AUGUST 10, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 10th day of August A.D., 2026 at 9:00 A.M. came on to be had a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the Wise County Courthouse – 3rd Floor Courtroom, 101 North Trinity, 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 called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All court members were present.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

    - Clark shares that Congressman Brandon Gill and his wife gifted the County a 250 America Flag that is now being displayed in the Court.

4. Community Forum:

    - Samuel Frankenfield, Precinct Chair for the Wise Republican Party, suggests the County investigate creating a second District Court due to the rapid increase of the County's population. Frankenfield believes the Court will have to collaborate with State Representative Andy Hopper about the process that entails approximately two years.

    - Clark believes that the County is not utilizing all of the available tools when handling pending docket; he prefers that the County first utilize all existing tools prior to starting a second District Court which could cost up to $1 million.

    - Shawn suggests investigate separating Jack County from Wise County.

5. County Correspondence:

   - Shawn reminds everyone to be vigilant in observing newly-installed school speed zones in Bridgeport and Paradise since most schools are going back in session.

   - Shawn expresses his appreciation to the Court for being able to attend the Leadership Academy in College Station which was sponsored by AgriLife, and encourages every Court member to attend in the future.

6. Discussion for the purpose of coordination and cooperation for efficiency between precincts:

   - Burns thanks Hayes for assisting him last week.

7. Plats:

Final Plat

1. Wegmann Acres – Final Plat (*attachment*)
   Lots 1-3, Block 1
   Precinct 4 (CS)
   Chad Davis- Kiley Vian
   CR 3679
   No variance requested

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the final plat as submitted to the Court with no variances.**

8. Consider and act on Amendment to Approved Order regarding CR 1637 approved April 27, 2026 (*attachments*).

   - Clark explains that Commissioners' Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg will submit the correction of the County Road listed on the document.

   - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the amendment to approved order regarding CR 1637 that the Court approved on April 27, 2026 to make the correction as noted.**

9. Receive and discuss FY27 Wise County Preliminary Budget as prepared by County Judge and Auditor (*attachments*).

- Clark begins the discussion by reading a historical quote from President Calvin Coolidge that, "Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow."

- He describes that the **Texas Local Government Code Title 4, Subtitle B, Chapter 11**, requires counties whose population under 225,000 to present an annual budget under "**Section 111.003. Annual budget required. (A) Not later than August 15th, the County Judge, assisted by the County Auditor or County Clerk, shall prepare a budget to cover all proposed expenditures of the County government for the succeeding fiscal year.**"

- Clark states that he and Auditor Ann McCuiston prepared the budget and will file it before August 15th with the County Clerk's Office.

- Clark briefly shares that the County's population increased from **62,815** (July **2015**) to **83,778** (July **2025**), an increase of **+33.4%** based on the U.S. Census Bureau Population. He adds that North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) estimates that the population increased from **81,712** (January **2025**) to **87,630** (January **2026**), an increase of **+7.2%**. From the 87,630 figures, is it estimated that **57,494** are from the **unincorporated area** while **30,136** is from the **incorporated area.**

- Clark cites **The Guiding Revenue Factors** (*attachment*)
  - **Property Values** – $15.5 billion, up from $15 billion, an increase of 3.33%
  - **New Construction Value** - $599+ million, down from $641 million
  - **Mineral Values** – 12% down from last year
  - **Sales Tax** – setting a budget expectation of $8.6 million for FY27
  - **HB9 (new tax bill)** – the State's business personal property (inventory) tax exemption increased from of $2,500 to $125,000 which decreased the County's business personal property values by $192.6 million, or 8.82% (more burden on the homeowners)

- **The Guiding Expenditure Factors** (*attachment*)
  - **County Growth** – steady increase based on new home, construction, home sales, and new 911 addresses
  - **Service Demand** – an all-time high as the County grows
  - **Job Competition** – highly competitive job market in the DFW Metroplex; recruiting and retaining skilled professionals is a must
  - **Cost of Goods and Materials** – inflation, fuel prices, and pricing issues continue to impact all departments across county government

- **The FY27 Budget include** (*attachment*)
  - **No New Revenue Rate** – the tax rate ***will remain at $0.259293***

