SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 28th 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.
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Community Forum:

    - Eddie R. Dunlap addresses community concerns regarding Wagner Ranch and Holly Ridge flooding. Dunlap reports about 20 years of unmitigated erosion and property value loss. He cites that Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) culverts and illegal water rerouting as primary causes of damage. Dunlap requests a formal discussion slot on the October 13th meeting agenda.

    - Don Reaves purchased his property in Holly Ridge in 2017. Since then, he reports that the (Big Sandy) creek depth has increased to 15 feet and 20 feet wide. He notes potential petroleum contamination and discusses the need for an upstream flooding infrastructure dam from the NRCS/USDA (Natural Resources Conservation Service/United States Department of Agriculture). Reaves hopes to work with the County about long-term management plans and suggests forming a coalition to revisit the issue.

- Burns states that the only solution is to build a bridge. He states that he has requested this in the past from the NRCS/USDA but the requests went unheeded. Burns is willing to revisit the issue and believes a signature list will be in order.

5. County Correspondence:

   - Commissioners' Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg updates the Court about the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) hearing he attended in Austin regarding the Chisholm Trail Landfill. He confirms that Wise County secured an "affected party" status and notes that the permit application remains incomplete with 14 items that still need to be addressed.

   - Clark adds that the City of Boyd was not granted an affected party; however, the City of Aurora and Trinity River Water Conservation also received affected party status and identifies groundwater, traffic, and leaching as primary environmental concerns.

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

7. Plats:

Re-plat

1. The Ranches at Rolling Hills
   Phase 4, Lot 136-R, Block 1
   Re-plat
   Precinct 2 (KB)
   Chad Davis-Kiley Vian
   (No Variance)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the re-plat of the Ranches at Rolling Hills Phase 4, Lot 136-R, Block 1 Hills Dale Court presented contingent on receiving the physical copy for signature.**

8. Consider appointment of Early Voting Ballot Board members, as approved and recommended by the Wise County Election Board, for a two -year term pursuant to Chapter 87 of the Texas Election Code.

   - Elections Administrator Sabra Srader explains that the nominees are recommended by the Wise County Party Chairs.

- Clark elaborates that the Republican appointees are nominated by the Republican party chair and that the Democratic members are nominated by the Democratic party chair; however, it is the County Election Board who considered the nomination and submitted it to Court (*attachment*).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Wise County Early Voting Ballot Board. Republican appointees are Bettye Parker (Presiding Judge), Terry Eldridge, Paul Fair, and Tiffany Westmoreland. Democratic appointees are Andrew McFadden (Alternate Judge), Mary Jo Hightower, Ellen Jones, and Cheryl Musso, for a two-year term pursuant to Chapter 87 of the Texas Election Code.**

9. Consider mandatory appointments of Central Counting Station personnel pursuant to Chapter 127 of the Texas Election Code for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election as follows: Sabra Srader (Central Counting Station Manager), Amanda Knox (Tabulation Supervisor), Bettye Parker (Presiding Judge), Elizabeth Ann McFadden (Alternate Judge).

    - Srader explains that only the people mentioned are expected to be in the tabulation room on election night; she reassures the Court that the process will be monitored and live streamed during the entire process.

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the proposed mandatory essential County personnel and central counting station for the November 2026 general and special election Sabra Srader as Central Counting Station Manager, Amanda Knox as Tabulation Supervisor, Betty Parker as Presiding Judge and Elizabeth Ann McFadden as Alternate Judge.**

10. Donations: None

11. Bids:

    - ***On behalf of the County Clerk's Office,*** Asset Control Manager Diana Allen informs the Court regarding the digital plat preservation project via State Cooperative Contract with Kofile.

    - County Clerk Blanca Tuma explains that the project will involve Kofile digitizing all plats (from sovereignty to the current date) beginning the latter part of October; however, there is no timeline when the indexing vendor would complete their part as of yet.

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the request to use that state contract with Kofile for the project.**

12. Consent Agenda Items:

    a. Minutes: September 14th, Regular Meeting

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

        - Clark informs the Court that he will begin presenting a location designation of official locations for the County for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 every fiscal year, presents a (attachment).

        - He establishes the Wise County Courtroom as the official meeting location for the Commissioners Court, and identifies the County website and public notice bulletin boards (**public entrance area of the courthouse and exterior bulletin board of the County Clerk's Office**) as official notice posting sites.

        - Clark also designates the southeast steps of the courthouse for in-person tax and foreclosure sales.

        - Tax Assessor/Collector Monty Shaw states that in order to broaden bidder participation, online auction sales will remain ***exclusively online*** at this time.

        - Assistant Auditor Pat Trail presents the August FY 2026 report (*attachments*).

    c. Budget Amendments:

        - Trail presents items 26-20 and 27-01, various line items, transfers and salary, and adjustments for FY27.

    d. Capital Expenditure: None

    e. Claims & Payroll:

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

        - Clark mentions that everything is on Walk-to-Court.

    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):

- Allen rescinds the courthouse fire alarm monitoring agreement with Pavion which was previously approved during the August 24, 2026 Court.

- Allen ratifies a new monitoring agreement with NorthStar for the courthouse fire alarm monitoring instead.

- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)

  - TXDOT AFAs Pecan Creek, Willow Creek, Panther Creek, BoBo Crossing, Big Sandy Creek Renewals (no attachments)
  - Parker County Platting Agreements Jessica Estates and Jaybird Lane Renewals (no attachments)
  - Computer Information Systems CAD Software Renewal (attachment)
  - AristaTek Renewal (attachment)
  - Helen Farabee MOA Renewal (no attachment)
  - Tarrant County Auto Crimes Task Force Renewal (no attachment)
  - Indigent Healthcare Services Amendment (attachment)
  - RLJ Tower Lease Amendment (attachment)
  - Chase Paymentech Renewal (no attachment)

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

  - Alvord Medical
  - NCTCOG Area Agency on Aging

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items introduced under Consent Agenda Item #12 with changes and additions as presented.**

13. Joint Venture Project Agreements: None

14. Hazard Mitigation Plan and Related Grant Project: None

15. Right-of-Way Improvements: None

16. Burn Ban Update: None

17. County Committee Reports:

18. ***(Listed as Item No. 23 on the agenda)*** ***Clark*** **announced** next Holiday as being **Monday, October 12, 2026 (Columbus Day).**

19. ***(Listed as Item No. 24 on the agenda)*** **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Tuesday, October 13, 2026.**

20. ***(Listed as Item No. 25 on the agenda)*** Clark adjourned the meeting at **9:26 AM**, there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this 13th day of October, 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 by Katja Stovall, Deputy Clerk

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.