JULY 13, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 13th day of July A.D., 2026 at 8:45 A.M. came on to be had a Public Hearing of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the County Courthouse – 3rd Floor Courtroom, 101 North Trinity St. 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 opens the public hearing at 8:45 A.M. All court members were present

2. Clark states the purpose of this public hearing is to discuss and receive comments for the sole purpose of conducting a public hearing pursuant to Texas Transportation Code 251.152 on proposed order of the Commissioners' Court to post the maximum and prudent speed limits on CR 3355, Old Towne Road and School House Road in Precinct #4 near Paradise, Wise County, Texas.

3. Shawn reminds the Court about his request to reduce the speed limit on the following locations:
    - **CR 3355** (commonly known as Schoolhouse Road) **between addresses 630 and 936**:
        - Shawn requests reducing the speed from *40 mph to 30 mph* in the section that has evolved from a rural road to a residential subdivision since there are over 25 driveways in less than three tenth of a mile.
    - **Schoolhouse Road** from address **675 north to the Paradise** city limits:

- Shawn requests reducing the speed from *40 mph to 30 mph* in the area leading up to the small subdivision before approaching the newly constructed Paradise High School.

- **Schoolhouse Road and Olde Towne Road:**

  - Shawn states that the school's engineer designated the area between Schoolhouse Road and Old Town Road as a new school zones.

  - A couple of people express their concerns about the change in speeds limits:

    - **Bill Lachenal** – clarifies that he supports safety measures, but opposes lowering the speed limit on isolated sections of the road. He believes the entire road should either remain at 40 mph or be reduced to 30 mph. He also expresses concerns for enforcement and signage.

****** Shawn states that the conditions on the entire 6 mile-road are not constant. He also says that the signage will be completed as soon as possible. ******

****** Shawn adds that he will have a separate discussion with Lachenal. ******

    - **Rick Miller** – states that the speed is irrelevant unless it is being enforced since he is certain that people drive at 70 mph in the area. He recommends either having 24/7 monitoring or installing speed bumps.

****** Shawn explains that people driving at a high rate of speed is not isolated in a particular section of the County. ******

****** Shawn states that in conjunction with the Sherriff's Office increasing direct patrol despite having only a couple of deputies, he reminds everyone that each commissioner also used part of their budget to purchase radar detectors. ******

  - **Constable No. 3 Charles Applewhite** – states he added personnel, three on motorcycles.

- Clark closed the public hearing at 9:03 A.M., seeing and hearing that there are no further public comments made to the court.
- Action will be taken by the Wise County Commissioners' Court during the Regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 AM, Monday, July 13th, 2026.

Minutes approved this 24 day of August, 2026, as printed.

J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

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

Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

Danny Lambert, Commr. Pct. No. 3

Colby Shawn, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ★ COUNTY OF WISE, TX ★

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