AUGUST 24, 2026

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this 24th 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
4. Community Forum: None
5. County Correspondence: None
6. Discussion for the purpose of coordination and cooperation for efficiency between precincts:
    - Shawn thanks everybody for their assistance today.
7. Plats:

Final Plat

1. Pack Addition – Final Plat
   Lots 1-3, Block 1
   Precinct 3 (DL)

Chad Davis- Kiley Vian
CR 4693
(Drainage study variance)
(Lot size variance) (after the right-of-way dedication, a variance is needed for the lot size. The property already has an existing home, public water and septic system)

Preliminary Plat

1. Whites Creek Addition

   Preliminary Plat Review, Precinct 1
   Near intersection of FM 51, CR 2830 and County Line Rd
   KHA No. 061027001

- **Motion made by Lambert, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve those plats as submitted, the final plat for Pack Addition with the variances as noted and the preliminary plat for Whites Creek Addition.**

8. Consider dates/ times/ locations for the early voting period for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election, as recommended and approved by the Wise County Election Board (*attachment*).

- Elections Administrator Sabra Srader proposes to hold early voting at four (4) polling locations: Bridgeport ISD Alternative Learning Center, Alvord City Hall, Boyd Community Center, and the Wise County Fairgrounds (Women's Building).

- The early voting days and times for the first week are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For the second week, Monday through Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., then the last two days, Thursday and Friday, will be 12-hour days from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Clark adds that the dates and times are set by the State.

**** **Registered voters can vote at any of the locations during the early voting period.** ****

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve those early voting polling locations on those early voting dates and hours as presented.**

9. Consider election day polling locations, and the consolidation or combining of certain voting precincts as allowed under the Election Code, and as approved and recommended by the Wise County Election Board, for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election (*attachment*).

- Clark explains that the County have traditionally consolidated polling places for the Constitutional Election in November.

- Srader explains that these are the precinct-based election locations.

- The consolidated polling locations on Election Day, **November 3rd from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.** are designated as follows:
  - Precinct **1 - Decatur City Hall**
  - Precincts **2** ***and*** **22 - Wise County Fairgrounds (Women's Building)**
  - Precinct **3 - First Baptist Church, Slidell**
  - Precinct **4 - Masonic Lodge, Greenwood**
  - Precinct **5 – New Fairview Fire Hall, Rhome**
  - Precinct **6 – New Fairview City Hall, New Fairview**
  - Precincts **7** ***and*** **8 - Assumption Catholic Church, Decatur**
  - Precinct **9 – Alvord City Hall**
  - Precinct **10 – Victory Baptist Church, Sunset Park Springs**
  - Precinct **11 – Crafton Baptist Church, Crafton**
  - Precinct **12 – Chico City Hall**
  - Precinct **13** ***and*** **28 – Bridgeport Highschool (south side of competition gym)**
  - Precincts **14** ***and*** **29 – Bridgeport Lions Hall**
  - Precinct **15 – Norma Coble Civic Center, Runaway Bay**
  - Precinct **16 – Boonsville Community Center**
  - Precinct **17 – Paradise Methodist Church**
  - Precinct **18 – Bridgeport ISD Alternative Learning**
  - Precinct **19 – Lake Bridgeport City Hall**
  - Precincts **20 – Cottondale Community Chapel, Paradise**
  - Precinct **23, 25,** ***and*** **27- Boyd Community Center**
  - Precincts **24** ***and*** **30 – Newark Fire Hall**

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the election day polling locations and the consolidation or combining of certain precincts as allowed under the Election Code and as approved and recommended by the Wise County Election Board for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election.**

10. Consider appointing Elections Administrator Sabra Srader as the Joint Elections Officer for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election.

- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to appoint Elections Administrator Sabra Srader as the Joint**

Elections Officer for the November 3, 2026 Constitutional Amendment and Joint Election.

11. Consider approving the Wise County Fairgrounds (Women's Building) to serve as the Main Early Voting Polling Place for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election, as required by the Texas Election Code.

