

**MAY 08, 2023**

**WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**

On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D., 2023 at 9:00 A.M. came on to be had a Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 2 Courtroom (200 Rook Ramsey Drive, 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 9am. All court members present.
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Community Forum: NONE
- 5) County Correspondence:
  - a) Clark recognized Wise County Elections for their efforts in the recent city and school election.
- 6) Precinct Coordination/Cooperation: NONE

7) Plats:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Shawn and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the following plats as presented:

Final Plats:

- a) Porter Addition, Final Plat. Lots 1-2, Block 1. Chad Davis-Joey Highfill. Precinct 2. (KB) off HWY 287 (drainage study variance) -See Attachment
- b) Holiday Ranch, Final Plat. Lots 1-13, & 12X, Block 29, Chad Davis-Highfill. Precinct 4 (CS) off 3420& CR 3424 (road frontage variance) -See Attachment
  - 1) Approved contingent to verification of corrected mylars at request of Kiley Vian-Public Works Planning Assistant
- c) Pony Ridge, Final Plat. Lots 1-2. Block 1. Chad Davis-Joey Highfill. Precinct 4 (CS) off CR 3825. (drainage variance study) -See Attachment

Re-Plats:

- Diamond H. Ranch, Replat. Lot 7R. Chad Davis-Joey Highfill. Precinct 2. (KB) off Rain Dance Trail. (drainage study variance) -See Attachment

Preliminary Plats:

- ANR5 Acres Addition, Preliminary Plat. Lots 1-7. Block 1. Chad Davis-Joey Highfill. Precinct 4. (CS) off 3332. (road frontage variance) -See Attachment

Development Plans: NONE

Maintenance Period Acceptance: NONE

8) Presentation from Doug Shaw of Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District. Shaw makes introduction of Tracy Messler, Board President. (See Attached)

- Study available at [Regional-Water-Supply-and-Facilities-Planning-Study-compressed.pdf \(uppertrinitygcd.com\)](#)

The court previously funded a study to look at ground water supplies. Focus was on Parker and Wise due to large growth projections. Goals were to understand the demands, evaluate future supplies and identify big picture solutions for the study areas. Issues are an unsustainable demand on groundwater in growing communities, increased price to connect to public water supply, difficulty connecting to existing supplies, limited alternate supplies, culture for residential water usage, and funding. Method of study was to gather data from the state database, population projections, census data, boundaries and development projections. New developments in the area and the density will be contingent on the ability to source water for the growth. The fear is that with the new growth sourcing water from ground water wells, that the wells productions will drop across the board. Most of the surface water in the county is from the TRWD system. If the county can't meet the future potential water demand, the economical growth will stop.

Possible solutions include:

- Sourcing additional ground water and possibly brackish water which both offer limited and temporary solutions.
- The purchase of treated water.
- Treat raw water purchased from Tarrant Regional and increasing the capacity for treatment with existing companies or a new treatment plant will be necessary.
  - Upper Trinity Regional Water District is willing to upgrade their system but would need treatable water allocated now while still available. A source would need to be created as well.

General implementation plans suggested include:

- Anyone applying for groundwater permits should evaluate the long-term feasibility.
- Relying on surface water and treating the groundwater as a backup source
- Water user actions in the short term will include more wells being drilled to meet the demand.
- Conservation and drought measures would limit and cut back the outside water use.
- Rainwater harvesting grant programs are in action
- Aquaphor storage and recovery programs
- Reuse systems
- Transition rural areas into public water systems
- The counties can require groundwater studies
  - Wise county is in a PGMA (priority groundwater management area) which give them additional authority for groundwater studies.
- Enter into inter-local agreements with surrounding groundwater districts to review and oversee the groundwater studies. This allows the groundwater districts to walk the developers and engineers through the studies and then provide recommendations to the court. The possibility of this providing the court with grounds to alter or deny developments would need to be discussed further with legal counsel.
- Texas does not have a requirement to test water on private wells, however due to the PGMA study, the court may have the authority to require water testing.
- Analysis was done for a new reservoir site on the East side of Wise County along Denton Creek which would bring an accessible surface water source, however there are many obstacles including a significant cost, political obstacles, and treatment supplies, making the feasibility low.

A groundwater survey and review can be done within two weeks to complete the application process.

9) Donations: None

10) Bids:

- a) Auction List- Motion made by Shawn seconded by Burns and unanimously adopted by the court to approve June 2023 auction list. (see attachment)
- b) Motion made by Shawn seconded by Lambert and unanimously adopted by the court to approve the destruction of leaking computer from Constable II. (verbal)

11) Consent Agenda Items:

Motion made by Burns seconded by Hays and unanimously adopted by the court to approve all items under item 11.

- a) Minutes: NONE
- b) Department Head Notes: Auditors Report for April 2023. (see attachment)
- c) Budget Amendments: NONE
- d) Capital Expenditure Plan: NONE
- e) Claims & Payroll: Authorization to sign damage release to receive \$3,000 from SDT for damage on CR 4790 from utility work done. (see attachment)
- f) Utility Permits/Right of Way:
  - 1) Clark (verbal) Easement cleanup request from the city of Decatur along Rook Ramsey Parkway. Vacate old easements and consolidate into one new easement (no attachment)
  - 2) Chad Davis (verbal) Electronic correction received from West Wise for Holiday Ranch along CR 3420, 3424 and 3520. (no attachment)
  - 3) Burns (verbal) Federal funding appraisals back for right of way acquisition on CR 1590. Need authorization to pay invoices to allow completion of bridge replacement with TXDOT (no attachment)
- g) Contracts/Interlocal Agreements: (Original Contracts and Interlocal Agreements are filed in the Asset Control Office by Diana Allen.)
  - 1) Renewals and Amendments (for informational purpose only- approved not required.) (see attached list only)
    - (1) Correct Solutions
    - (2) Ad Valorem- new Fairview, Wise County ESD2, Wise County Fire District1, Wise County Water Supply.

12) Project Agreements for Road Repair: NONE

13) Hazard Mitigation Plan: NONE

14) Right-of-Way Improvement Requests: NONE

15) Burn Ban: NONE

16) Committee Reports: NONE

17) Announcements:

- Clark announced next regular meeting scheduled for Monday May 22, 2023.
- Clark requests approval to move next regular meeting on June 12th to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

18) Adjourn: Clark adjourned meeting at 9:54am, there being no further business to be had by the Court.

Minutes approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, as printed.

J.D. Clark  
J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

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Kevin Burns  
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ATTEST.

Blanca Tuma  
Blanca Tuma, 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.