MARCH 23, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 23rd of March A.D., 2026 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	*--- absent ---*	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:

    - New resident Mary Sandberg speaks about the proposed AI data center in **Jack County, which *borders* Wise County**. Sandberg brings up her concerns about noise, water usage, tax abatement, and potential environmental impact if a data center is built in Wise County.

    - Clark reminds everyone that state law prohibits the Court from deliberating on any item that is not listed on the posted agenda; however, the Court can respond with statements of fact.

    - He reiterates that there is no tax abatement request for Wise County at this time and that counties lack authority to regulate data centers; He recaps by stating that the resolution is on the County's website and once again asks for the public's assistance in spreading the word.

5. County Correspondence: None

6. Discussion for the purpose of coordination and cooperation for efficiency between precincts: None

7. Plats:

Final Plat

1. Hawkins Oak Estates. Final Plat
   Lots 1-16. Block 1
   Precinct 2. (KB)
   Chad Davis-Kiley Vian
   CR 1346 & CR 1340
   (20' Road frontage variance for 5 lots with one lot being 19.79')

*** ***Not ready for consideration*** ***

Re-Plat

1. Briardale Acres. Re-Plat (*attachments*)
   Lots 20R-1 & 20R-2.
   Precinct 3. (DL)
   Chad Davis-Kiley Vian
   CR 4867
   (Lot size variance .87-acres lots after right-of-way dedication.)

   - **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Briardale re-plat of lots 20R-1 and 20R-2 with the lot size variance request as presented.**

8. Consider and act on abandoning/closing County Road 1637 (*attachment*):

   - Burns suggests closing CR 1637 in Precinct No. 2 due to Burnco's mining operations on both sides, making the road unsafe.

   - Clark suggests holding a public hearing after the required statutory time postings.

   - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to hold a public hearing on abandoning/closing County Road 1637 for public transportation purposes as stated, at the next Commissioners' Court following any required timeline postings.**

9. Consider and act on ceasing maintenance of County Road 1536 (*attachment*):

- Burns states his precinct has ceased maintenance on a major portion of CR 1536 (runs between two rock companies including Martin Marietta) in fifteen years due to safety concerns and illegal dumping.

- He does not want to completely abandon the road in order to preserve future utility between Highway 101 and State Road 2952.

- Burns proposes to move the gate up, closer to State Road 2952. With the exception of emergency access, he hopes this will discourage the public from driving further.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to cease maintenance on the major portion of CR 1536 as noted on the map, which will be attached to the minutes and move the gate as well, which is noted on the map.**

10. Consider and act on approving and adopting Historic Wise County Courthouse Building Use, Preservation, and Stewardship Policy (*attachments*):

    - Clark states proposes policy from the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant, emphasizing building preservation and a new parking policy for courthouse employees.

    - All staff working in the historic courthouse, as well as new hires, will sign an acknowledgment of the new policy, regulated by the Court per the statutory authority.

    - He emphasizes that parking on the square should be reserved for patrons of the Courthouse and the businesses surrounding it; there are numerous parking spaces around and near the square.

    - The District Judge's parking space will be handled internally for security reasons.

    - Clark collaborated with Wise County Facilities Manager Jimmy Counts and THC (Texas Historic Courthouse) in creating the policy.

    - Clark states that the handicapped parking meets the TDLR (Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation) and ADA (American Disabilities Act) requirements.

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the Court to adopt Historic Wise County Courthouse Building use, preservation, and stewardship policy.**

11. Consider authorizing Elections Administrator Sabra Srader to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for the May 2, 2026 General and Special Election pursuant to section 31.092 and Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, with all

Political Subdivisions eligible and desiring to contract for such services. Take necessary action (*attachments*):

- Clark expresses gratitude to the Elections Office for a job well done with the Primary Election.

- Elections Office Chief Deputy Amanda Knox requests authorization to contract with various political subdivisions for election services.

- The political subdivisions requesting to contract with the County are the following cities: **Alvord**, **Bridgeport**, **Chico**, **Fort Worth**, **Lake Bridgeport**, **Runaway Bay**. *Along with*: **Bridgeport ISD**, **Decatur ISD**, and **Rolling V Ranch WCID (Water Control and Improvement District) #1**.

- The City of Boyd and Boyd ISD cancelled due to lack of contested races.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize the Elections Administrator to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for the May 2, 2026 General and Special Election.**

12. Donations: None

13. Bids:

    - Asset Control Manager Diana Allen requests disposal of a vehicle from the Sheriff's Office which was declared a total loss by a third-party insurance company.

    - **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the disposal.**

    - Allen introduces a request (*verbal*) through a co-op and Sheriff's Office Special Services Captain Rex Hoskins explains the details of the purchase – a **Terradyne armored vehicle** for special response calls, noting the lack of such a vehicle in the County.

    - The current "armored" vehicle being utilized by the County is a painted ambulance.

    - The truck is a 2025 demo vehicle which costs $324k through a Sheriff's Cooperative Program and will be delivered by May. By comparison, a new purchase will cost $150k more and will take 1.5 years. Hoskins adds that the purchase will be coming from the Capital Expense budget.

