JUNE 22, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 22nd day of June 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 Wise County Courthouse (101 North Trinity, 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: None
5. County Correspondence:

- Clark shares that the Wise County Historical Commission received the 2025 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission. The coveted honor is only awarded to a handful of counties (out of 254) annually.
- Clark shares The WCHC will hold quarterly meetings in the Commissioners Courtroom moving forward.
- Clark reminds everyone that the County will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd** in observance of Independence Day; however, the **Courthouse will host an open house** from **4:30 PM to 6:30 PM** as the County kicks off the 4th of July weekend and celebrate America 250.

- Clark boasts that Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell is serving on the FIFA World Cup regional emergency management team in Arlington.

- Shawn proudly announces that Bridgeport Middle School student Valeria Munoz won a regional contest for a first responder mural now displayed at Harwood Park; North Central Texas (NCT) 911 and Motorola Solutions jointly organized the competition.

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

7. Plats:

Final Plat

1. Skyfall Estate, Final plat (*attachments*)
   Lots 1-4, Block 1
   Precinct 2 (KB)
   Chad Davis - Kiley Vian
   Old Decatur Road
   (50'road frontage for lot 1 requested)

2. Taylor Oaks Lot. Final Plat Review (*attachments*)
   Lots 1& 2, Block 1
   Precinct 3 (DL)
   Kimley Horn
   (Near the Intersection of PR 3708 and CR 3689)

Re-Plat

1. Wild Oaks Hills. Re-Plat (*attachments*)
   Phase 2, Lot 4R
   Precinct 4 (CS)
   Chad Davis - Kiley Vian
   (Wild Oak Hill Drive)
   (Drainage study variance)

2. Gardner Business Park. Re-Plat (*attachments*)
   Lot 3-A & 4-A, Block 1
   Precinct 1 (BH)
   Chad Davis - Kiley Vian
   (FM 51 S.)
   (No variance)

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve those plats, final plats, and re-plats as submitted with variances.**

8. Hear proposed Wise County Emergency Services District No. 5 Petition results.

    - Elections Administrator Sabra Srader explains that Chief Deputy Amanda Knox counted 101 signatures during the initial count. Upon conducting a second count, Srader reports that the petition results for Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 5 are valid, yielded the same results and exceeding the signature requirement of 100 (*attachment*).

    - Srader points out that the rejected signatures lacked dates, voter registration, or property ownership verification.

9. Consider setting place, date and time for Public Hearing to consider Petition for creation of Wise County Emergency Services District No. 5 pursuant to Sec. 775.015(b), Texas Health and Safety Code.

    - Clark proposes to set the public hearing to consider petition for creation of Wise County Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 5 at 8:30 AM for Monday, July 27th.

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to set a public hearing to consider the petition for creation of Wise County Emergency Services District No. 5 pursuant to Sec. 775.015(b) Texas Health and Safety Code and run all necessary and legal notices for Monday, July 27th at 8:30 AM in the Commissioners' Court room.**

    - Clark informs everyone that Fire Chief Jerry Taylor is in attendance and will be available if there are questions regarding the creation of ESD No. 5.

    - Clark assures the Court that Srader will provide a large map for public viewing. She will also provide letters from the different municipalities within the proposed district stating whether or not they are joining ESD No. 5.

10. Consider and take appropriate action to call and set a public hearing on a proposed change to the speed limit on CR 3355, Olde Towne Road & School House Road and to authorize publication and posting of notice in accordance with applicable law.

    - Shawn requests reducing the speed limit on the following locations:

        - **CR 3355** (commonly known as Olde Towne Road) **between addresses 630 and 936**, *from 40 mph to 30 mph (attachments).*

- Shawn states that this section has evolved from a rural road to a residential subdivision since there are over 25 driveways in less than three tenth of a mile.

- **Schoolhouse Road** from address **675 north to the Paradise** city limits, from *40 mph to 30 mph (attachments).*

  - Shawn requests the change in the area leading up to the small subdivision before approaching the newly constructed Paradise High School.

- **Schoolhouse Road and Olde Towne Road** (*attachments*).

  - Shawn states that the school's engineer designated the area between Schoolhouse Road and Old Town Road as a new school zones; County Engineer Chad Davis agrees with the recommendation.

- A public hearing for these speed limit changes is set for next Court - Monday, July 13th, at 8:45 AM. Clark tasks Commissioners' Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg to take care of the required notices and public postings.

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to set a public hearing for Monday, July 13th at 8:45 AM on the proposed speed limit changes as described for public safety and public transportation purposes to change those speed limits on CR 3355, Olde Towne Road and School House road as segments are described, and to authorize publication and posting of notices in accordance with applicable law.**

11. Consider and act on County Holiday Calendar for FY27.

- Clark briefly explains that FY 2027 runs concurrently with the fiscal year from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. He highlights that since the Independence Day Holiday for 2027 falls on a Sunday, the County will observe it on Monday, July 5th (*attachment*).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the proposed County Holiday calendar for FY 2027.**

  **** Clark states he will send out the schedule for planning purposes. ****

12. Donations: None

13. Bids:

- Clark informs the Court that investigator Jake Polhemus is retiring from the Sheriff's Office and that Polhemus requests to purchase his service firearm, a Glock 17.

- Clark reminds the Court that due to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 614.051 which authorizes the County to sell or transfer a service firearm to an honorably retired peace officer, both Sheriff Lane Akin and Chief Deputy Craig Johnson were able to purchase their service firearms for $1 each, in acknowledgment and appreciation for their respective services.