- Revenue Cap – statutory 3.5% revenue cap set by the Texas Legislature. "voter approval rate"
- Pay and staffing for Sheriff's Office – two new patrol officers and one new Court Security Deputy
- 8.9% increase in health insurance, total annual cost of nearly $4.7 million for the County since they pay 100% for employee's health insurance)
- Merit, Retention, or COLA Pay - $3%
- Two New EMS employees (one paramedic, one EMT) to staff in Alvord
- Part-time position for the District Clerk's Office (budget positive due to the healthy amount of revenues brought in by passport fees. From the beginning of the year, 659 passports have been processed.
- Assistance for Constables – increases part-time positions created last year from 20 hours to 30 hours per week.
- Full-time IT Position – the position will specifically support the Odyssey platform which the entire judicial system and jail use daily.
- Full-time Auto Registration Employee – this position will help staff either Bridgeport or Boyd locations
- Election Worker Pay – increase from $12 to $15 per hour, more average rate for counties our size per the Wise County's Elections Board.
- SB22 Funding ***for Sheriff's Office*** – supplemental funding for counties with less than 300k residents. The County is eligible for $500k
- SB22 Funding ***for DA/CA*** for counties with less than 300k residents, the District Attorney's Office and the County Attorney's Office are each eligible for $275k
- Additional Fire Department Funding – long-standing agreement to allocate 2.5% of the County's General Fund; equally divided by 17 departments
- Contribution toward County Museum – $5k contribution toward annual overhead costs of the museum that houses the County's History Research Center and record archive; budget neutral since it is funded by hotel occupancy tax revenue for historic preservation
- Spay/neuter fees – $36k "vet procedures" on adoptable animals; another budget-neutral item
- Capital Funding Expense - $2.8 million of sales tax allocated are used for the County's 5-year capital investment plan expenditures
- ***Clark revisits the 3% increase line*** - OEM Coordinator will get larger percentage to put in line with EMS Administrator and Environmental Services based on responsibility, liability, and grant portfolio, value, and expertise.
- Precinct Road Funding (***based on 50% population and 50% road miles***)
  - Precinct 1 – $2,290,600, increase of $146,300 over current budget
  - Precinct 2 – $2,606,800, increase of $151,500 over current budget
  - Precinct 3 – $2,047,300, increase of $129,500 over current budget
  - Precinct 4 – $2,168,400, increase of $139,600 over current budget

Clark acknowledges that Precinct 2 has a much heavier road mileage and gives Burns an opportunity to elaborate on the funding.

Burns states that his precinct is just over half of the dollar per mile between Precincts 2 and 3, which is a huge disparity since Precinct 2 has $2,522/mile while Precinct 3 is $4,659/mile and points out that this has been the same configuration for quite some time. He expresses frustrations over the funding formula and believes the County should try something different.

Clark recognizes that the current funding is not perfect equation yet.

- Precinct Funding
  - Precinct Road Funding - $9,113,100
  - Precinct Road & Bridge Reserves - $1.09 million
  - Right-of-Way Fund - $1.3 million

Shawn believes that the real issue is that $9,000,000 is insufficient to repair 985 roads and bridges within the County while keeping up with its growth.

Shawn and Lambert explain that a significant portion of road-related expenses occur during this time of year due to the timing and weather conditions necessary to complete the work. It was further explained that, although the Commissioners may have a substantial cash balance during the budgeting period, these funds are anticipated to be expended on scheduled road work and other seasonal expenses.

Clark suggests either moving the tax rate from the General Fund to Road and Bridge or increase the total tax rate.

Burns reminds the Court that his Precinct was able to catch up for a couple of years when the formula was full tax allocation.

- Other Considerations and Outlooks
  - **Grant Funding** – Office of Emergency Management manages a robust and innovative grant portfolio and assists other departments with grant opportunities. Environmental Services (ES) is receiving a grant from North Central Texas County of Governments (NCTCOG) for additional cardboard recycling compactors and they have also submitted applications through the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) to replace some of their vehicles and equipment.
  - **Staffing Requests** – county government is human resource heavy service provider; ***future*** requests are additional staff for ES to man the Boyd and Cottondale dumpsites from Monday through Saturday, an additional full-time EMT, and an additional part-time constable.
  - **Property Tax Changes and Reforms** – current revenue cap is set at 3.5%, but future legislation could drastically change how revenue systems works in the State. Legislative changes could also address

reform to the appraisal system, which could be a more substantive relief for taxpayers than a lower revenue cap. Additionally, the County should continually be aware of the impact of the mineral values despite a more diversified local economy.

- **Impact of Sales Tax** – allows us to be less reliant on property value solely. Counties are statutorily capped at a half-cent of sales tax and Wise is projected to generate over $8.6 million in the new budget.

