OCTOBER 13, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 13th day of October 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:

    - County resident Eddie Dunlap addresses the Court regarding ongoing flooding and soil erosion at Wagner Ranch. He states that the discovery of sludge on his property leads back to the City of Decatur water treatment facility discharge point and he plans to provide the test analysis as soon as that is available. Dunlap adds that something must be done to mitigate the erosion before the next heavy flood comes.

    - Burns states that he reached out to USDA/NRCS (United States Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Conservation Service) and also enlisted Wacy Beck of Environmental Services and his team to inspect the area.

    - Clark clarifies that the County responded to this matter and explains that in order to be added on future agendas, a component of County business must be met for the matter to be considered an agenda item.

5. County Correspondence: None

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

    - Lambert shares that Precinct No. 3 (three) has an abundance of fill dirt available to other precincts; Burns expresses interest in acquiring it.

7. Plats:

Final Plat

1. Moreno Valero Ridge. Final Plat
   Lot 1, Block 1
   Chad Davis-Kiley Vian
   SH 199
   Precinct 4 (CS)
   (Drain study variance requested)

- **Clark states and Shawn confirms, that this plat will be *TABLED* for future agenda.**

8. Consider and act on updates to County's AI Usage policies.

    - Clark reminds everyone that during the January 27, 2025 meeting, the Court approved the initial framework utilizing AI (Artificial Intelligence) within the County government operations.

    - As a result of the Pilot program and due to the State law changes, the County needs to revise its AI policies.

    - Powell states that almost all of the software nowadays is imbedded with built-in AI features.

    - Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell presents a couple of AI proposed usage policies to the Court in order to comply with the **Texas Responsible Artificial Intelligence Governance Act** (TRAIGA), House Bill 149:
        - Wise County Generative AI Usage Policy (the overarching policy) (*attachments*)
        - GovAI Acceptable Use Policy (*attachments*)

    - Powell suggests restricting public-facing AI deployments and strengthening protections for sensitive law enforcement and legal data.

- Powell adds that the Phase III rollout of the GovAI platform to all County departments will begin next week (Phase II was primarily Public Safety).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the proposed updates to the County's AI usage policies.**

9. Consider and act on appointing Dr. Roger Leaton as Local Health Authority.

- Clark reminds everyone that during the August 24th meeting, he and Emergency Medical Services Chief Randall Preuninger approved combining the Local Health Authority and Emergency Medical Services Director into a single position and suggested making Dr. Leaton as the County's Local Health Authority.

- Clark explains that the Wise County Local Health Authority is a two-year term.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to consider and act on appointing Dr. Roger Leaton as Wise County Local Health Authority.**

10. Consider and act on "Adopt a County Road" Program policy and guidelines

- Clark reminds the Court that this item was initially mentioned during the July 27th Court and provides Shawn an opportunity to present the proposed framework for the program.

- Shawn mentions that at least a couple of County residents reached out to him about organizing a county road adoption program similar to the TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) initiative.

- Shawn states that similar program policies from neighboring counties and TXDOT provided best practices which he hopes to include in the County's program.

- The initiative will involve a two-year adoption commitments with a requirement for quarterly cleanups.

- Shawn suggests each precinct commissioners have the discretion to approve or deny specific road segments based on safety. He desires for the program to be simple and not burdensome to encourage participation.

- Shawn assures everybody that Commissioners' Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg has reviewed the initial policy, application, and other legal documentation.

- The Court agrees that a one-mile segment should be the minimum.

- Shawn recommends collaborating with Facilities Manager Jimmy Counts about providing garbage bags and recognition signage for participants.

- Lambert suggests handing out the safety vests in the beginning and collecting them at the end of each instances.

- Shawn presents the following documents to the Court (*attachments*):
  - Wise County Adopt-A-County Road Application and Agreement
  - Wise County Adopt-A-County Road Volunteer Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk and Release
  - Wise County Adopt-A-County Road Safety and Cleanup Guidelines
  - Wise County Adopt-A-County Road Litter Abatement Program

- In order to broaden participation and minimize liability, the Court agrees that the minimum volunteer age should be 13 years old, requiring one adult supervisor for every three youths aged 13–18. Shawn will revise the policy and place an asterisk on the minimum age specifying that ***children under the age of 13 may only be approved by a variance from the Commissioners' Court***.

