

JANUARY 9, 2023

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 9th day of January A.D., 2023 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 a.m. All court members were present.
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Community Forum: Kina Blanton resides in Slidell and has inherited a 130-year-old home from her father, it sits on almost 3 acres. Kina has spent the last year making renovations on the property. The owner of the 1-acre lot across the street from the property has put in several tiny homes in close proximity to her home for residential rental. She would like to know if this development has been properly permitted and approved for multi family use and if there is anyway she can stop it or have the units moved to face the proper street address of the lot. The lot address is 118 CR 2823. Kina reference Article 7 and would like to know what recourse she has and what rules apply to her property. Clark introduced Joey Highfill as the County's public works director and allowed Mr. Highfill to provide statements of fact. Mr. Highfill shared he has a meeting set up with the owner of the tiny homes to be certain that they are doing everything legally.
- 5) County Correspondence: Clark recognized new Precinct 4 County Commissioner, Shawn and County Clerk, Tuma to their first official meeting as elected officials.

Clark reminded the court about the annual Wise County drug and alcohol council luncheon that is scheduled for February 27th at noon host being Gary Barnes.

Clark Recognized Thomas Aaberg for serving as our County Attorney as well as our Commissioners Court Attorney.

8) Receive presentation on potential “Unite Us” partnership program with Wise Health System, Wise County United Way, and Wise County municipalities. (Clark moved item 8 up on agenda)

Jordan Holzbog is the Director of Population Health at Wise Health System. Ms. Holzbog’s role revolves around community health and the impact that WHS not only as a health care entity but as a community partner can have on all lives in Wise County. Wise County United Way is currently a nonprofit organization and will be completely community led. As a nonprofit they are required to do a community health needs assessment every 3 years. This consists of a community survey, interviews with community stake holders, compiling data, and come up with an action plan.

Social determinants of health are the overall health of an individual. Health care impacts that with only 30% the other 70% of your overall health has to do with the environment you live in, your Socio economics status and your behaviors.

Healthy Wise County was developed, they have four different community meetings on a monthly basis, the Wise County health forum which was started by Judge Chase, this is used by focusing on the needs during the community meetings and let the community be involved on what needs to be done next.

The main focus for “Unite Us” is to connect our County, Cities, and nonprofits to resources available for our community.

The Wise Community

- 10% of Wise County lives in poverty
- 21% of adults are uninsured
- 45% of adults are obese
- Average number of mentally unhealthy days reported in past 30 days -4.4
- 14% of households with at least 1 of 4 housing problems: overcrowding, high housing costs, lack of kitchen facilities, or lack of plumbing facilities.

Watch the Unite Us Video at <https://vimeo.com/517318736>

Clark stated this is a great opportunity for us as a County to be the “connector” for a lot of nonprofit organizations that may need help connecting with people in the community.

Ms. Holzbog shared creating an advocacy council with community leaders to use the data and resources to help our community.

This is a group effort and would like to ask everyone to come together for funding. Ms. Holzbog explained this is a 3 year contract.

Clark commented the contract is between Wise Health System and Unite Us, Wise County and the Cities would have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Wise Health to participate.

Jordan noted this is HIPPA compliant and a consent that is involved along with a screening that is required.

Wise County- \$5,000 (upfront cost) and \$5,000 annually
United Way Wise County- \$5,000 annually
Wise Health Foundation / WHS- \$2,500 each
Cities / Municipalities- \$500 each

Clark asked Ms. Holzbog when she anticipates this will be available to nonprofits. Ms. Holzbog stated within the first or second week in March. This will be a web base login with an available app.

Motion made by Burns seconded by Shawn and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize County Staff to take the necessary steps to join Wise County in the Unite Us partnership program, as presented.

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

Burns stated he has been utilizing precinct 1 trucks for more than a week and expresses his appreciation while doing work on the North side of the Lake.

7) Plats:

- Swindle Addition, Final Plat, Lot 1, Block 1. Chad Davis-Joey Highfill. Located in Precinct No.2 off FM1655 granting a variance for a drainage study. (See attachment)
- Bald Ridge Ranchettes, Replat, Lots 14R1 & 14R2. Chad David-Joey Highfill. Located in Precinct No. 4 off CR 3435 granting a variance for road frontage and a variance for drainage study. (See attachment)

Motion made by Burns seconded by Shawn and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following plats as presented.

- 9) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hays and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE (Bond# 71626388) for Elections Administrator Sabra Srader, as presented. (Original Bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 10) Motion made by Shawn seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE (Bond# 15103136) for County Engineer Chad Davis, as presented. (Original Bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 11) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 71604568) for County Judge Judson Donald Clark, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 12) Motion made by Burns seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72334398) for District Attorney James Stainton, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 13) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72334005) for County Court at Law No. 1 Judge Greg Lowery, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 14) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72515326) for County Attorney Che Rotramble, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 15) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72515322) for District Clerk C. Loucrecia Biggerstaff, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 16) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72515316) for County Clerk Blanca Tuma, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 17) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 68643239) for County Treasurer Katherine Hudson, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)

