

May 22, 2023

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 22nd day of May A.D., 2023 at 9:00 A.M. came on to be had a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2 Courtroom (200 Rook Ramsey Drive, Decatur, TX) of said County in the town of Decatur with the following members present and presiding:

J.D. Clark	County Judge
John "Biff" Hayes	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Kevin Burns	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Danny Lambert	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Colby Shawn	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Blanca Tuma, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court when and where the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

All attachments referred to in the minutes of the Wise County Commissioners' Court are designated original or copy and are provided at the time of action by the Court unless otherwise indicated by provider.

County Judge Clark votes aye on all agenda items unless otherwise indicated.

1. Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All court members were present
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Community Forum: Ron Pellagrini, Aurora City Counsel, suggests staggering Commissioners' Court meeting times so more citizens can attend. Rick Lifo added a possible solution of recording the meetings on social media live so the community could watch from anywhere. Clark mentioned that we have always borrowed rooms from different County offices and that when the Courthouse restoration is complete they will have a dedicated Commissioners' Courtroom with streaming capabilities.

Rodney Holmes, Mayor, City of Boyd, thanks the Court for their efforts in making sure citizens with shallow wells don't run out of water when new wells are drilled. He expressed interest and willingness to have the Coalition of Cities, consisting of mayors, city administrators, city council and some citizens, work with Commissioners' Court toward that common goal.

5. County Correspondence: Wise County received 2 achievement awards from National Association of Counties-
 - a) Broadband infrastructure project
 - b) Recognize work and programing from the Office of Emergency Management

Michael Morris allowed Clark to bring an 1863 Treasury Warrant to present to the court for viewing.

6. Discussion for the purpose of coordination and cooperation for efficiency between precincts. Verbal: Burns stated he is moving some equipment to PCT 1 to do some work for City of Decatur.

Verbal: Burns stated the PCT 1 asphalt elevator needs repairs which will cost around \$8,000-\$10,000. He will let the Court know before he orders the parts.

7. Plats: Motion made by Shawn seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following plats and development plans with the noted variance request, as presented:

Final Plats:

1. Eighter Place, Final Plat. Lots 1-4, Block 1. Chad Davis/Joey Highfill-Public Works. Precinct 2. (KB) Off Old Decatur Road.
(Drainage Study)
(Road Frontage Variance)

Preliminary Plats:

1. Mockingbird Meadows Estates, Preliminary Plat. Lots 1-6, Block 1. Chad Davis/Joey Highfill- Public Works. Precinct 1. (JH) Off FM 730 & CR 4371.
(No Variances) (See attachment)
2. Oak View, Preliminary Plat. Lots 1-7, Block 1. Chad Davis/Joey Highfill-Public Works. Precinct 4. (CS) Off CR 3340
(No Variances) (See attachment)

Development Plans:

3. 5F Rentals Happy View Tiny Homes, Development Plan. Chad Davis/Joey Highfill- Public Works. Precinct 1. (JH) Corner of CR 2821 & 2823.
(Drainage Study Variance) (See attachment)
8. FY2024 Budget process and timelines: Clark informed that budget letters were sent out on April 18 and informed that May 22, 2023 is the due date for any budget requests. A budget draft will be presented at the first Court in August for review and adjustments and then a final budget to be adopted in September.

Clark stated that the Court will continue to ratchet down the tax rate to offset appraisal values. Clark explained that the county operates under a 3 ½% revenue cap. He informed the Court that property values rose from approximately \$11 billion last year to \$13.4 billion this year, \$658 million of which being new construction.

City partners speak on dispatch budget. Brian Dolan, Mayor, City of Aurora, will be speaking on behalf of the Southern Coalition of mayors, city administrators, and

concerned citizens. Dolan points out that with the County growing, smaller cities need dispatch services from the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Akin moved the timeframe for the budget to October 1, 2024. Akin proposed a \$39,000 agreement for dispatch services while also stating that the price is negotiable. He pointed out that it's a normal practice for a Sheriff's Office to charge for these services. Rodney Holmes, Mayor, City of Boyd, points out that citizens of those towns are paying the same tax rate as any other city in the County. Akin responded by stating that Decatur and Bridgeport have hired their own dispatchers and must pay their salaries out of their city budget.

Treasurer Katherine Hudson says that the deadline for insurance renewal with TAC is June 28, 2023 and that he should have that paperwork something during the week.

Clark mentioned that the appraisal values are preliminary and are subject to protest and could change. He said the final values will be certified in July but this preliminary figure is a basis for setting the County tax rate.

Auditor Ann McCuiston stated that she submitted the mileage for the precincts to County Engineer Chad Davis so they would have time to go over it all.

