

**FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

**WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**

On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, A.D., 2021 at 9:00 A.M. came on to be had a Special 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:

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| J.D. Clark        | County Judge                 |
| John "Biff" Hayes | Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 |
| Kevin Burns       | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Danny Lambert     | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
| Gaylord Kennedy   | Commissioner, Precinct No. 4 |

Sherry Lemon, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court by Amanda Knox, Chief Deputy 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 AM. All court members were present.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Moment of Silence
- 4) Community Forum: None
- 5) County Correspondence:

Clark expressed appreciation to all county employees for their work and collaboration over the last week by helping cities, departments, churches, etc. with the severe weather (February 14-17) in the county .

Burns discussed the need to make the Texas legislature aware of the water and electric woes in Wise County the week of February 14-19, 2021. Burns requested this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion as resolution.

- 6) Precinct Cooperation/Coordination: None
- 7) Plats:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following plats, as presented:

- Asbury Addition, Lots 1-2, Block 1, Final/Replat located in Precinct No 2 with a letter of conformance from Wise County Development Services. (See attachment)
- Quail Ridge Estates, Lots 1-25, Block 1 Tower Location Construction Plans Acceptance, located in Precinct No. 2, including a letter of general conformance from Kimley-Horn and Associates. (See attachment)

Burns stated this item includes a request for reduction of speed on that portion of Old Decatur Road and requested that be placed on the next agenda for consideration/discussion.

8) Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to award the tax bid sale for Suit No. TX12011; Chico ISD, Lot 233 North Star Pointe, Section 2, Phase 1 located in Precinct No. 2 to Alshanty Investments for \$500.00. (No attachment)

9) The court entered into record the Wise County Historical Commission annual report for 2020. No action taken or required. (See attachment)

10) Motion made by Lambert seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the Court to re-appoint the following board members to the Wise County Emergency Services District No. 1, as stated on the attachment (See attachment):

Winford Cash (reappointment one year)  
Ken Murray (reappointment one year)  
Tommy Spencer (reappointment one year)  
Greg Arrington (reappointment two years)  
Steve Fusco (reappointment two years)

11) Donations:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to accept the following donation with the court's thanks:

- Ashlyn Homes donation of one 24 inch by 30 foot pipe with 4:1 safety end treatments to Precinct No. 3 for installation valued at \$1,668.70. (See attachment)
- \$220.00 to Wise County from the Wise County Historical Commission. (No attachment)

12) Bids:

Motion made by Burn seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve the following wording on the Depository Bid motion: "Motion that Asset Control Manager, Diana Allen, go out for bids for a County Depository per the process provided for in the Local Government Code Section 116 Subchapter B and declaring Asset Control Manager Diana Allen

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the County Judge's designated representative to receive such bids on March 4, 2021 and to give staff authority to take all action necessary." (See attachment)

Motion made by Burns seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to authorize the use of the TIPS cooperative for county purchases pending Commissioners Court Attorney Thomas Aaberg's review and authorize staff to do whatever it takes to secure this cooperative access. (No attachment)

13) Consent Agenda Item:

a) Minutes: None

b) Department Head Reports:

- Items submitted in Dropbox but not provided for court record. (No attachments)

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Cody Powell told the court he will provide the court with a more formal report after completing an action review on Thursday. Powell told the court that they're currently trying to determine financing on damages from the February 14-19, 2021 severe cold weather system/storm.

Powell stated the Emergency Management office activated 911 Addressing/Watershed Operations & Maintenance Director Wacy Beck and Public Works Director Joey Highfill and their crews to assist in water shut-offs around the county. Powell stated there were thirty-five shutoffs done.

Powell stated one of the Wise County nursing homes had to relocated to the warming center at the Decatur Conference Center for two or three days. Powell stated some of the services the Emergency Management office provided to the long-term care/skilled care facilities. Powell stated that the Emergency Management Office did NOT have to evacuate nine long-term care/skilled care facilities and the smallest facility had 48 residents.

Powell stated the largest daily number at the warming center was sixty-eight (68) people with the highest overnight number being forty to forty-one. Powell discussed the warming center actions further.

Powell requested approval to file for a federal major disaster declaration grant with a 75% reimbursable. Powell stated the State of Texas dis a preventative declaration of disaster with 77 counties being under a federal major disaster declaration (Wise County included).

c) Budget Amendments: None

d) Capital Expenditures: None

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- e) Claims/Payroll: Registers provided in Dropbox (No attachment)
- f) Utility Requests/Right-of-Way: None
- g) Interlocal Agreements/Contracts:  
(Original Interlocal Agreements/Contracts are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen.)
  - Texas Association of Counties Affordable Care Act (ACA) Reporting and Tracking Services 2021 Renewal Confirmation Program Agreement (See attachment)
  - Verbal Re: Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. pending getting other documents. (See attachment)

Motion made by Lambert seconded by Kennedy and unanimously adopted by the Court to approve all items listed under the consent agenda, as presented.

- 14) Project Agreement for Road Repair: None
- 15) Right-of-Way Improvements:

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

- Terry Farris for CR 3690 in Precinct No. 3 for culvert work. Lambert stated that another home builder will provide a culvert and the county will furnish one. (No attachment)

- 16) Burn Ban:

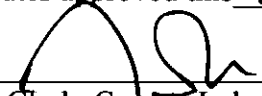
Doughty discussed recent grassfires in the county. Doughty stated the burn ban hotline went live on February 9, 2021 and 93 controlled fires have been logged on the burn ban. Doughty stated there were fourteen (14) structure fires from February 10-21, 2021.

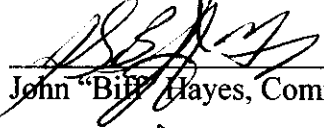
- 17) Committee Reports:

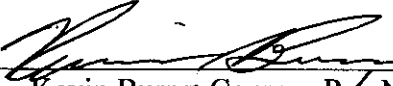
Clark stated the Development Rules and Regulations committee needs to reschedule the cancelled February 11, 2021 committee meeting. County Engineer Chad Davis stated he will schedule that for the second week of March 2021.


- 18) Clark announced the next meeting as Monday, March 8, 2021.
- 19) Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:26 AM, there being no further business to be had by the court.

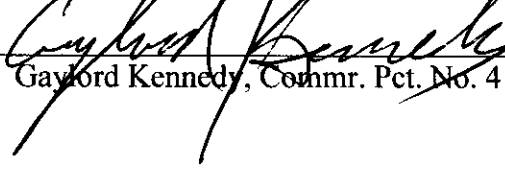
Minutes approved this 8th day of March, 2021, as printed.

  
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J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

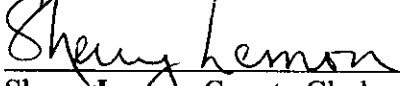
  
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John "Bill" Hayes, Commr. Pct. No. 1

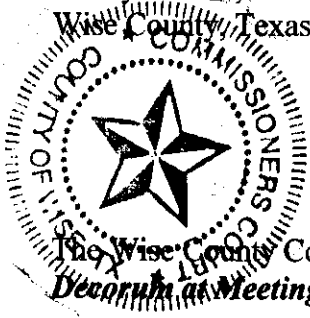
  
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Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

  
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Danny Lambert, Commr. Pct. No. 3

  
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Gaylord Kennedy, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:

  
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Sherry Lenton, 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.