- 18) Motion made by Hays seconded by Shawn and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 69440635) for Precinct 2 Commissioner Kevin Drew Burns, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 19) Motion made by Hays seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72515324) for Precinct 4 Commissioner Colby Shawn, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 20) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 68801397) for Precinct 1- Justice of the Peace Judge Stacy Jan Morrow, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 21) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72102469) for Precinct 2- Justice of the Peace Judge Kimberly Lavon Redman as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 22) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 71040755) for Precinct 3- Justice of the Peace Judge Mandy Hays, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 23) Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the Western Surety Company Official Bond and Oath (Bond # 72102471) for Precinct 4- Justice of the Peace Judge Willie D. Garrett, as presented. (Original bonds and Oaths are filed in the County Clerk's Office by Blanca Tuma, County Clerk.)
- 24) Consider excepting donations of personal property and/or various revenues to County:
None
- 25) Discuss and consider construction, initiation, and/or approval of: (i) specifications pursuant to advertising for bids on one or several different items and/or services for purchase (or sale of items); (ii) purchase of specific items; (iii) consider awarding bids and (iv) consider giving notice of cancellation(s) as/if necessary.

Diana reports Precinct 3 has requested to cancel bid number 22-BID-026.

Motion made by Lambert seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court.

Burns requesting to purchase 8 ½ ton double steel drum roller on Coop.

Motion made by Burns and seconded by Hays and unanimously adopted by the Court.

26) Consent Agenda Item:

a) Minutes: December 12th 2022 (Regular Meeting) and December 20th 2022 (Special Meeting) (No attachments)

b) Department Head Reports:

Clark provided the Court with a few status updates on the County Wide Public Safety Radio Project. Concrete foundation was laid for the shelter that is located at the WCSO. The subscriber units have shipped, dispatch consoles have been programmed, cable for the SO project will be completed after the shelter is placed. The SO dispatch consoles will be installed by January 31st, and obtaining the last two frequency pairs will be done by January 31st. This projected completion date for this project should be this year (2023).(See attachment)

Nextlink Broadband update- wireless portion is complete this also helps Nextlink provide 100 mbps across the County with higher speeds to come. County Offices are on track to be connect to the “fiber loop” by the end of January. Steven Melton has been meeting with Nextlink on our County Networking for our County connections. Nextlink will also be sending out promotion mailer to public by the end of February. (See attachment)

Burns requesting to obtain Right of Way for a bridge off CR 1590 he stated he would need to negotiate with two land owners to purchase property. Clark gave Burns verbal authorization to proceed with this process. (No attachment)

Katherine Hudson noted she has October and November Treasurer Report in DropBox along with the Auditor’s December Report.

Asset Control Report October- December 2022. (see attachment)

County Clerk monthly activity report December 2022. (see attachment)

c) Budget Amendments: Ann noted FY23-03 is just various line items.

d) Capital Expenditure Plan: mileage increase to .655 cents

e) Claims and Payroll: January is when some stipends go out to nonprofit agencies and our libraries for the year.

f) Utility Permits/Right of Way: none

g) Interlocal Agreements/ Contracts: Dropbox

(Original contracts, and Interlocal Agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen.)

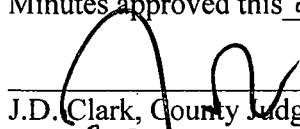
- Carter Blood Care EMS. (See attachment)
- Professional Service Agreement- (Bush Tract) Archer Appraisal Co. (See attachment)

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- TFC Add/Delete Authorized Representatives. (See attachment)
- Fully Executed: Alvord Public Library for services as a County Library. (See attachment)
- TAC proof of Loss and Power of Attorney (for OEM totaled vehicle)

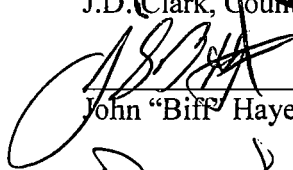
Motion made by Shawn and seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items listed under agenda item 26.

- 27) Consider approval of Roadway and/or construction joint venture Project Agreements between various Wise County Precincts and other local Wise County governmental entities: none
- 28) Discuss Hazard Mitigation Plan and related grant projects:
Cody Powell requesting to apply for the Post Fire Mitigation Grant.
Motion made by Burns and seconded by Hays and unanimously adopted by the Court to pursue the grant application that as presented.
- 29) Right-Of-Way Improvements: None
- 30) Burn Ban: Motion made by Burns and seconded by Shawn to renew the 90 day burn ban as is, with the same tiers/warning labels. (see attachment)
- 31) Committee Reports: None
- 32) Clark announced the next Holiday as being Monday January 16th, 2023. (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 33) Clark announced the next meeting date as Monday January 23rd, 2023, regular meeting.
- 34) Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM, there being no further business to be had by the court.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of January, 2023, as printed.



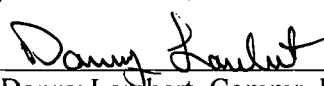
J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County



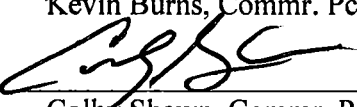
John "Biff" Hayes, Commr. Pct. No. 1



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ATTEST:



Blanca Tuma, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court,
Wise County, Texas.

The Wise County Commissioners' Court adopted revised **Rules of Procedures, Conduct & Decorum at Meetings of Wise County Commissioners' Court** on March 25, 2019.

