessed at 10:26 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 10:29 A.M.

On this 8th day of May, 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.