SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 14th day of September 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 – 3rd Floor Courtroom, 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.

    - Clark shares that former deputy and a longtime investigator Heinrich Downs passed away yesterday; he asks for the public to keep the Downs family and friends in their thoughts and prayers.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Community Forum: None

5. County Correspondence:

    - Shawn announces that starting this Thursday, County Road 3381, a major thoroughfare in Paradise and Cottondale area, will be closed for approximately four months in order to work on a bridge project; he suggests that the public plan accordingly.

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

7. Plats:

Final Plat

1. Bellino Fireworks Addition – Final Plat
   Lots 1, Block 1
   Precinct 2 (KB)
   Hwy 287 South
   (Building line variance - existing building)

Construction Plans Acceptance/Performance Bond Site Improvements

1. Crenshaw Farms – Release Bond
   Precinct 4 (CS)

2. Ranch Hill Estates - Construction Plans Acceptance
   Phase III
   Precinct 1 (BH)
   (Near intersection of CR 2937 and PR 2938)

   - ***Foster Mastin with Kimley Horn states that they have yet to receive the additional review fee or plans to review and he recommends the Court table the plat until the next Court.***

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the final plat with the building line variance for Bellino Fireworks Addition, release the bond for Crenshaw Farms, approve the Ranch Hill Estates construction plans acceptance in Phase III with the contingency that the review fee and the final plans be received and reviewed by Kimley Horn prior to signing and release and filing.**

8. Adopt and set the 2026 Wise County Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees in accordance with Local Government Code 118.131(d) with said fees to have an effective date of January 1, 2027.

- Clark confirms that County Clerk Blanca Tuma included a new spay and neuter fee for the animal shelter in the Sheriff's and Constables' fees (*attachment*).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to adopt and set the 2027 Wise County Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees in accordance with Local Government Code 118.131(d) with said fees to have an effective date of January 1, 2027.**

9. Consider adoption of the FY2027 Archive Fund and Plan/County Clerk; said fee not to exceed ten dollars ($10.00) per filing (*attachment*).

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to adopt the FY2027 Archive Fund and Plan/County Clerk; said fee not to exceed ten dollars ($10.00) per filing.**

10. Discuss and consider passage and approval of an ORDER FOR THE Adoption of the Budget of total revenues and expenditures, to include all salaries, wages, benefits and other associated county costs for Wise County's Fiscal Year 2027 ("FY 2027") – being October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

    - Clark reminds the Court that the budget is largely the same as what he presented last month.

    - Clark informs the Court that the District Judge held his public hearing on September 2nd where he set salary increases for the District court reporter (10%), auditors (10%), assistant deputy auditors (5%,), along with County Court at Law 1 and County Court at Law 2 (10%) to match the district court reporter's salary.

    - Per Clark, Auditor Ann McCuiston and team will review the budget one more time to make corrections on certain line items.

    - **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Hayes, and adopted by the Court to approve an order for the adoption of the budget of total revenue and expenditures, to include all salaries, wages, benefits, and other, associated county costs for Wise County's Fiscal year 2027 ("FY2027") being October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027.**

    - A roll call vote is needed from each member of the Court as required by Texas Local Government Code § 111.008(a), the Court conducted a record vote on the adoption of the FY 2027 budget as follows:

        - Precinct No. 1, Hayes – "Votes aye"
        - Precinct No. 2, Burns – "Votes nay"
        - Precinct No. 3, Lambert – "Votes aye"
        - Precinct No. 4, Shawn – "Votes aye"
        - County Judge, Clark – "Votes aye"

11. Discuss and consider passage and approval of an ORDER for the Adoption (levy) of the Tax Rate for Wise County, Texas for Fiscal Year 2027 (*attachment*).

    - Clark states the property tax rate will remain at $0.265 per $100 valuation with $0.2175 funding the General Fund and $0.0475 funding the FMLR Road and Bridge Fund.

- There were no public comments during the public hearing regarding this matter.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the order of the adoption of the tax rate for Wise County TX for FY 2027 being at $0.265 per $100 of value with $0.2175 for the General Fund and $0.0475 for the FMLR Road and Bridge Fund.**

- A roll call vote is needed from each member of the Court as required by the Tax Assessor/Collector:

    - Precinct No. 1, Hayes – "Votes aye"
    - Precinct No. 2, Burns – "Votes aye"
    - Precinct No. 3, Lambert – "Votes aye"
    - Precinct No. 4, Shawn – "Votes aye"
    - County Judge, Clark – "Votes aye"

12. Discuss and consider passage and approval of an ORDER for the adoption (levy) of the Tax Rate for the Weatherford College Wise County (WCWC) Branch Campus Maintenance Tax for the 2026-2027 School Year – being September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 (*attachment*).