- **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve and implement the Adopt A County Road program as presented stating the minimum age will be 13 years old, requiring one adult supervisor for every three youths aged 13–18 on the policy and a disclaimer that is the minimum age unless granted by the Commissioners' Court.**

11. Donations:

- Treasurer Katherine Hudson shares that the animal shelter received donated cat food from Lauren Morton (*attachment*).

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

12. Bids:

- Asset Control Manager Diana Allen requests to transfer a 2014 Tahoe from County Court at Law 1 to Constable 4 for reserve use.

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

- ***On behalf of Environmental Services***, Allen also requests to purchase a stationary compactor and receiver for $144,964.88 via a cooperative agreement.

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

- Clark requests a capital purchase of a Boxx Modular office building for the Sheriff's Office through the Sourcewell Cooperative contract for $193,196. The building will be installed on the south side of the property, next to the forensics building. Clark adds that there will be additional expenses for the foundation and plumbing, and electrical installation.

- Sheriff's Office Special Services Captain Rex Hoskins will be the point of contact for this matter and Facilities Manager Jimmy Counts will coordinate the installation of the utilities.

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the purchase and designation of Rex Hoskins as the point of contact.**

13. Consent Agenda Items:

    a. Minutes: September 28th, Regular Meeting
       September 14th, Public Hearing, WC Weatherford Campus
       September 14th, Public Hearing, Property Tax
       September 14th, Public Hearing, Budget

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

        - Asset Control Manager Diana Allen presents Asset Control Quarterly Audit Report July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026 (*attachments*).

        - Sheriff Mellema offers assistance with traffic safety by having reserve officers onsite during scheduled cleanups for the Adopt-A-County Road Program.

    c. Budget Amendments: None

    d. Capital Expenditure: None

    e. Claims & Payroll:

        - Walk-to-Court

- Assistant Auditor Pat Trail presents Claims and Payroll (*attachments*).

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):

- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - Faro Renewal (*attachment*)
  - Sharps Compliance Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Official Payments Corporation Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Carter Bloodcare Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Fairbanks Bridgeport and Decatur Scales Renewals (*attachments*)
  - PSTrax Renewals and Amendment (*attachment*)
  - Samsara Renewal (*attachment*)
  - Trinity Innovative Solutions Renewal (*attachment*)
  - Motorola ESA Renewal (*attachment*)
  - First Due Amendment (*no attachment*)
  - Freese and Nichols Flood Management Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - West Fork Public Utility Agency Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Texas Association of Counties Retiree Health Coverage Renewal (*attachment*)

- **Fully Executed** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - DFW International Airport (*attachment*)
  - Texas Conviction Reporting Interlocal JP1 (*attachment*)
  - Denton County Inmate Housing (*attachment*)
  - UD DEA Task Force 12 (*attachment*)
  - US Asset Forfeiture Task Force 12 (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items introduced under Consent Agenda Item #13 with changes and additions as presented.**

14. Joint Venture Project Agreements:

- Hayes states that the County has a local agreement with the City of New Fairview to supply asphalt for drainage work which will cover 1.6 miles.

- Shawn will be rebuilding roadways on the following areas in Runaway Bay:
    - Lindsey Lane
    - Lindsay Square
    - Brittons Lane

- **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all projects as described.**

15. Hazard Mitigation Plan and Related Grant Project: None

16. Right-of-Way Improvements:

    - Burns requests permission to get on Jacob Turnerville's property on CR 1591.

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize access on the Turnerville's property on CR 1591 for the purposes stated.**

17. Burn Ban Update:

    - Fire Marshal Jeff Doughty rescinds the 90-day full-on burn ban and implements a new daily weather-based ban for 90 days (*attachments*).

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to rescind the 90-day full-on burn ban and put in place instead a 90-day daily weather-based burn ban with the different weather warning statuses.**

18. County Committee Reports: None

19. **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Monday, October 26, 2026.**

20. Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:54 **AM**, there being no further business to be had by the Court

Minutes approved this 26 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

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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.