

**MAY 11, 2020**

**WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2020 at 9:01 A.M. came on to be had a Regular 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
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 9:01 AM. All court members were present.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Moment of Silence
- 4) Community Forum:
- 5) County Correspondence:

Clark stated that the completed courthouse grant application was submitted on May 8, 2020 and doesn't expect to hear anything about the award until July.

County Engineer Chad Davis updated the court about the county road list for the TxDOT grant.

Burns discussed creating a bypass from Mary Wolf road in Indian Trails Subdivision for the bridge replacement that was approved at the March 9, 2020 meeting.

Clark stated the court received a nice card from Pro-Cuts thanking the court for the letter to Governor Abbott supporting the reopen of hair salons and barber shops.

- 6) Precinct Cooperation/Coordination:

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Burns discussed road work on City of Chico streets for the end of this week or next week and stated that Precincts 1 and 4 have offered to help.

Kennedy discussed road material stockpiled on Castleberry Road.

7) Plats:

Motion made by White seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following plats.

- Mesa Ridge, Lots 2R-1 and 2R-2 – Replat located in Precinct No. 1., as presented, granting a variance for the lot size. (No letter of conformance provided by Wise County Development Services.)
- Hillcrest Meadows North, Phase I, Lots 1-4, Block 1; Lots 1-11, Block 2; and, Lots 1-8, Block 3 Final Plat located in Precinct No. 1, with no variance request and contingent on breach analysis language being added to the plat document prior to court signature. (No attachment provided by Wise County Development Services.)
- 4-S Addition, Lots 1-5, Block 1, Final Plat, located in Precinct No. 1, as presented, with no variance request. (No attachment provided by Wise County Development Services.)
- The Ranches at Rolling Hills, Phase 3, located in Precinct No. 2, Construction Plan Acceptance. (No attachment provided by Wise County Development Services.)
- Timber Ridge Estates, Lots 1-6, Block 1, Preliminary Plat, as presented, located in Precinct No. 4, granting a variance on road frontage. (No attachment provided by Wise County Development Services.)

8) Regional Water Planning Grant:

Burns requested this item be postponed until the Power Point presentation can be viewed.

9) Clark and the court briefly discussed the current Wise County Disaster Declaration that was ordered on April 28, 2020 following Governor Greg Abbott's press conference to reopen Texas businesses. Clark requested the court renew the current declaration as-is until the next court meeting.

Motion made by Burns seconded by White and unanimously adopted by the Court to extend the current Wise County Disaster Declaration and Emergency Order that was approved on April 28, 2020.

10) Donations:

Motion made by White seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the donation, with the court's thanks, of 1,440 1.9oz. bottles of hand sanitizer from Bryan and Lacey Hand (valued at \$1.04 per bottle) for county use.

11) Bids:

Motion made by Kennedy seconded by Lamance and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the asset transfer of a Tahoe vehicle from Wise County Sheriff's Office inventory to Public Works inventory with all equipment included.

12) Consent Agenda Item:

- a) Minutes: April 28, 2020, as presented. (No attachment)
- b) Department Head Reports:
  - County Clerk monthly activity report for April 2020 (See attachment)
  - Auditor's Report for April 2020. (See attachment)
  - County Auditor Ann McCuiston (verbal) regarding an Inventory Audit list of items that could not be located. McCuiston stated that the Wise County Sheriff's Office found a laptop that was part of that list.
- c) Budget Amendments: FY20-12 for various line item transfers. (No attachment)
- d) Capital Expenditure Plan:
  - \$7,070.00 to be paid from Wise County Building and Grounds Capital Expenditures to repair wall damage and due to a water leak in the office area of the Precinct No. 3 barn.
- e) Claims/Payroll:
  - Registers as presented in Dropbox.
  - \$3,500.00 for Edwards Surveying for staking a right-of-way on CR 2224 for utility adjustment (located in Precinct No. 1) (No attachment)
- f) Utility Permits/Right-of-Way: None
- g) Contracts and Interlocal Agreements:  
(Original contracts and Interlocal agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen.)
  - Comptroller of Public Accounts State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program (See attachment)
  - Timekeeping Systems, Inc. Pro Forma Renewal Invoice for Wise County Sheriff's Office. (See attachment)
  - Xerox Plat Copier renewal letter for County Clerk plat copier (See attachment)
  - Snow, Garrett, Williams CPA Tax Assessor Office audit (See two agreement attachments)
  - Snow, Garrett, Williams CPA agreement for Wise County FY2020 audit. (See attachment)
  - CML Security electronics and detention service agreement program for the Wise County Sheriff's Office. (See attachment)

