APRIL 27, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 27th day of April 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	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. Public Hearing: Receive public comment on abandoning/closing County Road 1637.
    - Clark reminds the Court that rock quarry Burnco now owns the land along both sides of CR 1637 in Burns' Precinct No. 2, and that the quarry plans to expand mining operations, making the road unsafe for public passage.
    - No public comments were received during the hearing.
5. Consider and act on abandoning/closing County Road 1637 (*attachments*).
    - Burns states he did not hear from anyone outside of the public hearing relating to abandoning/closing the road in Precinct No. 2.
    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to abandon and close County Road 1637.**

6. Community Forum: None

7. County Correspondence:

   - On behalf of EMS Chief Randall Preuninger, Clark reads a correspondence letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration thanking Preuninger for their "Blood on Board" program, which has been credited with saving lives in vehicle crashes.

   - Clark acknowledges the immense response from County, city, first responder, and private sector partners to the recent tornado and storms.

   - Clark praises Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell for planning and running the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and EMS Chief Randall Preuninger for commanding immediate first response.

   - Lambert thanks Horton Tree Service for their diligent work in clearing trees from county roads throughout the night.

   - Clark also thanks the Sheriff's Department for securing roads and managing public access and well-meaning citizens wanting to donate.

   - Clark emphasizes the need for coordinated donation efforts, directing monetary donations to the United Way of Wise County as a fiduciary partner.

   - Shawn highlights the widespread impact of the storms, with a separate command set up in the Cottondale area and 24 roads heavily impacted by trees.

   - Shawn adds that Wacy Beck of Environmental Services was instrumental in providing assistance to Precinct No. 2 in Runaway Bay. Beck provided equipment and personnel for tree and debris removal, setting up temporary sites in Cottondale and Runaway Bay, and opening dump sites.

   - Shawn also acknowledges farmers for clearing trees from county roads with their tractors.

8. Discussion for the purpose of coordination and cooperation for efficiency between precincts:

   - Clark informs the Court that he issued a local disaster declaration over the weekend, and that he requested for a statewide declaration from Governor Abbott to open up resources and low-interest loans for affected citizens. The Governor

called, and a statewide declaration was anticipated, especially after Parker County also issued a local disaster declaration.

9. Plats:

Re-Plat

1. Wild Oak Hills (*attachments*)
Lots 21R1 thru 21R3, Phase 2
Precinct 4 (CS)
Chad Davis – Kiley Vian
Wild Oak Hill Drive
(No variances)

Preliminary Plat

1. Ranch Hills Estates, Preliminary Plat. Phase III.
Precinct 1. (BH)
(Near intersection pf CR 2937 and PR 2938)
Kimley-Horn

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the two submittals – a replat for Wild Oak Hills and a preliminary plat for Ranch Hills Estates Phase III.**

10. Consider dates/times/locations for the early voting period for the May 26, 2026 Joint Primary Runoff Election (*attachment*):

- Elections Officer Sabra Srader states early voting will be held between Monday, **May 18th** through Friday, **May 22nd**, from **7:00 a.m.** to **7:00 p.m.** at the following locations:
    - **Women's Building at the fairgrounds**
    - **Alvord City Hall**
    - **Boyd Community Center**
    - **Bridgeport ISD Alternative Learning Center**
- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the proposed dates, times, locations for the early voting period for the May 26, 2026 Joint Primary Runoff Election.**

11. Consider the recommended consolidated polling locations to be used on Election Day for the May 26, 2026 Joint Primary Runoff Election (*attachment*).

- Srader states the following consolidated polling locations were agreed upon by County party chairs due to expected low turnout for statewide races, saving money and simplifying worker allocation:

    - Precincts **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 22 - Fair Grounds Women's Building**
    - Precincts **7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 18, & 19 - Alvord City Hall**
    - Precincts **13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28, & 29 - Bridgeport ISD Alternative Learning Center**
    - Precincts **20, 23, 24, 25, 27, & 30 - Boyd Community Center**

- Clark reiterates that on Election day, Tuesday, May 26, 2026, voters will need to vote at their voting precinct.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the recommended consolidated polling locations for Election day, May 26, 2026 Joint Primary Runoff Election.**

12. Donations (*attachments*):

- Burns reports a permanent easement donation in Alvord on CR 1590 for a bridge replacement project, part of the TXDOT bridge replacement program. The donation of approximately 2400 square foot of land was donated by Tatum and Melissa Eperjesi.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the donation of right of way from Mr. Eperjesi for the bridge replacement project on CR 1590.**

13. Bids: None

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 March 31, 2026** (*attachments*).

        - County Auditor Ann McCuiston presents a tobacco settlement payment from Texas Department Health and Human Services of $133,201.86 (*attachment*).

c. Budget Amendments:

- McCuiston states there are various amendments on line items **26-10.** She also mentions the line items with the Sheriff's Office and JP1 salary adjustments.

d. Capital Expenditure:

- McCuiston states whatever is on Walk to Court.

e. Claims & Payroll:

- McCuiston presents Claims and Payroll (*attachments*)
- Clark points out the FX5 (builder) final billing for the EMS station in Alvord. The building was completed recently; a grand opening will be scheduled in the near future. Clark thanks the City of Alvord for partnering with the County and donating the land. Facilities Manager Jimmy Counts are also working on the signage and radio for the station.

f. Utility Permits/Right of Way:

- Davis mentions a request from Oncore for CR 4481 (*attachments*).

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

- **Fully Executed** ((LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - Decatur Conference Center Disaster Relief (*attachment*)
  - United States Immigration Enforcement 287 (g) Task Force MOA (*attachments*)
- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - Power DMS Renewal (*attachment*)
  - Deaf Link Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Tyler Technologies County Clerk Software PO 2021-12 (*no attachment*)
  - Weatherford College EMS Training Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Rapiscan Service Renewals (*no attachment*)

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

15. Joint Venture Project Agreement: None

16. Hazard Mitigation Plan and related grant projects:

    - Powell provides the following updates:

        - The Cyber project's Final Submittal Report (FSR) was approved by the Office of the Governor, and payment was issued, allowing for closeout.

        - Request for Reimbursement (RFR) update:
            - Number 1: **8 safe rooms** - process completed; awaiting funding
            - Number 2: **7 safe rooms** - nearing completion of its review process.
            - Number 3: **25 or 26 safe rooms** - significantly more than previous RFRs.

        - Clark shares with the Court that he has received communication from citizens participating in the safe room program and they praise the quick turnaround on reimbursements. Powell attributes the efficiency of the process due to the collaboration with the Auditor's and Treasurer's Offices.

17. Right-of-Way Improvements:

    - Lambert requests a County-wide clean up, as needed, due to the storm over the weekend.

    - **Motion made by Lambert seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to allow Commissioners to access private property, as needed County-wide, for storm debris cleanup and public transportation purposes on County roadways in effect until the next Commissioners' Court.**

18. Burn Ban: None

19. County Committee Reports: None

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 Burns seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter into Executive Session at 9:33 AM.**

21. **Reconvenes from Executive Session**

- **Motion made by Lambert seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to close the Executive Session and reconvene at 9:57 AM.**

22. **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Monday, May 11, 2026.**

- **Clark announces that Shawn will not be attending the next meeting since he is attending the Commissioners' Court Leadership Academy. Clark requests the rest of the Court to inform him if anyone else will be unavailable, in order to keep quorum.**

23. Clark adjourned the meeting at **9:58 AM**, there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this 11th day of May, 2024, 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

Absent

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.