- Clark breaks down how the funds are distributed:
  - With the nearly 84k population (an increase of 33.4% since 2015), of the $51.8 million of the proposed General Fund Budget, $33.1 million is property taxes funding the GF.
  - The total Sheriff's Office budget is $19 million, which is +9% from the current budget.
  - The total Public Safety spending is $25.2 million, which is 49% of the GF.
  - The Public Safety & Legal/Judicial System spending is $31.2 million, which is 65% of the GF (excluding the County Clerk's Court Department).
  - Of the 420 Full-time County employees (excluding Adult Probation), 40% are Sheriff's Office employees.
  - Based on the ***average*** homestead taxable value of $282,451 in the County with a proposed 26.5 cent County tax rate, the County portion of a tax bill on the average County homestead will be $748.50.
  - For $2.05 per day, an average homestead taxable value covers essential county services and every constitutional responsibility of county government including the Sheriff's Office and Jail, Court System, roads and bridges, elections, EMS Service, deed and vital records.
- Of the 254 Counties, **Wise remains at the very bottom of the list when it comes to our tax rate.**
- Clark presents the following timeline:
  - **Monday, August 10th** – presentation and initial review of the proposed budget; authorize County Tax Collector Monty Shaw and County Treasurer Katherine Hudson to have required notices and proposed elected official salaries published respectively in the paper.
  - **Monday, August 24th** – review/discuss/amend proposed budget as needed.

- **Monday, September 14th** – Public hearings at 8:30 AM on Weatherford Campus Wise County (WCWC) tax rate; County tax rate; and the proposed budget. Consider the adoption of the budget and tax rates during Commissioners' Court or at the conclusion of hearings.

- Clark requests to officially "receive" the proposed budget by a vote of the Court.

- Shawn states he is willing to work with Burns on the budget to help Burns out.

- Clark does not think that raising the tax rate is the answer since the homeowners are already carrying the burden of the HB9 Exemption.

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to receive the preliminary budget for FY27 as prepared by the County Judge and the Auditor ahead of the August 15th deadline.**

10. Propose FY27 property tax rates in Wise County for Wise County and FMLR to fund FY27 budget.

**** Clark jumps back to Item No. 9, and provides an opportunity for the Court to revisit any budget proposal item they would like to revisit. ****

**** Shawn concludes that it is not feasible for any of the other Commissioners to reduce their budgets in order to assist Burns and agrees that raising the tax rate is not the right solution for the constituents. ****

**** Auditor Ann McCuiston suggests transferring the reserves to Precinct No. 2. ****

- Lambert proposes the FY27 property tax rates for Wise County to stay **flat at $0.265 per $100 valuation** with **$0.2175 funding the General Fund** and **$0.0475 funding the FMLR Road and Bridge Fund** (*attachment*).

- A roll call vote is needed from each member of the Court as required by the Tax Assessor/Collector:

  - Precinct No. 1, Hayes – "Votes aye"
  - Precinct No. 2, Burns – "Votes aye"
  - Precinct No. 3, Lambert – "Votes aye"
  - Precinct No. 4, Shawn – "Votes aye"
  - County Judge, Clark – "Votes aye"

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to propose the FY27 Wise County Tax Rate to be $0.265 total combined per $100 valuation with $0.2175 funding the General Fund and $0.0475 funding the FMLR Road and Bridge Fund.**

11. Propose FY27 property tax rate in Wise County for the Wise County Weatherford College Branch Campus Maintenance Tax to fund FY27 budget.

- Clark recommends keeping the WCWC Maintenance Tax **flat at $0.0315 per $100 valuation** which will generate $166k.

- A roll call vote is needed from each member of the Court as required by the Tax Assessor/Collector:

  - Precinct No. 1, Hayes – "Votes aye"
  - Precinct No. 2, Burns – "Votes aye"
  - Precinct No. 3, Lambert – "Votes aye"
  - Precinct No. 4, Shawn – "Votes aye"
  - County Judge, Clark – "Votes aye"

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to propose the FY27 Weatherford College Wise County Branch Campus Maintenance Tax to be $0.0315 per $100 valuation.**

12. Discuss public hearing date and time for proposed FY27 budget and tax rates.

- Shawn suggests the following times for Monday, September 14th as follows:
  - Wise County Weatherford College FY27 Tax Rate Public Hearing at 8:30 AM
  - Wise FMLR FY27 Tax Rate Hearing for 8:40 AM
  - Budget Hearing for 8:50 AM

