

**INVOCATION**

Commissioner Pct. #3-James Strain, DeKalb, TX

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2024 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: There was a presentation given by Cherie Curtis from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

- Item 4: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to give the Treasurer Donna Burns authorization to sign Chase Morgan agreement for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 E-File account.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 5: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Book Imaging & Preservation Part 5, from State Contract #TXMAS-18-3602, in the amount of \$21,530.60 from District Clerk Records Management Funds.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 6: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to approve Book Imaging & Preservation part 6, from State Contract #TXMAS-18-3602, in the amount of \$20,244.25 from District Clerk ARPA Funds  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 7: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the purchase of a new roof from TIPS State Contract #21060302 TX, in the amount of \$136,699 for the 122 Plaza West Building.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 8: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the calendar year 2024 Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Services (ARTS) renewal agreement.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 9: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone to approve the agreement with Texas Association of Counties County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) for Website Hosting and Support.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 10: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve attorney's fees for the VW Settlement which will be withheld from the check sent to the Bowie County Treasurer from attorney Sean Rommel.  
Motion was put to a vote and all Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.  
Motion carried.**
- Item 11: On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and**

duly second by Commissioner James Strain to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Bowie County and Texas Division of Emergency Management.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 12:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Tom Whitten and duly second by Commissioner Mike Carter to approve the Resolution reappointing Randy Mansfield and Kenny Turner to the Board of Commissioners for the Bowie County Emergency Services District #4 for a term to end on December 31, 2025.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 13:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner James Strain and duly second by Commissioner Tom Whitten to accept the Racial Profiling Report from the Bowie County Sheriff's Office.

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

Motion carried.

**Item 14:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Carter and duly second by Commissioner Sammy Stone 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 15:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, 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 16:** On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, 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 12, 2024).

Motion was put to a vote and three (3) Commissioners voted yes and none voted no.

Commissioner Tom Whitten abstained.

Motion carried.

**Item 17:** There was no Executive Closed Session to discuss security matters, personnel matters and litigation as allowed in the Government Code, Section 551.0725.

**Item 18:** 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.*

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, 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.