- The armored vehicle will be available by a mutual aid request through the Sheriff's Office by the surrounding counties.

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the armored vehicle purchase for the Sheriff's Office using the Florida Sheriff Cooperative Contract and purchased from Capital Funds.**

- Burns requests to purchase "one or more" one-ton pickup, possibly with a flatbed. He wishes to sell an old "gas" pickup once the new truck has been purchased through a bid, a cooperative, or an auction.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to explore the various purchase options – bid, auction, co-op, whichever makes sense for the County with the specs to be determined for a one-ton pickup truck.**

14. Consent Agenda Items:

    a. Minutes: None

    b. Department Head Reports (items submitted in Dropbox but not provided for Court Record):

        - County Treasurer Katherine Hudson presents monthly report for the month **ended January 31, 2026** (*attachments*).

    c. Budget Amendments:

        - McCuiston states there are various amendments on line items **26-08**.

    e. Claims & Payroll: *** ***Considered out of Agenda order*** ***

        - McCuiston presents Claims and Payroll (*attachments*)

    d. Capital Expenditure:

        - **The Sheriff's Office request was *previously mentioned* on Item No. 13, Bids.**

    f. Utility Permits/Right of Way: None

g. Interlocal Agreements/Contracts (original contracts and interlocal agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen):

- Texas DPS CJIS Security Addendum (*attachment*)
- **Fully Executed** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - Inovalon (*attachments*)
- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - TAC Property Coverage Renewal (*attachment*)

****** Clark circles back to Item d., Capital Expenditure Plan******

- Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell requests $8k to purchase a 3D printer and some conditional tools. The actual printer only costs approximately half of the requested amount.

- The printer will allow the County to print prototypes or models that can be utilized to conduct several trainings and assist with traffic scenarios and incidents involving multiple vehicle accidents on Highway 287 (*attachments*).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all other items introduced under Item # 14, as presented.**

****** Burns revisits Item No. 13, Bids ******

- Burns requests to replace a 20+ year old asphalt elevator with one that has a slightly larger hopper. The old one will be kept since it is inconsequential to sell.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the purchase of an asphalt elevator through bid or a coop, all avenues.**

15. Joint Venture Project Agreements:

- ***On behalf of Commissioner Colby Shawn***, Clark requests an interlocal project agreement with the City of Runaway Bay for replacing a failed culvert crossing with a small bridge structure on Jim Walters Drive. The County will provide surplus ridge beams and hauling services during construction. Upon completion,

the County will also install bridge approaches and guardrails, while Runaway Bay will be responsible for installing and funding additional materials for the bridge in addition to funding the approaches and guardrails. This project will allow the residents to have a safe detour when County Road 1700 is closed during flood events.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the interlocal project for the City of Runaway Bay for the reasons stated.**

- Lambert requests an interlocal agreement with Parker County for repairs on Sadie Lane, which is a road equally shared by both counties. The County will provide the labor while Parker County will provide materials to fix their end of the road.

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter to an interlocal agreement with Parker County for the reasons stated for the Sadie Lane project.**

- Hayes explains that he had a previous agreement with the City of Decatur from last March 9th Court to provide labor and install asphalt on the south side of the bridge on Greenwood Road. He requests to provide additional labor to install asphalt for the another 10th of a mile into Decatur.

- **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the project with the City of Decatur as presented.**

****** Burns mentioned an interlocal agreement for the City of Alvord regarding various roads last Court, March 3, 2026 under Item # 17; however, the attachment was not presented and signed until today's Court, March 23, 2026.******

16. Hazard Mitigation Plan and related grant projects: None

17. Right-of-Way Improvements:

- ***On behalf of Commissioner Colby Shawn,*** Clark requests to restore proper drainage and reduce the risk of flooding on a couple of properties on **CR 3573 in Paradise** which are individually owned by Lori Dickinson and Darrow Spencer.

- Lambert request to cut down trees to improve visibility on a property at an intersection off of **CR 3598** and **CR 3597** owned by Douglas Peper (*attachment*).

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to allow access on private properties as presented, for the public safety in public transportation safety purposes as noted.**

18. Burn Ban: None

19. County Committee Reports:

- Burns states he is on the committee to form the WPA (West Public Access) kick-off meeting where Freese & Nichols will conduct a needs assessment of water of the entire County, beginning at the southern portion; Wise County Water Control District No. 1 will be involved.

- The assessment will be funded through a $1.3 million grant made possible by Congressman Brandon Gill's Office; 20% cost match with the Wise County Water Control District No. 1 Board.

20. **Executive Session** with Legal Counsel, for private consultation allowed under **Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071**: discussion and legal updates of pending litigation under **Texas Government Code Section 551.074:**

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter into Executive Session for the reasons stated at 9:50 AM.**

21. **Reconvenes from Executive Session.**

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to close the Executive Session at 10:35 AM.**

22. **Clark announced next Holiday as being Friday, April 03, 2026, Good Friday.**

23. **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Monday, April 13, 2026.**

24. Clark adjourned the meeting at **10:36 AM**, there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this 13th day of April, 2026, 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-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Wise County, Texas.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ★ COUNTY OF WISE, TX ★

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