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to schedule the public hearings for the tax rates and budgets to be held on Monday, September 14th as follows: Weatherford College Wise County Branch Campus Maintenance Tax Rate Public Hearing at 8:30 AM, Wise County FMLR Tax Rate Hearing at 8:40 AM, and the Budget Hearing at 8:50 AM. Any of these hearings will run as long as needed based on public participation.**

13. Discuss and designate day of the week on which court will convene in a regular term each month during FY27.

- Burns suggests the Court meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 9:00 AM for regular schedule for FY27.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to designate the second and fourth Mondays at 9:00 AM to be the regular term of Court for FY27.**

14. Discuss and consider passage of County Resolution FY 27-01, being a resolution for assurance of timely payments for Wise County Claims payment accountability.

- Clark states this first resolution for every budget year allows the County's financial team to make timely payments as regular bills come in, without waiting for the next Court meeting (*attachment*).

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Resolution FY 27-01, being a resolution for assurance of timely payments for Wise County Claims payment accountability.**

15. Consider and act on authorizing County Treasurer to publish annual notice of proposed FY27 Elected Officials' salaries.

    - Clark reminds the Court that the salaries of the County's Elected Officials reflecting the 3% increase are published in the local newspaper prior to adoption (*attachment*).

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize the County Treasurer to publish annual notice of proposed FY27 Elected Official's salaries.**

16. Donations:

    - County Treasurer Katherine Hudson shares a couple of donations:

        - 3 Alarm Fireworks donated $733.28 to the Sheriff's Office for food and refreshments.
        - Stacy Hannah donated $184 to the Wise County Shelter (*attachment*).

    - **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the donation with the Court's thanks.**

17. Bids:

    - ***On behalf of Precinct No. 3***, Asset Control Manager Diana Allen requests approval to purchase a truck through a cooperative, out of Lambert's capital funds to replace a 2009 truck (*verbal*).

    - **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the request as described.**

    - ***On behalf of the Sheriff's Office***, Allen requests a couple of items (*verbals*):

        - To purchase a 2023 Durango for $31,940 (cooperative quote), out of SB22 funds.

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the vehicle purchase out of SB22 funds as requested.**

- To extend the inmate meal program with the price increase from $2.123 to $2.203.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the increase in pricing on the inmate meal contract.**

- 27-Bid-001 - **Asphalt Road Surfacing Materials** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *co-award* the asphalt road surfacing materials to Sun Mount Paving, Hall Brothers, Austin Asphalt, and Vulcan Materials.**

- 27-Bid-002 - **Bridge Building & Construction** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to award the bridge building and construction bid to Horton Bridge and Piling.**

- 27-Bid-003 - **Bulk Fuel** (*attachment*)

  - Allen recommends Campbell Oil Company, based on monitoring and pricing. She adds that the current vendor did not submit a bid.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to award the bulk fuel bid to Campbell Oil Company.**

- 27-Bid-004 - **Concrete** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *co-award* the ready-mix concrete bid to Wise Ready Mix, Ten Points Ready Mix, Cox Ready Mix, and Interstate Texas.**

- 27-Bid-005 - **Culverts** (*attachment*)

  - **Railroad Car Culverts** (*attachment*)
  - **Metal Culverts** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *co-award* the culvert bid to the Railroad Yard and Wilson Culverts.**

  - **Polypropylene Culverts** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *remove* the polypropylene culverts portion of the bid.**

- ❖ **Concrete Culverts** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *rebid* the concrete culverts portion of the bid.**

- 27-Bid-006 - **Pest Control** (*attachment*)

    - Clark states the County is not obligated to go out for bid for this item and he suggests Facilities Department contract with a local vendor.

- **Motion made by Clark, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *reject* the pest control bid, not rebid, and remove from future bid list. *** *Contract for pest control will be on a separate item.* *****

- 27-Bid-007 - **Pile Driving** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to award the pile driving bid to Horton Bridge and Piling.**

- 27-Bid-008 - **Road Oils** (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *co-award* the road oils bids to Rooker Asphalt, Ergon Asphalt, Hall Brothers, and Wright Asphalt for the items receiving bids.**

    - **Road Oils - "P2" items** - Burns suggests separating the bids in the future since the "P2" items are a different style of product

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *rebid* all of the items on the emulsions list that did not receive bids.**

- 27-Bid-009 - **Rock and Base** (*attachment*)

    - Allen suggest rejecting and rebidding due to lack of participation from several major vendors.

