

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 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 (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 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: None
- 5) County Correspondence: None
- 6) Precinct Coordination/Cooperation: None
- 7) Plats:

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

- Wagon Trails Estates, Preliminary Plat, Lots 1-4, Block 1, Phase 2A, located in Precinct No. 1, as presented, granting a drainage plan variance and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)

- Lackey Estates, Lots 1-4, Block 1, Preliminary Plat, located in Precinct No. 2, as presented, granting variances for drainage plan and road frontage, and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- Miller Estates, Lots 1-4, Block 1, Preliminary Plat, located in Precinct No. 2, as presented, including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- Pappy Lawson Addition, Lots 1-8, Block A, Preliminary Plat, located in Precinct No. 2, as presented, including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- The South Forty, Lots 3A and 3B, Replat, located in Precinct No. 4, as presented, granting a drainage plan variance and road frontage variance, and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- Spring Valley Ranch, Lots 3R-1, 3R-2, and 3R-3, Replat, located in Precinct No. 4, as presented, granting a drainage plan variance and road frontage variance, and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- Holiday Ranch, Lots 1-13, Block 29, Preliminary Plat, located in Precinct No. 4, as presented, granting a road frontage variance and including a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)

8) Burns stated the donation of real property to Wise County was brought to Burns' attention by the realtor and one of the landowners. Burns stated the owners are selling approximately 160 acres of property that touches one corner of federal government land. Burns stated there is a trail head onto the government land. Burns stated the owners have allowed a horse trail across their property for several years (into the LBJ Caddo National Grasslands) and want to ensure the public service stays in place (upon the sale of the property) and want to donate that land to the federal government. Burns discussed the time and "hoops" that are involved in donation of land to the federal governments. Burns continued that the county can complete that donation of land to the federal government at a later date. Burns reiterated the current owner wants to ensure the land remains greenspace.

Clark clarified the acreage is 0.040 acres of land and that the owner has already drafted up the quitclaim deed for the donated land. Kennedy asked if there is anything the county needs to gate or fence-wise for this property acquisition? Burns confirmed that is not necessary "it's already there." Burns continued that sometime in the future the county might want to give the

property to the federal government when we have time to go through their process. Burns stated this is a quick fix for their request. Burns stated that because this is greenspace he wishes to forego the platting process for the 0.040 acres.

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the donation of 0.040 acres of land in Precinct No. 2 and granting the request to forego the platting requirement process based on greenspace and land size.

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to amend the previous motion to clarify that the document is unsigned and to authorize staff to do what needs to be done when the document is signed and get it filed (in Official Public Records) noting the property owner names of Robert Bayless and Joe Michael Pirtle.

Realtor Danny Hodges confirmed with Burns about the recording of the deed and the minutes are the record of the court.

9) Donations: None

10) Bids:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the destruction of a Wise County Sheriff's Office iPad that doesn't work but has case data on it that cannot be erased.

Asset Control Officer Diana Allen discussed Public Power Pool (P3) consideration of cancellation or renewal. Clark commented that the county has had a good experience with P3. Allen noted the April 15, 2022 deadline if the county does not want to participate in P3. Clark discussed information received from TASB Energy Cooperative requesting to give a presentation. Burns requested to see past rates before deciding if the court needs a presentation. Allen noted the county can revisit this at the first meeting in March 2022. Clark stated he will send an email to Allen to get the relevant information to the court.

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the change in chassis from Ford to Dodge for the September 2021 approval/purchase order of an ambulance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with an approximate \$10,000 increase in cost to be paid from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) capital expenditure funds and purchased through cooperative.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Randall Preuninger stated it will still be approximately 4-6 months to build out the ambulance.