- Clark confirms that Treasurer Katherine Hudson verified Polhemus' retirement status through Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) and that Polhemus plans to stay at the Sheriff's Office as a reserve.

- Although State law dictates that the County cannot ask for more than the fair market value of the firearm; the Court establishes a formal policy allowing retiring officers to purchase their service firearms for a nominal fee of $1.

- Clark assures the Court that going forward, each request will still be discussed in Court; the policy will just simplify the preparation of the order.

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize retiring investigator Jake Polhemus to purchase his firearm for $1 with thanks for his service, and that the $1 would be the prevailing amount that the Commissioners would bring back to Court, as well as retiring officers as verified through the TCDRS.**

  **** Clark notes that Burns produced a $1 bill for the purchase. ****

- Clark tasks Asset Control Manager Diana Allen to coordinate with Aaberg about the necessary documentation regarding this sale.

- Allen cites the following **disposal requests**:
  - ***On behalf of Environmental Services*:**
    - Auction of two (2) mower attachments through Royal Auction Group
    - Disposal of a dilapidated building in the dump at the Chico Dump, once the new one is in process.
  - ***On behalf of Precinct No. 4*:**
    - Auction a Bomag roller, *auction to be determined*

- ***Online Auction:***
  - Allen reminds the Court about the surplus item sales, in the Dropbox, through Rene Bates Online Auction (*attachments*).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all those items as requested.**

- Allen cites the following **bid requests**:
  - ***On behalf of Precinct No. 4:***
    - Request for a used excavator
  - ***On behalf of Traffic (Incident Management) Committee:***
    - For towing rotation

- Allen also bring up the following items:
  - Bid List FY27 (*attachments*)
  - Bid Extension List FY27 (*attachments*)
  - Cooperative and Exemption List FY27 (*attachments*)

****** *Clark revisits the bid request from Traffic Committee regarding tow-rotation list and states that there are certain parameters that companies must meet in order to be included on the list: they must be readily available in the County, they must offer a fair price, and they must have the actual equipment to get the job done when they show up at an incident. Clark adds that the bid is co-awarded to multiple companies.* ******

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all the bid items as presented.**

- ***On behalf of Precinct No. 2,*** Allen **rescinds** previous requests from **March 23rd and April 13th** for a **three-quarter ton** truck.

- ***On behalf of Precinct No. 2,*** Allen **clarifies** that the original request from the **June 8th** Court to purchase of a **one-ton or larger** truck ***via bid*** **should include the option to purchase *via co-op* as well.**

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the bid and co-op request as presented.**

14. Consent Agenda Items:

    a. Minutes: May 26th, Regular Meeting
       June 8th, Regular Meeting

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

- Clark explains that Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 3 is required to submit their first audit during the month of June; however, ESD No. 3 has requested to extend the deadline to late July, pending completion by Whitley-Penn.

- Clark informs the Court that he is sending a letter to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) requesting adherence to bylaws regarding rotating from primary to alternate representation between Wise and Parker Counties since there is only one seat that represents both Counties and Wise has only held the seat once, from 2022 through 2024.

- Allen presents Wise County's Annual Property Letter FY26 (*attachment*) and Annual Property Report List FY26 (*attachments*).

c. Budget Amendments:

- Assistant Auditor Pat Trail presents various line items.

d. Capital Expenditure: None

e. Claims & Payroll:

- Trail presents Claims and Payroll (*attachments*)

f. Utility Permits/Right of Way:

- ***On behalf of County Engineer Chad Davis***, Clark mentions that the utility permit for a 36-inch gas line in Precinct No. 3 that Atmos submitted is contingent on a pre-construction meeting (*attachments*).

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

- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - Texas-Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid MOA Renewal (*no attachments*)
  - Stenograph CCL1 and CCL2 Hardware Renewal (*attachment*)

- LexisNexis Accurint District Attorney (*attachment*)

- **Fully Executed** ((LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)

  - Xtreme (*attachments*)
  - Assetworks Mileage Amendment (*attachments*)
  - Texas Mutual Agreement for Complex ER Response and Investigation Planning(*attachments*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, 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: None

17. Right-of-Way Improvements: None

18. Burn Ban:

    - Clark mentions to continue circulating the word that the County has a new platform to log controlled burns.

19. County Committee Reports: None

20. **Executive Session** Consultation with attorney under Texas government code Section 551.071 and deliberation regarding real property under Texas Government Code Section 551.072.

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter in to Executive Session at 9:40 AM.**

21. **Reconvene** from **Executive Session.**

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to close the Executive Session and reopen the public session at 10:34 AM.**

    - Hayes rejects the offer for Precinct No. 1 Barn (*attachment*) and Clark adds that the sale will be reevaluated.

- **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to reject the bid since it did not meet the requirements for the property's intended use, and to continue exploring future development or sale opportunities.**

  **** Clark jumps back to Item No. 14 and informs everyone that the Court has received the audit from the Wise County Appraisal District (attachments). ****

22. **Announce** next Holiday as being **Friday, July 3, 2026 (Fourth of July).**

23. **Announce next regular meeting as being July 13, 2026 (*numbered as Item No. 24 on the agenda; should have been numbered as Item No. 23*).**

    **** Clark reminds the Court that there will be a Public Hearing regarding speed limits at 8:45 AM. ****

24. Clark adjourned the meeting at **10:37 AM**, there being no further business to be had by the Court (*numbered as Item No. 25 on the agenda; should have been numbered as Item No. 24*).

Minutes approved this 13th day of July, 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.