

AUGUST 29, 2019

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 29th day of August, A.D., 2019 at 6:45 P.M. came on to be had a Public Hearing 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:

J.D. Clark		County Judge
Danny White		Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Kevin Burns		Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Harry Lamance	(ABSENT)	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.

Clark stated the Proposed Wise County tax rate at on a \$0.35/\$100 valuation tax rate. Clark broke down the rate as being \$0.3075 for General Fund and \$0.0425 for FMLR (Road and Bridge).

Clark opened the hearing for public comment.

Boyd (Pct. 3) resident Lee Worley asked the court why it used U.S. Census Bureau numbers for population estimates instead of North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) population estimates? Clark stated the U.S. Census Bureau released updated numbers in April 2019 and the NCTCOG estimates are low, by their own admission, because they depend on municipalities to report population amounts. Worley and Clark discussed this further.

Clark told Worley that he uses NCTCOG population projections as Wise County is the only local entity to do so. Worley discussed recent news publications regarding new construction and tax rate issues.

Worley and the court discussed rollback rates and the current tax rate. Clark discussed with Worley what was presented to Commissioners Court during Clark's budget presentation on August 12, 2019.

Clark discussed the increase in public safety. Sheriff Lane Akin discussed public safety needs in Wise County and the related population growth. Clark discussed the balancing act that is budget

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planning and told Worley there were departmental requests that were denied in the interest of the tax rate on the public. Worley stated his position of staying with the effective rate. Worley discussed the increase in his property value this year.

White commented to Worley about property value increases and the benefit to the property seller. Worley discussed his increased tax rate based on increased property values. Kennedy commented to the average home cost in Wise County. Kennedy commented that the county doesn't have anything to do with the appraisal values as those are regulated by the State of Texas.

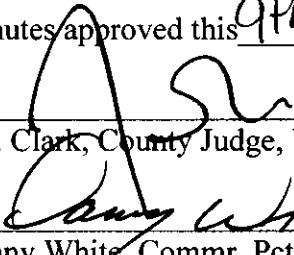
Janet Akers-Amos asked Akin if Wise County is losing deputies to other counties. Akin told Akers-Amos that the county is losing deputies due to proximity. Akin continued that the proposed budget includes salaries that will help Wise County be competitive and discussed the environment of Wise County versus the metroplex.

Clark and Akin confirmed that they met eight to ten times this summer during departmental budget meetings. Clark discussed the budgetary increases over the years to make Wise County more competitive. Akin discussed staffing at the Wise County Sheriff's Office. Akers-Amos told the court that it makes her feel better. Clark and Akin told the court and Akers-Amos that next year he will be requesting more budgetary funds for vehicles, training and deputies to keep up with growth in the county.

Akers-Amos asked the court if the county will be recycling glass. Clark told Akers-Amos that no one will take glass. Clark told Akers-Amos that the recycling agencies will not accept glass because they cannot make money off of it. Akers-Amos commented about the Wise County dump (Decatur specifically). Burns and Clark commented about glass recycling.

Clark closed the public hearing at 7:06 PM there being no public comment to be had.

Minutes approved this 9th day of September, 2019, as printed.



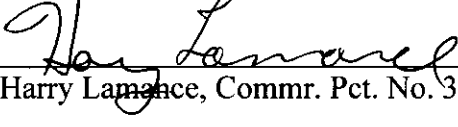
J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County



Danny White, Commr. Pct. No. 1



Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

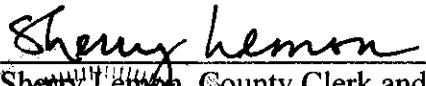


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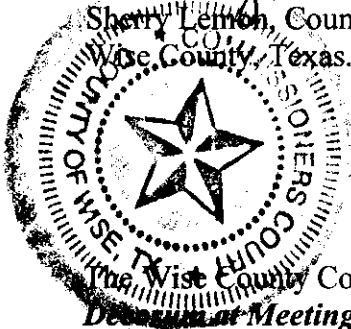


Gaylord Kennedy, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:



Sherry Lemon, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court,
Wise County, Texas.



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