    - Clark states the proposed maintenance tax will remain at $0.0315 per $100 of value.

    - There were no public comments during the public hearing regarding this matter.

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to adopt the Weatherford College Wise County (WCWC) Branch Campus Maintenance Tax for FY 2027 to be at $0.0315 per $100 of value.**

    - A roll call vote is needed from each member of the Court as required by the Tax Assessor/Collector:

        - Precinct No. 1, Hayes – "Votes aye"
        - Precinct No. 2, Burns – "Votes aye"
        - Precinct No. 3, Lambert – "Votes aye"
        - Precinct No. 4, Shawn – "Votes aye"
        - County Judge, Clark – "Votes aye"

13. Donations:

    - Treasurer Katherine Hudson states that the County received donation for the animal shelter from the following individuals (*attachment*):
        - **Carrie Evans** – dog food
        - **Lindsay Barclay** (***son's proceeds from a lemonade stand***) - $814.06
        - **Vic Morton** - $20

- **Bruce Outland** – dog and cat food
- **Scott McFerrin** – dog food

- **Martin Keller** donated $200 to the Sheriff's Office for officer vests.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the donation with the Court's thanks.**

****** Clark praises the young entrepreneur for using a lemonade stand to raise funds.******

14. Bids:

- Asset Manager Diana Allen rescinds a previous request for an asphalt elevator from the March 23rd Court, ***on behalf of Burns***.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to rescind the asphalt elevator as presented.**

- Allen requests disposals by auction through Royal Auction Group:
  - Water truck and a gradall - Precinct No. **1**
  - A couple of street sweepers - Precinct No. **4**

- Return two (2) unused in-car video systems to Motorola - the Sheriff's Office

- Disposable of numerous ***unusable*** furniture from the courthouse along with other items stored in The Messenger warehouse via Rene Bate Auction.

******Allen will email various departments to give them a limited opportunity to select items prior to auctioning.******

****** Clark explains he's received inquiries from local attorneys about purchasing some of the items. ******

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve those items as disposal and auction as presented.**

- Allen requests to purchase a sweeper via a cooperative to replace one that is being auctioned, ***on behalf of Precinct No.4***

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

- Allen requests to purchase and upfit three (3) Chevy Tahoes via a cooperative and to purchase one (1) Nissan Rogue via a cooperative for the Sheriff's Office.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the vehicle purchases as requested.**

****** Vehicles will be purchased using Homeland Security Investigation funds.******

- 27-Bid-011- Concrete Culverts (*attachment*)
  - No bids received; since item has been bid twice with no bids, it may be purchased on open market.

- 27-Bid-012- Emulsions (*attachment*)
  - Allen states P2 Emulsions was the sole bidder.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to award the emulsions bid to P2 Emulsions in Elm Mott, TX.**

- 27 Bid-013- Rock and Base (*attachments*)
  - Allen received bids from five (5) vendors
  - No bids for chip seal type C and 5/8" pea gravel; since item has been bid twice with no bids, it may be purchased on open market.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *co-award* the rock and base materials bid to P&K Stone (McKinney), Burnco (Irving), Martin Marietta (Dallas), Vulcan Materials (San Antonio), and Heidelberg Materials (Irving). *Clark abstains*.**

15. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Minutes: August 10th, Regular Meeting
August 24th, Regular Meeting

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

****** Clark provides an opportunity for the Commissioners to name the property where it is necessary to access/enter to clean/clear County road right-of-way areas for improved public safety and/or public transportation safety since it is missing from the agenda. ******

- Lambert requests to enter property owned by Rhonda Herriage who agreed to move her fence back to allow the County to improve the bar ditch and make access from FM 730 onto CR 4765 safer.

- Shawn requests to access property owned by Glenda Blessing on CR 3381 as part of the bridge project.

- Per Local Government Code 152.031, District Clerk Loucrecia Biggerstaff presents the following certified documents to the Court:
  - District Judge's **Order** on the annual appointment of the County Auditor (*attachment*)
  - **Order** establishing salaries and budgets (*attachments*)

c. Budget Amendments:

- Auditor Ann McCuiston mentions item 26-19, various line items transfers and end of year transfers salary adjustments clean-up.

d. Capital Expenditure:

- McCuiston mentions that everything is on Walk-to-Court:
  - Classic floor removal in Dispatch
  - Emergency Management generator

e. Claims & Payroll:

- McCuiston presents Claims and Payroll (*attachments*).