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to *reject and rebid* the rock and base materials.**

- 27-Base-010 - **Scrap Metal Sale** (*attachment*)

    - Allen points out that a letter from Director of Environmental Services Wacy Beck has been attached recommending to reject and not rebid for scrap metal and transition to an open-market process.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to reject the scrap metal sale bids and authorize Environmental Services to scrap as the market provides.**

- The Court expresses appreciation to Allen for all her work relating to bids.

18. Consent Agenda Items:

    a. Minutes: None

    b. Department Head Reports (items submitted in Dropbox but not provided for Court Record):

        - Clark requests to reappoint Cindy Barksdale as the Wise and Jack County representative on the Helen Farabee Board for another two-year term beginning September 1st. Jack County agrees to keep Barksdale on as well (*verbal*).

        - County Engineer and Floodplain Administrator Chad Davis states that some of the FEMA documents that are being utilized for development are not consistent with floodplain management since they are from 2011. He clarifies that the County uses the updated information from July 2021 which was a study regarding the Trinity River floodplains conducted by Interagency Flood Rick Management (**InFRM**) which was comprised of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**), U.S. Army corps of Engineers (**USACE**), U.S. Geological Survey (**USGS**), and the National Weather Service (**NWS**) (*attachments*). Burns and Clark suggest ensuring that the updated information is included in the County's Development Rules and Regulations as a supplement or as an attachment.

        - Sheriff Mellema clarifies several things under the Senate Bill 8 (SB8) Chapter 753 of Government Code requirement of the 287(g) Agreement:
            - Mandates the Sheriff who runs a jail (*or contracts with a private vendor to operate a jail*) to request and enter into an immigration law enforcement agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
            - Requires the Sheriff to allocate the necessary personnel and funding; the Attorney General can take legal action against the County officials for non-compliance
            - Involves full compliance by the Sheriff's Office no later than December 1, 2026
            - Establishes a reimbursement through the Comptroller to assists Sheriffs with costs associated with participation
            - Provides grant awards tiered by county population:
                - From $80k (counties with less than 100k residents) to $140k (counties with over 1 million residents)

- Grant funds may be used for:
  - ✓ personnel compensation
  - ✓ reporting requirements
  - ✓ equipment
  - ✓ training
  - ✓ confinement costs
  - ✓ miscellaneous expenses associated with participation that are not reimbursed by the Federal government
- Specifies that the County Commissioners Court may not reduce the Sheriff's budget which also covers overtime costs, overtime pay of participating deputies (not to exceed 25% of their annual salaries)
- Allots $100k to purchase a new transport or patrol vehicle

- Mellema reiterates that his office ***does not*** get paid per single arrest with ICE or go to local schools seeking to make arrests. He also states that they ***do not*** randomly conduct traffic stops, nor do they conduct door-to-door searches for the purpose of arresting illegal immigrants.

- Shawn explains that the Commissioners' Court has no oversight over the Sheriff's Office with the exception of the budget.

- Treasurer Katherine Hudson presents monthly report for June 2026 (*attachments*).

c. Budget Amendments:

- McCuiston mentions item 26-17, various line items from FY26

d. Capital Expenditure:

- McCuiston states whatever is on Walk to Court

e. Claims & Payroll:

- McCuiston presents Claims and Payroll (*attachments*)
- McCuiston suggests restructuring the Sheriff's payroll; Clark tasks her to collaborate with Special Services Captain Rex Hoskins on this project

f. Utility Permits/Right of Way: None

g. Interlocal Agreements/Contracts (original contracts and interlocal agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen):

- Alvord Commercial Water Application (EMS Station)

- Constable and Sheriff PIO MOU

- North Central Texas Central of Governments (NCTCOG) solid waste grant (*verbal*).

- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)

    - Tyler Technologies-Court Payments, Judges Edition, Enotices Renewals (*no attachments*)
    - Texas Facilities Commission Renewal (*attachment*)
    - Animal Control Renewals (*no attachments*)-Aurora, Boyd, Paradise, Runaway Bay, Alvord, Lake Bridgeport, Rhome, Decatur, New Fairview, Newark, Chico
    - Fire Department Renewals (*no attachments*)-Bridgeport, Chico, Wise County ESD1, Cottondale, Crafton, Lake Bridgeport, Rhome, Decatur, Newark, Runaway Bay, Paradise, Salt Creek, Alvord, Sand Flat, Greenwood/Slidell, New Fairview, Boonsville/Balsora
    - Library-Rhome, Bridgeport, Chico, Decatur, Newark, Alvord
    - Buyboard Interlocal Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Wise Hope Shelter Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Wise County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Wise County Committee on Aging Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Wise County Historical Commission Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - CASA Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - TAPS Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Texas Association of Counties-Unemployment and Workers Compensation Renewals (*no attachments*)
    - Rene Bates Online Auction Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - NCTTRAC Emergency Medical Task Force Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - NCTTRAC Asset Assignment Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - NCTTRAC Business Associate Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - Collin County Community College EMS Third Party Billing Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - First Due Renewal (*no attachment*)
    - RDO Equipment Environmental Services Telematics Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)

- RDO Equipment Precinct 3 Telematics Agreement (*no attachment*)
- Chico 911 Addressing Interlocal Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Snow Garrett Williams County Audit Renewal (*attachment*)
- North Central Texas Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Mass Notification Renewals (no attachments)-Alvord, Paradise, Decatur, Chico, Bridgeport, Aurora
- Greater DFW Regional LE Task Force Renewal (*no attachment*)
- US ICE Task Force Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Texas Criminal Justice MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Texas Police Chiefs Association Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Collin County Data Sharing Renewal (*no attachment*)
- North Central Texas Major Case Investigative Team MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Interjurisdictional Mutual Aid Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Humane Society of North Texas Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Helen Farabee Centers Care Coordination Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Mutual Aid Agreement for Cooperation on Law Enforcement Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Rapid Financial Solutions Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Tech Friends Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Nationwide Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Liberty Mutual Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Employees Benefits Corporation Renewal (*no attachment*)

- **Fully Executed** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)

  - Wise County ESD 4 Ad Valorem (*attachment*)
  - Parker County Sadie Lane (*attachment*)
  - Texas Association of Counties Health Benefits (*attachment*)
  - First Due Amendment (*attachment*)
  - Computer Information Systems Amendment (*attachment*)
  - Kubota Extended Warranty Precinct 3 Tractor (*attachment*)
  - Texas DPS Conviction Reporting CCL1 (*attachment*)

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items introduced under Consent Agenda Item #18.**

19. Joint Venture Project Agreements:

- Shawn requests to install a culvert on Paradise ISD and combining two parking lots into one (*verbal*).

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the joint venture project agreement between Wise County Precinct No. 4 and Paradise ISD as described.**

20. Hazard Mitigation Plan and Related Grant Projects:

- Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell states the storm shelter program report is in the Dropbox. Clark praises Powell, Jennifer Klemke, and the rest of OEM for their efficiency in administering the storm shelter project that it was also recognized by FEMA. Clark hopes to repeat the program in the future.

- Powell explains that the wildfire mitigation project (The "GOAT" Program) is scheduled to wrap up either at the end of the week or the following Monday.

- Shawn mentions that the GOAT program has statewide recognition as several people inquired about it while he was attending the Leadership Academy in College Station.

21. Right-of-Way Improvements:

- Shawn states he has a small mowing project on Paul Potts' property on 369 Schoolhouse Road where the Johnson grass has overgrown. Shawn hopes to complete this before the new school year begins.

- Burns states he also has to mow on CR3250, Haynes property.

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Commissioners' request for necessary access on certain named property, the Potts property on 369 Schoolhouse Road and the Haynes property on CR 3250 for the public safety purposes as noted.**

22. Burn Ban Update:

- Fire Marshal Jeff Doughty recommends replacing the daily weather-based ban with a full 90-day burn ban for the County due to extreme dry conditions. However, Doughty adds that this ban still allows for outdoor cooking and welding. Additionally, under Texas Local Government Code 352.081, certain exceptions allowed are firefighting training, utility pipeline operations, agricultural harvesting, and certified prescribed burning which includes National Forest Service and Parks and Wildlife on any public properties located within the County.

- Doughty reminds the Court that this ban can be rescinded if conditions change.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to adopt a 90-day full burn ban with the exceptions as noted, and that are listed for outdoor cooking and welding guidelines with the prescribed agricultural purposes. 90 days can be rescinded if conditions change.**

23. County Committee Reports: None

24. **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Monday, August 24, 2026, Regular meeting.**

25. Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:18 AM, there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this 14th day of September, 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

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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.

