

MARCH 31, 2020

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 31st day of March, A.D., 2020 at 8:30 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:

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| J.D. Clark | County Judge |
| Danny White | Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 |
| Kevin Burns | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Harry Lamance | 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 8:31 AM. All court members were present.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Moment of Silence
- 4) Community Forum: none
- 5) Clark discussed the Wise County Disaster Declaration and Executive Order of the Wise County Judge that he executed on March 23, 2020 to take effect at 11:59 PM on March 24, 2020 for a seven (7) day period. Clark and Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell discussed with the court the COVID-19 case totals for surrounding counties.

Clark took the previous declaration and added additional wording as follows:

- This declaration urges all persons residing in Wise County to adhere to the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, which states that persons should stay home as much as possible and avoid discretionary travel, shopping and social visits;
- References to Governor Abbott's Executive Order concerning gathering size and restaurants/bars.

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- Stores that do not sell essential household goods (and other businesses where possible) are encouraged to offer online/phone orders and fulfillment by curbside pickup/delivery/mail.
- Adds language allowing the following entities to continue doing business as long as they implement and enforce social distancing: “Stores selling hunting/food gathering equipment and supplies”.
- In all such locations, especially in retailers selling essential household goods with immense public demand, those retailers shall take proactive steps to provide, regulate, and encourage social distancing, sanitization, and limiting opportunities for community spread. This can include measures such as limiting number of people in a store at one time, increasing online/curbside/delivery options, regularly sanitizing shopping carts, etc. Where possible, a tracking list of individuals present and their contact information shall be maintained.
- Persons who are sick and currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, even if they have not been tested have a responsibility to take actions necessary to protect the physical health and well-being of others. Any person who is sick or currently experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, is hereby ordered to stay home until such time that: a) he or she has no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers; and, b) his or her other symptoms have improved (for example, when the cough or shortness of breath has improved); and, c) at least 14 days have passes since the symptoms first appeared. This order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her home to seek necessary medical or emergency care.

County Attorney James Stainton asked if the county has met with local big-box stores about reducing the number of people in a store at one time? Clark told Stainton and the court that big-box stores are under municipal guidelines. Clark continued that the cities are going around to big-box stores and encouraging best practices to slow the spread of COVID-19. Clark told the court that he will have a conference call with the mayors and city administrators to discuss any change to the county Disaster Declaration.

Motion made by Burns seconded by White and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept and extend the Wise County Disaster Declaration and Executive Order with the changes as noted and discussed effective 11:59 PM Tuesday, March 31, 2020 to be effective for seven (7) days.

Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:11 AM there being no further business to be had.

Minutes approved this 13th day of April, 2020, as printed.

J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

Danny White, Commr. Pct. No. 1

Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

Harry Lamance, 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.