- Fully Executed (list): Rapid Financial Solutions; Tech Friends; Centurylink Loyal Advantage Amendment (See attachments for all listed)
- Renewals (list): LexisNexis Accurant for District Attorney and Emergency Medical Services (EMS); Ad Valorem for New Fairview; Wise County ESD#2; Wise County Fire District No. 1; Wise County Water Supply. (See list attachment)

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

Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell requested court direction regarding disaster reimbursement. Powell stated that several items require Clark's signature and wanted to know if the court wants the projects to come back to court if additional reimbursement is required. The court agreed that projects do not have to come back to court if there is no additional reimbursement.

13) Project Agreements/Road Repair:

Kennedy discussed potholing for the City of Paradise in Precinct No. 4. No action taken by the court.

14) Right-of-Way Improvements:

Motion made by Lamance seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following right-of-way improvement requests:

- Twila Nelon property on CR 4679 and CR 4577 in Precinct No. 3. Lamance stated the property owner will remove the fence to aide in clearing the right-of-way.
- Burns discussed the previously approved right-of-way improvement in Precinct No. 2 on CR 2461 to replace grapevines and trees that were damaged. Burns stated the property owners as Pam Roberts and Al Olsson.

15) Burn Ban: None

16) County Committee Reports:

Motion made by White seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to recommend Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Kevin Burns to represent the county on the Texas Water Development Board Upper Trinity Study Group.

17) Clark announced the next holiday as Monday, May 25, 2020 for the Memorial Day holiday.

18) Clark announced the next meeting as Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

***Back to agenda item 8: Receive presentation on regional water planning group. Take action if necessary.***

Freese Nichols Professional Engineer Murphy Parks and North Texas Storm Water Group Manager Scott Hubley appeared before the court to present information to the county about the regional water planning grant that was authorized by legislation in the 2019 legislative session. Hubley discussed funding eligibility; the categories that Wise County qualifies for under the legislation; and application deadlines. Clark and Burns discussed participation with other local and governmental entities. The court discussed that the funding is competitive state-wide. Parks told the court the first "hat-in-the ring" application is due June 15, 2020. Burns stated that if accepted the county will be invited to submit projects later in the year. Clark asked if the initial bridge application will have to be contracted through Freese Nichols? Park stated there is a small team from Freese Nichols is talking to counties to help prepare paperwork as needed.

County Engineer/Flood Plain Manager Chad Davis stated that having an overall plan for the county would be a good idea. Davis discussed the data the county could provide in this application process. The court discussed partnering with Tarrant County and/or smaller neighboring counties (Jack and Montague). Clark asked Commissioners Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg if he could assist in this application process with data input from Davis as Davis is currently working on a TxDOT grant program funding. Aaberg agreed. The court asked Parks about the cost for Freese Nichol's assistance in this process. Parks discussed Freese Nichol's assistance and told the court that no memorandum of understanding is required for the abridged application due on June 15, 2020.

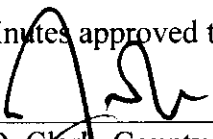
Burns discussed contacting other entities regarding participations.

Motion made by Burns seconded by White and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize staff to take all necessary steps to get the abridged application done by the June 15, 2020 deadline and to authorize Burns to contact other entities of Wise County's intent to participate.

Davis confirmed with the court that Aaberg will make sure the application is completed and submitted timely.

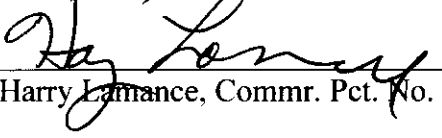
19) Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:13 AM there being no further business to be had by the court.

Minutes approved this 26th day of May, 2020, as printed.

  
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J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County


  
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Danny White, Commr. Pct. No. 1

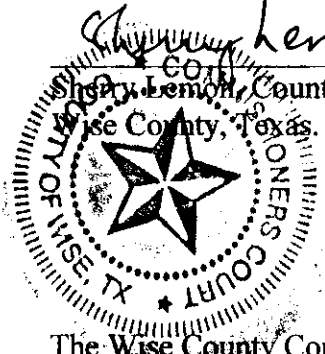
  
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ATTEST:

  
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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.