- a $1,056 caps for an Ink N Stitch invoice

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Ink & Stitch invoice on Walk-to-Court for the purposes stated. *Shaw abstains*.**

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):

- Quality Onsite Services (*verbal*)

- City of Alvord Law Enforcement Interlocal (*verbal*)

- UT Austin RSOC Interlocal Cooperation Contract (*no attachment*)

- Untrafficked M.O.U. (*attachment*)

- DFW International Airport Agreement (*no attachment*)

- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
    - Decatur Propane Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Lisa Boswell Cleaning JP3 and JP4 Renewals (*no attachment*)
    - Brandi Bronniman Cleaning Juvenile Probation (*no attachment*)
    - Obermeyer Renewal (*attachment*)
    - Zoll Medical Renewal (*attachment*)
    - Alvord Medical Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Assetworks Renewal (*attachment*)
    - Govease Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Weathertap Renewal (*attachment*)
    - Wise County Heritage Museum Historical Jail Loan Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Children's Advocacy Center MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Texas Supreme Court Court Operations MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Texas DPS Interoperability Channel Plan Renewal *(no attachment*)
    - Fort Worth Communications System Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Texas (TCEQ) Authority for Onsite Sewage Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Tarrant County Hospital District MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Texpool Participation Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Applicant Information Drug Testing Service Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Aflac Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - NCTCOG Area Agency on Aging MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - United States DEA Task Force Group 12 Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - United States Asset Forfeiture Sharing Agreement Task Force 12 Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Lexipol Renewal (*attachment*)
    - Intrado Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - US Marshal' Service MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - North Texas Sheriffs Criminal Interdiction Unit MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Denton Bomb Squad Renewal (*no attachment*)

- Wise County Law Enforcement Agencies Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
- US ICE MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
- East Texas Academy Billing Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Panoramic Renewal (*attachment*)
- Justice Benefits Renewal (*no attachment*)
- NCTCOG Tower Equipment Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Texas TXDOT Northstar AFA Renewal (*no attachment*)
- CSC Electronic Recording MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Weatherford College Lease Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Vistacom Renewal (*attachment*)
- Aware Renewal (*attachment*)
- ESRI Renewal (*attachment*)
- CIRA Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Kologik Agreement SA-001 Renewal (*attachment*)
- Kologik Campus Safe Renewal (*attachment*)
- Tyler Technologies Amendment to PO 2021-12 (*attachment*)
- Diversified Power Systems Renewal (*attachment*)
- Pavion Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring Renewal (*attachment*)
- Swift Protocols Renewal (*attachment*)
- Numi Amendment (*attachment*)
- Hall County TLETS Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Hired Hands Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Wise County Amateur Radio Emergency Service MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Collin County Inmate Housing Renewal (*no attachment*)

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

  - EMS Management and Consultants Agreement
  - New Fairview Paradise Law Enforcement Interlocal
  - Wise County Constable and Sheriff's Office PIO MOU
  - Texas DPS Conviction Reporting Interlocal JP2
  - Texas DPS Conviction Reporting Interlocal JP3
  - NCTCOG Solid Waste Grant Interlocal
  - Freewill
  - Govease Amendment

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items introduced under Consent Agenda Item #15 with changes and additions as presented.**

16. Joint Venture Project Agreements: None

17. Hazard Mitigation Plan and Related Grant Projects:

18. Burn Ban Update: None

19. County Committee Reports: None

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

    - **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter in to Executive Session at 9:34 AM.**

21. **Reconvene** from Executive Session.

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to close the Executive Session and reopen the public session at 10:01 AM.**

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter into a retainer agreement with Allison, Bass, McGee Law Firm related to the County's opposition with the landfill permit on the proposed Chisolm Trail landfill on County Road 4668.**

    - **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize County to move forward with purchase agreement for a 3.37 acre tract of property that potential road track that would connect to Highway 380 to Old Denton Highway for $63,000 and authorize County staff to negotiate the project timeline with the sellers.**

**** Clark jumps back to Item No. 14.****

- **Motion made by Clark, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to provide the City of Decatur the 2nd opportunity to select unusable furniture from the old courthouse, with any selected items being officially donated to the City.**

- ***On behalf of EMS Chief Randall Preuninger***, Allen requests to begin the process of ordering another ambulance since the normal process typically takes a year.

- **Motion by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the initiation of the new ambulance for EMS as presented.**

22. **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Monday, September 28, 2026.**

23. Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:05 **AM,** there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this_____ day of _____, _____, 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.