    - Srader proposes to designate the County Fairgrounds (Women's Building) as the ***main location*** for the early voting polling place. She adds that it will also be the place to accommodate voters (for Federal and statewide races) if they recently moved to the County but have not registered yet.

    - **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the Wise County Fairgrounds (Women's Building) to serve as the Main Early Voting Polling Place for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election, as required by the Texas Election Code.**

12. Consider authorizing Elections Administrator Sabra Srader to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election, pursuant to Section 31.092 and Chapter 271, Texas Election Code, with all Political Subdivisions eligible and desiring to contract for such services. Take necessary action.

    - Srader explains that most political subdivisions hold elections in May; however, they also have the option to hold it in November. The deadline for a write-in is Friday at 5 PM, and Srader has yet to check with City of Paradise ISD.

    - **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court authorize Elections Administrator Sabra Srader to enter into a joint agreement and contracts with all political subdivisions who are eligible and desiring contract services.**

13. Discuss if necessary, the proposed FY2027 budget.

    - Clark informs the Court about the additions to the budget proposal prior to the adoption on September 14th.

    - Clark explains that he and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief Randall Preuninger discussed combining the Local Health Authority and Emergency Medical Services Director into a single position held by Dr. Leighton and notes the removal of the separate Local Health Authority funding line previously held by Dr. John Walker.

    - Clark reminds everyone that the District Judge sets the District court reporter salary; as part of the upcoming annual public hearing, Judge Smith intends to propose increasing the salary for the District court reporter from $112,500 to

$125,000. Clark suggests extending District Judge Smith's hearing through September 2nd and proposes establishing a policy to reject any court reporter salary increase exceeding the statutory 10% limit without specific Commissioners' Court approval.

- Clark adds that the court reporters from County Court at Law 1 and County Court at Law 2 are currently on the same salary level as the District court reporter; Clark proposes that CCL1 and CCL2 reporters receive the same 3% cost-of-living adjustment that the rest of the County employees will receive.

- Clark shares that the Sheriff's Office has a proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Alvord to provide a resident deputy who will work in concert with the city. Since Alvord funds the deputy's salary and benefits, this position ***does not*** take away from one of the Sheriff's existing deputies 'position. The deputy will remain a County employee, be under the direct operational control of the Sheriff's Office, and still be able to assist other deputies in the northern part of the County. The County will provide the patrol vehicle; however, the deputy's duty will not include city code enforcement.

- Clark acknowledges that the budget is more restricted this year and does not intend to add funds to the 20 additional part-time hours (10 clerical, 10 general) to the Constable's office budget that has been allocated. For next year's budget, he hopes to make it possible for the Boyd and Cottondale dumpsites to be opened full time and to add one more position for EMS.

****** Clark states this subject can be revisited if it pleases the Court. ******

14. Receive Weatherford College Wise County budget for FY 2027 (*attachments*).

- No action needed. Clark points out revenues and notes upcoming vocational and workforce development programs.

***** Clark wraps-up the budget-related items and thanks everyone for their participation *****

15. Donations:

- Asset Control Manager Diana Allen shares that Steve Rutherford donated a desk to the Constable's Office which will be utilized by the coordinator.

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

16. Bids:

- Allen requests approval to donate a dispatch console and monitors to Decatur ISD for their new high school law enforcement program.
- Clark points out that IT Director Steven Melton who also serves as the County's Manager of hardware supports the donation of console and monitors.
- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the donation as presented.**
- Burns requests to purchase a road broom through a cooperative.
- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize Precinct No. 2 to purchase a broom from a cooperative contract, if available.**

17. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Minutes: July 13th, Public Hearing
July 13th, Regular Meeting
July 27th, Public Hearing
July 27th, Regular Meeting

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

- Clark requests to extend the deadline September 1st for District Court to hold their public hearing and order issued after September 2nd.
- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize an extension of the statutory September 1st deadline for District Court to have their hearing and issue an order on the pay that they set to allow that to accommodate the posted September 2nd hearing they are having.**
- Clark recommends rejecting the request to increase more than 10% for the District court reporter salary.
- **Motion made by Shawn, seconded by Lambert, and unanimously adopted by the Court to not approve anything beyond the statutory 10% capability of the District Judge.**
- Treasurer Katherine Hudson presents monthly report for July 2026 (*attachments*).

