

**AUGUST 15, 2016**

**WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING**

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D., 2016 at 1:00 P.M. came on to be had a Wise County Thoroughfare Plan Workshop of the Commissioners' Court of Wise County, Texas held in the Wise County Elections Office (200 S. Trinity 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	(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.

1) Clark called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. (See attached list of meeting attendees).

Clark introduced all court members and NCTCOG representatives present. (See attachment)

2) NCTCOG Senior Transportation Planner Chris Reed discussed the milestone in the Transportation Planning Process for August as the time to identify existing data sources; prioritize issues; define county vision; and, finalize policy committee structure. (Page 3 of PowerPoint presentation attachment)

Reed reviewed committee configuration options and presented the Policy Committee member list and the Technical Group List (See attachment) (Page 6 of PowerPoint Presentation attachment)

3) NCTCOG Transportation Planner Kelli Schlicher provided a Transit Coordination Update to the court. Schlicher outlined the existing transit services (Page 9) grouped by Social Service Transportation and Limited Public Transportation. Schlicher stated there will be an Access North Teas Kick-Off Meeting on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Fort Worth Intermodal Transportation Center to identify transportation challenges faced by older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals. A community outreach meeting will be hosted in Wise County in early 2017. (Page 10)

Schlicher also discussed whether the county will maintain or grow transit service and outlined the transit service and rail service information on Page 11.

4) NCTCOG Transportation Planner Donald Parker reviewed the demographic analysis information for Wise County including the following:

- Future vision (Bedroom Community; Regional Destination; Adjacent but Distinct Community) (Page 13)
- Effects of Future Vision and how Wise County's Transportation Infrastructure should be improved. (Page 14)
- Wise County Net Commuter Flux- Net Daily Commuter Flow From/To Other Counties (Page 15)
- Industry Inflow/Outflow with mining/quarrying/and gas extraction as well as healthcare and social assistance being more likely to inflow to the county. (Page 16)
- Income Distribution and how a worker's income relates to commuting pattern (Page 17)
- Wages in Wise County by Sector (Goods Producing; Trade, Transportation and Utilities; and All Other Services). Page 18)
- Population below Poverty Line (Page 19)
- Wise County Transit Dependent Populations: 2010-2014 American Community Survey (Page 20)
- Historic Trends (A Comparison Between Wise County and Collin County): similar proximity to respective urbanized neighbor counties (Tarrant and Dallas); residential development that is following a similar pattern as urban growth continues outward from Dallas and Fort Worth; and, similar demographic trends between Wise and Collin Counties prior to Collin County's rapid urbanization. (Page 21)

Parker compared Wise County currently to what Collin County was in the 1970's. Parker noted that Collin County did not have a transportation plan at the time of Collin County's rapid urbanization. Parker reviewed the rapid urbanization of Collin County (Page 22) and the median household value comparison between Dallas/Collin Counties and Tarrant/Wise Counties (Page 23). Parker continued to review the historic trends and outlined the "Collin County Growth Events" and "Wise County Growth Events" (Page 24).

5) Reed opened the workshop to questions from the court. Reed asked the history and timeline of the quarry industry? Clark and Burns told Reed the quarry industry has been in Wise County for about 60-70 years. Reed asked about a lifespan of a quarry? Burns said that quarries eventually run out of gravel. Reed asked how long the court thinks quarries will be an employee element in the county? Burns estimated 40 years. Reed said that will be taken into consideration. Burns discussed division of quarries and oil/gas industry and discussed employment at the quarries with Reed. Burns told Reed there is no extraction anymore that there is only production. The court and NCTCOG discussed possible uses of the quarry areas once the lifespan is complete. Burns discussed the location of the quarries in Wise County (prairie) as opposed to the eco-tourism attractions in the Texas Hill Country as well as quarry location in the Trinity Aquifer recharge zone.

Reed discussed a recent roundtable meeting with the City of Northlake and the various infrastructure issues the city faces.

Reed discussed Wise County future growth as well as neighboring growth trend and presented the following:

- County Development Trends (Page 27) Burns asked Reed if he is aware of the large floodplain area between the two corridors? Reed stated this information will be needed for future discussions related to water issues. Burns discussed development rules and regulations in relation to utility requirements for subdivisions.

Decatur Mayor Martin Woodruff discussed drilling in the Barnett Shale and inclusion of well locations and gas lines on future maps. Reed asked about the lifespan of an oil/gas well location before the land can be developed? Burns told Reed, "about four decades." Reed and the court discussed development around disposal wells and tank batteries. County Engineer Chad Davis told Reed about a 2,200 home development that is going in the southeast corner area of Wise County in about a year. Burns and Clark told Reed that some lines have to be relocated. Woodruff discussed the cost. Burns discussed oil/gas wells in the west part of the county. Schlicher asked about remedies allowed in the development rules and regulations for developers? Burns confirmed there are remedies that are in place and stated those remedies.

Davis requested that the growth corridor on U.S. 287 be extended north from Alvord to the county line. Davis discussed conversations with TxDOT about making US 287 a true freeway through Wise County; frontage road construction, etc. Davis discussed commuter traffic via US 287 to the Texas Panhandle and western states. Davis discussed the original intent of the Thoroughfare Plan regarding preservation of the rural nature of the county and adequate transportation facilities.

Reed discussed the Transportation Plan Concepts maps and the focus of the different concepts. (Concept 1: Regional Mobility; Concept 2: Intra-County Mobility; Concept 3: Local Mobility) (Pages 29-32)

Reed asked if the court is comfortable at this point in having NCTCOG as planners come up with several sets of various alternatives or recommendations? Reed stated that existing data from the previous plan will be incorporated for consideration. The Court and David confirmed this recommendation.

Reed reviewed page 33 of the presentation regarding next steps. Reed and Woodruff discussed public transportation meeting schedules with Wise County. Reed asked when the court/committee wants to meet again? Clark asked about meeting sometime in the first two weeks of November.

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Burns requested Reed do a GIS overlay of well locations as it affects arterial roadways. Burns asked Reed to consider relievers to the now-dead Trans Texas Corridor as talks still go on with TxDOT? Burns requested Reed and NCTCOG consider an alternate route for FM51 around the City of Decatur in relations to relievers. Burns discussed the need for a good visit with visionaries at TxDOT in relation to an outer loop (rail and other forms of transportation) around Decatur.

NCTCOG Program Manager Kevin Feldt told Burns, "Decatur is McKinney fifty years ago." Burns discussed encouragement of a corridor. Feldt discussed purchasing right-of-way as a possibility. Davis discussed conversations with Tarrant County Judge Riley regarding FM 730. Davis told those present about old discussions regarding rail opportunities connecting into Oklahoma.

Reed confirmed meeting in the first two weeks of November. Reed stated the meeting won't be a formal presentation. Clark confirmed the first Commissioners Court Meeting of November being November 14, 2016.

Clark adjourned the workshop meeting at 2:18PM there being no further information to be discussed.

Minutes approved this 26 day of September, 2016, as printed.

J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

Danny White, Commr. Pct. No. 1

Kevin Burns, Commr. Pct. No. 2

Harry Lamance, Commr. Pct. No. 3

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ATTEST:

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

Wise County Commissioners' Court adopted the **Rules of Procedures, Conduct & Decorum** of the **Wise County Commissioners' Court** on February 28, 1994 and the rules have not

Appendix:

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

