

JANUARY 24, 2022

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 24th day of January, A.D., 2022 at 9:00 A.M. came on to be had a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the County Court at Law Court Room (3rd) Floor in County Courthouse 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
Gaylord Kennedy	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Sherry Lemon, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court by Amanda Knox, Chief Deputy 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 AM. All court members were present.
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Community Forum:

Precinct No. 4 resident Gerald Groves presented information to the court about what he feels to be illegal annexation of property by the City of Bridgeport. Clark told Groves that he will put Groves' statement in court record and provided a copy to Commissioners Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg. (See attachment)

Precinct No. 1 resident Chad L. Miller presented information regarding his concerns about what he feels to be a growing issue in Wise County being the transgender ideology. Miller presented a resource packet for the court and requested county policy regarding this issue.

- 5) Correspondence:

Clark reminded the court of the Texas Agrilife Interpretive Luncheon today at 11:30 AM held by the Wise County Ag Extension Office.

Clark reminded the court of the Wise County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse annual luncheon on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM at FUMC-Decatur.

Texas Agrilife District Extension Administrator for the Rolling Plains district, Lorrie Coop introduced Karley West as the nominee for the Wise County 4-H Extension Agent with a start date of February 1, 2022. Clark stated that former 4-H agent Chrissy Karrer is now the FCCLA teacher at Decatur High School. Clark stated this item will be considered for approval under Department Head Reports.

6) Precinct Cooperation/Coordination:

Burns stated he is waiting on warmer weather before he begins work on CR 1110 in Precinct No. 2.

7) Plats:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the C. Davis Addition Final Plat for Lots 1-2, Block 1, located in Precinct No. 2 contingent upon receipt of new Mylar prints and copies of the plat that include the drainage study language required that will defer the drainage study until the other lots are platted. Burns confirmed this is a large piece of property with the first two lots being close to the road. Burns continued that the drainage plan is postponed and not waived, including a letter of general conformance from Kimley-Horn and Associates. (See attachment)

Motion made by Kennedy seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following plats, as presented:

- Hillcrest Meadows North, Final Plat Phase 2 Letter of Credit and Final Maintenance Acceptance, located in Precinct No. 1. Including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- The Ranches at Rolling Hills, Phase 3, Maintenance Period Acceptance, located in Precinct No. 2, as presented, including a letter of general conformance from Kimley-Horn and Associates. (See attachment)
- Blackberry Farms, Lots 1-2, Block 1, Final Plat, located in Precinct No. 3, as presented, granting variances on drainage plan and road frontage, and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- Cox Meadows, Lots 1-2, Block 1 Final Plat, located in Precinct No. 4, as presented, including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services and a breach inundation letter. (See attachments)
- Saddleridge Ranch Estates, Lots 1R-1, 1R-2, and 1R-3, Block 1, Section 1 Replat located in Precinct No. 4, as presented, granting a variance on drainage plan study and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)

- Hammons Addition, Lots 1-3, Block 1, Final Plat located in Precinct No. 4, as presented, granting a variance on drainage plan and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)

A developer asked if he needs to create specific wording for the C. Davis Addition. Burns told Burks that he will get with County Engineer Chad Davis regarding wording and forward that to Burks.

8) Motion made by Kennedy seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Western Surety Company Continuation Certificate (Bond No. 63499101) for Jeff Doughty as Wise County Fire Marshal. (Original bond recorded in Official Bond and Oath Records by the Wise County Clerk.)

9) Motion made by Lambert seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Western Surety Company Continuation Certificate (Bond No. 63499124) for Cody Powell as Emergency Management Coordinator for Wise County. (Original bond recorded in Official Bond and Oath Records by the Wise County Clerk.)

10) Donations:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the donation of personal property (approximately 1/10th of an acre) from J. Gary Shelton to Wise County at the bridge on Acorn Drive in Precinct No. 2 as stated on the Donation Deed recorded in Official Public Records of Wise County Document Number 202201218. (See attachment)

Asset Control Officer Diana Allen noted for court record that 911 Address found a radio in one of the vehicles donated by Wise County Water Control and Improvement District #1 that was approved at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

11) Bids: None

12) Consent Agenda Item:

a) Minutes: January 10, 2022 (No attachment)

b) Department Head Reports:

- Items submitted in Dropbox but not provided for court record. (No attachments)
- Wise County Investment Report for October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 (See attachment)
- Treasurer's Report December 2021 (See attachment)
- Clark (verbal) re: recommendation from Ag Extension to hire Karley West as Wise County 4-H Extension Agent.

