

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

On this the 9th day of February, A.D., 2016 at 7:00 P.M. came on to be had a Special Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the Decatur City Hall Council Room (201 E. Walnut Street) 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	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.

- 1) Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All court members were present. Clark thanked those in attendance for being present.
- 2) Decatur 4-H students led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Moment of Silence

Clark recognized county elected officials, appointed officials and employees present. Clark recognized Decatur Mayor Martin Woodruff and City Manager Brett Shannon. Clark also recognized DISD Superintendent Rod Townsend.

- 4) Community Forum: None
- 5) County Correspondence: None
- 6) Clark updated those present on the following county topics/issues:
 - FEMA work from 2015 rains/floods/natural disasters
 - Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS)
Clark stated TxDOT and NCTCOG hired an outside auditor to audit TAPS and that reconciliation was complete. Clark stated the auditor determined that funds were spent on transit; the financial issues were a result of poor management and no criminal activity was detected. Clark continued TAPS board of directors has requested a RFP to do

public/private partnership; Public Transit Services is currently servicing Wise County and it appears to have been a seamless transition.

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) building expansion project
- Wise County Fairgrounds projects
Clark commented about concrete work that has been done at the fairgrounds and stated the fairgrounds has a full calendar of events
- USDA Project at Denton Creek Watershed dam rehabilitation
USDA funding for 75% of project with the county having 25% cost responsibility; Clark stated the state board will cover 95% of the county's 25%.

7) White stated that Precinct No. 1 worked with FEMA through August 2015 because of the torrential rains at in May for several weeks. White stated they worked on the issues from the flooding/natural disasters with FEMA money out of General Fund until FEMA can reimburse the county.

White stated he was able to chip and seal twelve (12) miles of road and asphalt eight (8) miles of road in Precinct No. 1 in 2015. White stated he's no spending a lot of precinct budget and the county was able to put \$2 million into reserves which can be tapped into this year if needed. White stated the county was conservative in order to maintain the balance in reserve.

White told those present that he is working on Hickory Street in Rhome which is a five (5) mile project and commented that it is more to maintain the road than to replace it. White stated this was not done because of the time frame for chip and seal work last year. White stated work began at the end of 2015 and into 2016. White commented that this road was costing the county more to maintain (as is) and the precinct completely ground it up, did the ditch and curb work and will put the final product on at the end of May or first of June 2016. White stated Precinct No. 1 is completing some bar ditch work that was not done in 2015.

White commented that the precinct is working on CR 4530 in the southeast part of the county being 3 miles. White stated they are grinding up the road, adding base and they lack a half mile of grinding and one and a half miles of base to complete.

White commented about a project they want to work on this year on CR 4511.

White stated the funds planned to be spent this year are TxDOT state CETRZ grant fund monies that were awarded to the county two years ago. White stated the \$2.3 million CERTZ grant funds are for counties to repair oilfield related damage to county roads. White commented that 80% of funds are reimbursed back to the county for the roads mentioned above.

White stated that he is holding back budget money because of the CETRZ and FEMA funds and (after these projects are done) hopes to go back and overlay with more chip and seal on other

roads in the precinct saving the roads for many years to come. White stated he hopes to lay more asphalt this year with the funds saved by using state funds.

White opened the item for discussion.

8) Clark stated that early voting for the March 1, 2016 Democratic and Republican Primary Election begins on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 (because of the Monday, February 15, 2016 Presidents Holiday). Clark introduced Election Administrator Sabra Srader and invited her to discuss election information with the public.

Srader discussed certification of the primary ballot and ballot order. Srader provided copies of early voting times, dates and locations for the March 1, 2016 Democratic and Republican Primary Election. Srader reminded those present that Election Day voting is precinct bound. Srader encouraged voters to vote early if possible. Srader discussed the difference between primary election voting and election day voting. Srader discussed early voting times and locations. Srader discussed election night reporting, overseas/military ballots and acceptable forms of identification. Srader encouraged those present to check the website www.votewise.org for further information.

Srader was asked if a person's driver's license had to be current or if it could be expired? Srader stated it can be expired no more than sixty dates from the date of voting.

Srader commented on the election judge/worker training scheduled at her office.

Clark asked Srader about canvassing the votes of the March 1, 2016 Democratic and Republican Primary Election? Srader stated the parties canvass the primary election and the Commissioners Court canvasses the November 8, 2016 General Election. Democratic Party Chair Tracy Smith told Clark the parties have to wait seven days from the date of election to canvass the election.

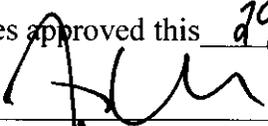
Back to agenda item 7: Receive report from Precinct No. 1 Commissioner Danny White on Precinct No. 1 projects, plans and issues.

White commented that Precinct No. 1 will assist the City of Decatur with a project at the end of February or first of March and will pave College Street and a parking lot at the municipal airport.

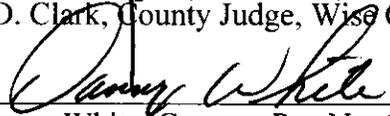
9) Clark announced the next meetings as Wednesday, February 10, 2016 (9:00 AM) and Monday, February 29, 2016 (9:00 AM).

10) Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM, there being no further discussion to be had.

Minutes approved this 29 day of FEBRUARY, 2016, as printed.



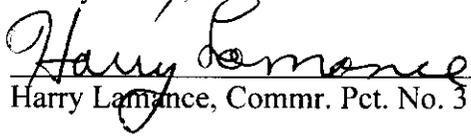
J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County



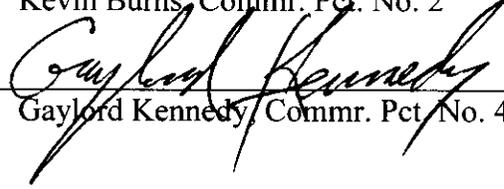
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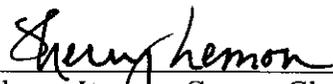


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ATTEST:



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

The Wise County Commissioners' Court adopted the *Rules of Procedures, Conduct & Decorum at Meetings of Wise County Commissioners' Court* on February 28, 1994 and the rules have not been revised.

Addendum

The following abbreviations are used in reference to current Wise County projects.

WCCAB – Wise County Courthouse Annex at Bridgeport

SWA – Southwest Architects Inc.

TxDOT/DPS - Texas Department of Transportation/Department of Public Safety

TAC – Texas Association of Counties

TFP – Wise County Thoroughfare Plan

WHJ – Wiginton, Hooker and Jeffry, P.C. (in relation to Wise County facilities Master Study Plan)

WCWC – Weatherford College Wise County campus