- Assistant Auditor Pat Trail presents July Auditor's Report (*attachments*)

c. Budget Amendments:

- Trail mentions item 26-18, various line items from FY26

d. Capital Expenditure: None

e. Claims & Payroll:

- Trail presents Walk to Court and Claims and Payroll (attachments).

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):

- PHI Membership (*no attachment*)
- Pavion Courthouse Fire Alarm Monitoring (*attachment*)
- North Texas Emergency Medical Solutions Clinical Affiliation Agreement (*attachment*)
- **Renewals and Amendments** (LIST - *for informational purposes only, approval not required, see attachment*)
  - Collin County Community College Third Party Billing Sheriff Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Decatur Propane Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Tarrant County Interlocal Assistance Agreement for Fire Investigations Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Airmedcare Network Membership Agreement Renewal (*attachment*)
  - Roserush Shelter Pro Renewal (*attachment*)
  - Texas DPS Asset Forfeiture Local Agreement with District Attorney's Office Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - US Secret Service MOU Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Texas HHS Agreement with Local Prosecuting Authority Renewal (*no attachment*)
  - Parker County Asset Forfeiture Local Agreement Renewal (*no attachment*)

- Denton County Wilson Park Subdivision Interlocal Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Cobblestone Software Renewal (*attachment*)
- Kimley Horn Renewal (*attachment*)
- PM AM Renewal and Amendment (*no attachment*)
- Freewill Renewal (*no attachment*)
- Govease Amendment (*no attachment*)

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

  - Texas DFPS Non-Financial Contract HHS001582600091
  - Texas DPS Texas Conviction Interlocal for JP4

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Shawn, and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items introduced under Consent Agenda Item #17 with changes and additions as presented.**

18. Joint Venture Project Agreements: None

19. Hazard Mitigation Plan and Related Grant Projects:

- Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Cody Powell states that the County applied for and received a grant for the Wise County Park through the Texas Park and Wildlife. The grant is for $76k to 25% local match that comes out to $15,200 which may include in-kind donations of labor and materials. The project scope will cover the restrooms, signage, benches, picnic tables, resource surveys, and any engineering that would be included during the installation of the trail improvement. Powell adds that the County has four (4) year through July 2030, to complete the work.

- Powell requests that County Commissioner Lawyer Thomas Aaberg review the paperwork involved with the grant.

- **Motion made by Burns, seconded by Hayes, and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the Texas Park and Wildlife Grant award and authorize staff to take all measures and execute grant acceptance documents and contracts.**

- Powell provides an update on the hazard mitigation project ("GOAT") –all have been picked up with the exception of nine (9) stragglers as of this morning.

20. Right-of-Way Improvements:

- Hayes states his precinct has a project to install a culvert and signage on CR 2320 on Tom Bishop's property.
- Shawn states CR 3381 on Bill Lewis' property to facilitate a bridge project.
- **Motion made by Hayes, seconded by Burns, and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize access to those properties as stated for the public purpose as stated.**

21. Burn Ban Update:

- Fire Marshal Jeff Daughty suggests maintaining the existing county-wide burn ban due to ongoing dry conditions.

22. County Committee Reports: None

23. **Clark announced** next Holiday as being, **Monday, September 07, 2026 (Labor Day).**

- **Clark announced next regular meeting date** as being **Monday, September 14, 2026, Regular meeting. He also reminds everyone that the Court will start at 8:30 a.m. due to the three (3) public hearings for the various tax rates - the college tax rate (8:30), County road and bridge and County general tax rate (8:40), and the budget hearing (8:50).**

****** Clark assures the Court that these hearings will go on for as long as needed.******

24. Clark adjourned the meeting at **9:43 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

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.