11) Consent Agenda Item:

a) Minutes: February 14, 2022 (No attachment)

b) Department Head Reports:

- Items submitted in Dropbox but not provided for court record. (No attachments)
- Treasurer's Report January 2022 (See attachment)
- Snow Garrett Williams Wise County Community Supervision and Correction Department audit report for the year ending August 31, 2021. (See attachment)
- Snow Garrett Williams Wise County Texas Juvenile Justice Department Grant Funds of Jack and Wise Counties, Texas audit report for the year ending August 31, 2021. (See attachment)
- Public Works Director Joey Highfill's request to Clark to draft a letter from the court to circulate to the trash companies regarding dumpsters in the county right-of-way. Highfill stated there are two companies that he has dealt with regarding dumpsters in the right-of-way one of which has complied quickly; and, the other no response. Highfill and the court discussed an April 1, 2022 deadline for remediation.

c) Budget Amendments:

- FY22-07 for various line items. (No attachments)
- Clark re: request from County Court at Law #2 Judge Stephen Wren for part time to full time to get an administrative person in-person due to the indefinite absence of the current court coordinator for family reasons. Clark and County Auditor Ann McCuiston estimated the need for \$18,000.00 for the rest of the fiscal year that is available in payroll contingency.

d) Capital Expenditures: None

e) Claims/Payroll:

- registers in Dropbox (see attached corrected walk to court list only; no other attachments)
- American Rule Energy Coalition for \$2,500.00. Clark commented that Burns represents Wise County on that board. Burns discussed this item further.

f) Utility Requests: None

g) Contracts/Interlocal Agreements:

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

- Renewals (list): Ad Valorem for City of Alvord, ClearCreek Watershed Authority; Wise County Water Improvement District No. 1. (See attachment; list only)
- Fully Executed; Library Chico. (See attachment)
- Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefit Pool: Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Services (ARTS) Renewal Information. (See attachment)

Motion made by Burns seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items listed under Consent Agenda Item, as presented with additions and changes noted.

12) Project Agreement for Road Repair: None

13) Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell stated there is a workshop to be held on March 1, 2022 that will transition from data collection into project development. Powell stated he will get with the court members to discuss this further.

14) Right-of-Way Improvements: None

15) Burn Ban: Fire Marshal Jeff Doughty told the court he wishes to continue the 90 day burn ban. Clark confirmed the current ban is still active and doesn't expire until the first of April.

16) Committee Reports:

Clark told the court the Development Rules and Regulations Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

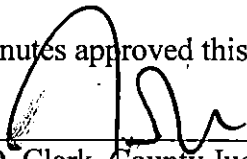
17) Clark stated the next court meeting as Monday, March 14, 2022. Clark discussed that this is Spring Break week and confirmed a quorum will be present.

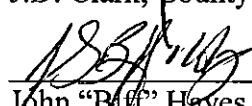
***Back to agenda item 6: Precinct Coordination/Cooperation:***

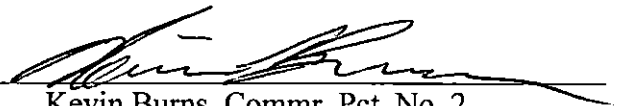
Burns discussed the commissioners speaking with the Wise County Messenger regarding upcoming traffic projects in order to inform the public.

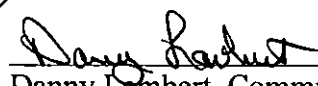
18) Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM, there being no further business to be had by the court.

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

  
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J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

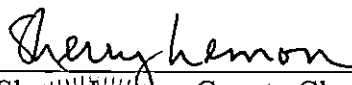
  
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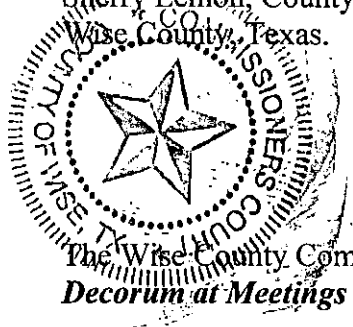
  
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Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

  
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Danny Lambert, Commr. Pct. No. 3

ABSENT  
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Gaylord Kennedy, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

  
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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.