9. Donations:

- a) Katherine Hudson (verbal): \$100 in memory of Cathy Sides to the Animal Shelter from Chico 4H Club
- b) Katherine Hudson (verbal): \$100 in memory of Cathy Sides to the Animal Shelter from Chico FFA
- c) Diana Allen (verbal): Punching bag for Sheriff's Office from one of the deputies
- d) Diana Allen (verbal): Body cameras to Sheriff's Office from Motorola
- e) Diana Allen (verbal): Stair chairs for EMS from North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Counsel

Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Shawn and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items listed under agenda item 9, as presented with the Court's thanks.

10. Bids:

- Asset Control Officer Diana Allen requested approval to auction more items in the June auction. Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the Court to move forward with auction items. (See attachment)
- PCT 4 would like to auction a roller, belly dump trailer and flat bed pickup in the Ritchie Brothers Auction in July. Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to send said capital items to auction. (No attachment)
- PCT 3 requests permission to transfer a skid steer from their department to the Parks Department. Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the Court to move the skid steer to the Parks Department. (No attachment)
- PCT 4 requests permission to make a capital purchase of a Tiger boom mounted mulching head for \$27,500. (No attachment)

Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the purchase.

11. Consent Agenda Item

- a) Minutes: None
- b) Department Head Reports:
 - Chad Davis got the final documentation from TXDOT to get some more bridge beams. He said he will be needing permission to hire a crane and trucks and detailed how these bridge beams will last us for many years. (See attachment)
 - Public Works Director Joey Highfill got complaints on January 10, 2023 in PCT 1 about an elderly gentleman having trash in his yard. Highfill noticed a veteran bumper sticker on the gentleman's car so he contacted Kayla Jones at Veteran's Services. Jones got a group of people together and cleaned up the trash. Highfill opened the County Dumpsite for them to offload the trash. (See attachment)
- c) Budget Amendments: 23-07, for various line items and salary adjustments. (No attachment)
- d) Capital Expenditure Plan: None
- e) Claims & Payroll: Registers presented in Dropbox. (No attachments) Auditor Ann McCuiston informed the Court about not receiving \$190,297.93 from TXDOT for a project the PCTs have been working on. The money was expected to be paid May 2022.
- f) Utility Permits/Right of Way: None
- g) Interlocal Agreements/Contracts:
(Original contracts, Interlocal Agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen.)
 - Fully Executed (For informational purposes only-approval not required.) (list): CRI Grant Agreement HHS001311300007 (See attachment)
 - Renewals and Amendments (For informational purposes only-approval not required.) (list): Drawbridge (DBA Watts Excavating) Dozer Rental and TimeKeeping Systems (See attachment)
 - Asset Control Officer Diana Allen informed the Court of a data agreement that was never completed and no longer needed with THR.
 - Commissioners Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg verbally brought up a possible interlocal agreement with Hillcrest North MUD for road powers. In this agreement, the County would maintain the roads during the life of the MUD while collecting \$15,000 per project. At the dissolution of the MUD the County would then accept them as a County Road. Aaberg said he would draft up a contract for the Commissioners to review.
 - Boyd ISD would like to amend their Interlocal agreement to include SROs for summer school and to add additional SROs for each campus.
 - Decatur Conference Center
 - MOU Texas Health Resource Grant

Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the court to approve all items listed under agenda item 11, as presented.

12. Joint Venture Project Agreements:

- City of Paradise to make asphalt repairs to Elm Street
- City of Lake Bridgeport to apply seal coating

Motion made by Shawn seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve these Project Agreements for Road Repair.

13. Hazard Mitigation Plan: None

14. Right-of-Way Improvements: Shawn would like to close Honeysuckle Drive from June 5-8, 2023 and gain access to Raymond Wood's property at 500 Honeysuckle Drive in order to install box culvert's on Honeysuckle Drive in PCT4.

Motion made by Shawn seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve agenda item 14.

15. Burn ban update: None

16. County Committee Reports: None

Back to County Correspondence:

Lambert would like a public service announcement to drivers to be aware and cautious of farm equipment/livestock being transported on roadways.

17. Clark announced the next meeting as Monday, May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day).

18. Clark announced the next meeting as Monday, June 5, 2023.

19. Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM, there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this 10th day of July, 2023, as printed.

J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

John "Biff" Hayes, Commr. Pct. No. 1

Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

Danny Lambert, Commr. Pct. No. 3

Colby Shawn, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

Blanca Tuma, County Clerk and Ex. Clerk of Commissioners' Court,
Wise County, Texas.



The Wise County Commissioners' Court adopted revised **Rules of Procedures, Conduct & Decorum at Meetings of Wise County Commissioners' Court** on March 25, 2019.