- Public Works Director Joey Highfill verbal re: plan to offer plat pre-submittal meetings. Highfill told the court that there are times when some plats take longer to go through the platting process. Highfill commented that there may be other outside reasons. Highfill commented that the county offers pre-submittal meetings to developers and owners on plats reviewed in-house so all parties can discuss the property. Clark requested the court consider offering pre-submittal meetings to developers regarding construction and infrastructure on plats reviewed by Kimley-Horn and Associates. Clark continued that a representative from Kimley-Horn and Associates attends the Commissioners court meetings and pre-submittal meetings would not be on-demand but scheduled when a Kimley-Horn and Associates representative is already in the county. Highfill stated the purpose of these will be to eliminate issues that keep coming up that slow down the platting process. Highfill stated that whoever will be involved in the property (fire marshal, commissioner, engineer, etc.) will be invited to be involved in the pre-submittal meetings. The court discussed other parties to include in the pre-submittal meetings.
- c) Budget Amendment: FY22-05 for various line items.
- d) Capital Expenditure: None
- e) Claims/Payroll: Registers provided in Dropbox.
- f) Utility Requests: Fiber Optic cable installation along CR 4863 at various roads listed by Clark (See attachment)

Burns confirmed with County Engineer Chad Davis that the company is aware of the 24" exemption to digging in the county right-of-way. Davis confirmed they have received the county easement requirements.

- g) Contracts/Interlocal Agreements:
(Original Contracts and Interlocal Agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen.)
 - Fully Executed (list): Library Decatur; School of EMS (See attachments)
 - Kologik LLC Software-As-A- Service Agreement (formerly Cop Sync) for Fire Marshal's office being record management software. Doughty said the startup cost is \$4,200.00 with a \$2,400.00 annual renewal. Doughty explained how the software works. (See attachment)
 - Allen stated she is ready to cancel the contract with Centurylink for the Wise County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) phones. Allen stated the ENA addendum needs to include the WCSO phones. Systems Administrator Steven Melton requested the payment to Centurylink of \$1,800.00 to terminate the Centurylink contract. (No attachment)

Motion made by Burns seconded by Hayes and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items listed under agenda item 12, as presented, and with any changes noted.

13) Project Agreements for Road Repair:

Motion made by Hayes seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the project agreement for road repair #1012 for the City of New Fairview for CR 4717 in Precinct No. 1. (See attachment)

14) Hazard Mitigation Plan: None

15) Right-of-Way Improvements:

Motion made by Lambert seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the right-of-way improvement request from Harold Johnson at 400 CR 4781 located in Precinct No. 3 to move the fence ten feet so that an embankment may be sloped. (See attachment)

16) Burn Ban:

Motion made by Kennedy seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to include a written exception to the current burn ban to allow the U.S. Forest Service to conduct prescribed burns.

Doughty stated there will be no change to the length of time of the current ban. Doughty updated the court to the number of calls before and after the current ban.

17) Committee Reports:

Clark provided the packet information presented under agenda item 4 (Community Forum) to Wise County Human Resources Director/County Treasurer Katherine Hudson. (No attachment provided for court record.)

18) Motion made by Hayes seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to enter into Executive Session with County Legal Counsel for private consultation allowed under Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

19) Court reconvened in regular session at 10:25 AM; Clark stated no action was to be taken by the Court on discussion during Executive Session.


20) Clark announced the next meeting as Monday, February 14, 2022.

21) Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM, there being no further business to be had by the court.


Minutes approved this 14th day of February, 2022, as printed.




J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County



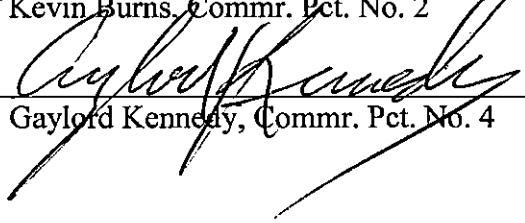
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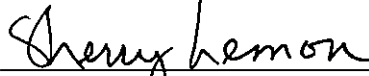


Danny Lambert, Commr. Pct. No. 3




Gaylord Kennedy, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:



Sherry Lemon, 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.

