

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
300 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356**

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**COMPLETE AGENDA:**

Call to Order- Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1. Minutes from Prior Meetings
2. Receive Reports from County Offices
3. Accounts Payable
4. Presentation of Texas Historical Commission Award
5. Discuss to Approve Property Bids for, S/2 Lt. 1, S/2 op W36' Lot 2 Blk 7- 614 N Ave M., Lot 13 Blk. 50- 309 N. Ave H., Lot 4 west 6' of Lot 5 Blk 33- 309 W. 13th
6. Discuss to Approve TXDOT Grant Approval to Commence Construction
7. Discuss to Approve Sealed Bids on Window A/C - Heating Units
8. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
9. Public Comment
10. 2014-2015 Budget

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JIM RUMMER

BY [Signature] DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

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**Lee Norman - Garza County Judge**

**NOTE:** *The meeting date was changed due to a scheduling conflict.*

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, 300 W. Main St., Post, Texas with the following members present: Lee Norman, Judge; Commissioners – Pct. 1-Gary McDaniel, Pct. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham.

County officials present: Jim Plummer, District and County Clerk; Preston Poole, Attorney; Nancy Wallace, Tax Collector/Assessor; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.

Also present: Billie Williams, Assistant to the Judge; Mike Strawn, Texas Association of Counties (TAC); Linda Puckett, Garza County Historical Commission; Tom Payton; Elizabeth Payton; Peggy Claborn; and Kristi Parrish, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the June 23, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 2: Reports from county offices: The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written and/or a verbal report:
- a. Treasurer
  - b. Budget Usage and Analysis
  - c. Clerk
  - d. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
  - e. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
  - f. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney
  - g. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney
  - h. Guardianships Filed
  - i. Justice of the Peace – 1
  - j. Justice of the Peace – 2
  - k. Judge Norman: When road grant process started, the law firm of Allison, Bass and Associates was hired to handle the process to this point. The firm has asked the judge for the opportunity to proceed from here to handle the paperwork. Minutes from White River Municipal Water District: requested Garza County to support an 80%-20% matching grant to help develop more water wells.
  - l. Attorney Poole: gave a criminal case load and disposition report. (See attached.) He also submitted his resignation effective July

31, 2014. (Letter attached.) The title commitment is in process for the Gene Young building.

- m. Sheriff Morgan: Chief Deputy Charlie Evans will be out until at least the middle of September. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend had very few incidents. The department is enforcing the new city ordinances against the sale of the newly banned substances. The sheriff visited the manager of the local smoke shop to share information and to warn of the possible result of violations. (See attached.) The jail inmate count is good but down a little. A search warrant was executed on a residence last month which resulted in the arrest of two individuals. There have been many narcotics arrests due to traffic stops recently. A third DPS officer has been assigned to Garza County.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to accept the reports as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Written reports are attached.)

- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for June 24, 2014 through July 9, 2014.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon that all accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out is ordered paid and presented to the Treasurer for payment. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Printout is attached.)

- Order 4: Came on before the court was a presentation from the Texas Historical Commission honoring the Garza County Historical Commission with the Distinguished Service Award for year 2013.

Judge Norman presented the award to Linda Puckett who commented that this is the third year in a row for the local commission to receive the award.

No action necessary.

- Order 5: Came on for consideration was bids for county property:

- a. S/2 Lt. 1, S/2 op W36' Lot 7, Block 7 – 614 N. Ave. M of the original town site of Post, TX. Attorney Poole informed the court: the appraised value is \$3938, taxes due is \$2282.48 and court costs due are \$418.75.

One (1) bid was received: from Elliot Main for \$750.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to accept Main's bid for \$750 (pending approval of the other taxing entities).

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- b. Lot 13, Block 50, 309 N. Ave. H of the original town site of Post, TX. Attorney Poole informed the court: the appraised value is \$1500, taxes due is \$2871.85 and court costs due is \$28.

One (1) bid was received from Joseph Michael Crump for \$459. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to accept the bid from Crump for \$459 pending approval of the other taxing entities.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- c. Lot 4 and west 6' of Lot 5, Block 33, 309 W 13<sup>th</sup> St. of the original town site of Post, TX. Attorney Poole informed the court: the appraised value is \$2000, taxes due is \$4679.02 and court costs due is \$1208.20.

One (1) bid was received from Steve Rivera for \$2500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to accept the bid from Rivera for \$2500 pending approval of the other taxing entities.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

(Bids are attached.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant approval to commence construction. Judge Norman explained this is from the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program and that eight (8) projects are available and ready to begin. No action was necessary. (See attached.)

Order 7: Came on for consideration was sealed bids for the old courthouse window A/C-heating units:

Eleven (11) bids were received from:

- a. AC #1 – Linda Martinez for \$40
- b. AC #1 – Sandra Pearson for \$50\*
- c. AC #4 – Olive Shaw for \$200\*
- d. AC #4 – Daniel Yarbrow for \$100
- e. AC #4 – Christy Tadlock for \$56
- f. AC #7 – Christy Tadlock for \$53\*
- g. AC #12 – J.D. Young, \$60
- h. AC #12 – Kim Wilks, \$82.69\*
- i. AC #12 – Steve Norman, \$55
- j. AC #13 – Steve Norman, \$55

k. AC #13 – Ruth Ann Young, \$105\*

l. AC #13 – Kim Wilks, \$82.69

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to accept the high bid (\*) for each unit and to advertise for bids on the remaining units.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Bids are attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.

Four (4) line item transfers were submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for general administration for \$500.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the tax office for \$1000.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the AgriLife extension office for \$1000.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the clerk's RMF office for \$46.77.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 9: Public Comment

Mike Strawn of TAC commented that the court is run well and briefly explained what he does for TAC.

Order 10: 2014-2015 Budget

Treasurer Young has just received final budget submissions. She informed the court that there will be about a \$45,000 increase on the employee health insurance costs.

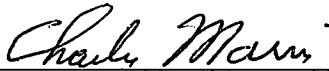
The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

*The next regular meeting is Monday, July 28, 2014.*

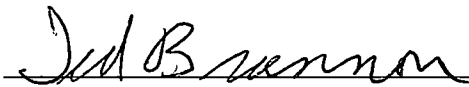


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LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

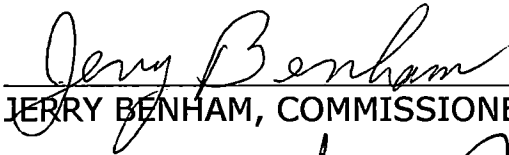
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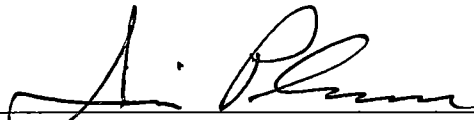


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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



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JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:



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JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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JIM PLUMMER  
District and County Clerk

Date: 7/9/2014

**Welcome to the  
Commissioners Court  
of Garza County**

*Please leave any printed  
material you presented  
with the Clerk.  
Thank You!*

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Linda Puckett	GCHM	✓	✓
2	Peggy Carson	SELF	✓	✓
3	Tom Payton	SELF	no	no
4	Elizabeth Payton	SELF	no	no
5	Mike Steawa	TAC	no	no
6	Kristi Parrish	PostDispatch	no	no
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