

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 13th day of September, A.D., 2021 at 8:30 A.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
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.

Clark called the public hearing to order at 8:30 AM. All court members were present.

Clark stated the purpose of this hearing is for public comment regarding the FY2022 proposed tax rate of \$0.34/\$100.00 valuation for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Clark stated the public is allowed to address the court for a three minute time limit. Clark stated the court will not deliberate or take action during this public hearing. Clark stated this topic will be addressed at the 9:00 AM meeting to follow today.

Precinct No. 3 resident Lee Worley addressed the court stating that he doesn't understand how the county can increase the tax rate referencing \$8 million reserve amounts; \$3 million COVID-19 relief funds; and \$6 million American Rescue Plan federal funds.

Worley stated he's requested explanation over the years from the court and gets no action from the court. Worley discussed tax rate caps set in place by the state government. Worley discussed the voters of Wise County that voted the court into office. Worley commented that the court has too little fear of the voters and does a disservice to the public. Worley requested the county reduce give the public a break.

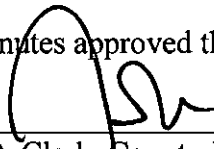
Clark commented as a point of fact that the county cannot use American Rescue Plan funds to offset the general fund budget. Clark commented that the county is under the state tax rate cap of 3.5% amount at 2.88% for FY2022. Clark continued that people do understand how the

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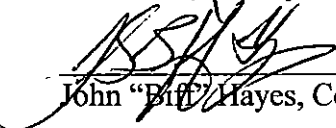
budget process works as he and the commissioners are out in the community listening to the wants and requests of the people and this budget reflects their requests.

Clark closed the public hearing at 8:45 AM there being no further discussion to be made by the public.


Minutes approved this 27th day of September, 2021, as printed.




J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County



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



Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

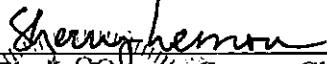


Danny Lambert, Commr. Pct. No. 3

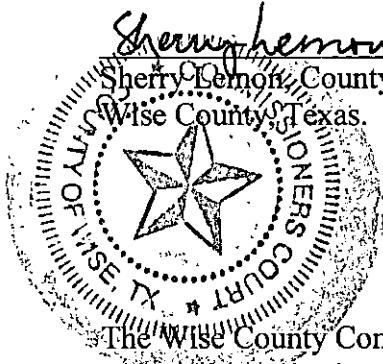


Gaylord Kennedy, Commr. Pct. No. 4

ATTEST:



Sherry Lemon, 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.