

INVOCATION

Commissioner Pct. 3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

JULY 10, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 10th day of July, 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 7th day of July, 2023 with the HONORABLE JUDGE BOBBY L. HOWELL present and presiding with the following Commissioners being present.

Sammy Stone (absent)	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 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve the re-appointment of Jamie Duran to the Board of Trustees of Community Healthcore for a (2) two-year term beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

Item 4: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to adopt the Election Systems and Software (ES&S) voting system version, EVS 6.1.1.0 as the adopted voting system for Bowie County to be used during Early and Election Day Voting.

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

Motion carried.

Item 5: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to set up the usage and lease rates for Bowie County Election equipment as provided in the attached documents titled "Election Equipment Rates 2023/2024".

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

Motion carried.

Item 6: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to select three (3) replacement public members to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to Local Government Code 152.014.

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

Motion carried.

Item 7: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the purchase of (3) three 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Trucks from Goodbuy Contract 17-178F000 in the amount of \$174,580.80 less trade-in of \$26,000 for total cost of \$148,880.80 to be purchased from ARPA Funds for the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.

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

Motion carried.

Item 8: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to open sealed bids for the purchase of a 2023 F750 Dump Truck for Precinct 1.

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

Motion carried.

Item 9: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept the bid for the purchase of a 2023 F750 Dump Truck for Precinct 1.

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

Motion carried.

Item 10: There were no sealed bids to be opened for the sale of the building at 424 West Broad Street, Texarkana, TX.

Item 11: There was no action taken to accept a bid for the sale of the building at 424 West Broad Street, Texarkana, TX.

- Item 12: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to declare surplus Asset #3108-Case 590SM and to sell 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 13: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to purchase a Custom Asphalt Spreader from Ledwell in the amount of \$23,000.00 with ARPA Funds for Precinct 2.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 14: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Auditor's Monthly Report for May 2023.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 15: On this 10th day of July, 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 16: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve payment of accounts payable.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- Item 17: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve minutes as an Order of the Court (June 12, 2023 and June 26, 2023).
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no. Commissioner Tom Whitten abstained.
Motion carried.**
- Item 18: Court recessed at 9:23 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 9:53 A.M.**
- Item 19: On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve a confidential partial settlement of the Texas Opioid Litigation.
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.
Motion carried.**
- On this 10th day of July, 2023, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain 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.**