

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
300 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356**

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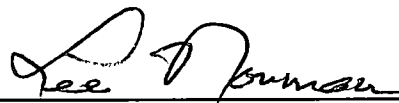
**COMPLETE AGENDA:**

Call to Order- Monday, July28, 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. Discuss to Approve Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Regarding the Imposition or Removal of Optional Fees
5. Discuss to Approve Renewal - TAC for Health Insurance Coverage
6. Discuss to Approve Renewal - Texas County and District Retirement System
7. Discuss to Approve Additional Sick Leave for County Employee
8. Discuss to Approve Applications for Public Assistance
9. Except Resignation of County Attorney - Preston Poole
10. Discuss to Approve Appointment of New County Attorney Until the Next General Election
11. Discuss to Approve A Bond for New County Attorney
12. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
13. Public Comment
14. 2014-2015 Budget

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JIM PLUMMER  
BY J. Plummer DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS



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**Lee Norman - Garza County Judge**

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, July 28, 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. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham. Not present was Pct. 1-Gary McDaniel.

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

Also present: Billie Williams, Assistant to the Judge; Lisa Brooks, of the office of U.S Re. Randy Neugebauer; Rosa Latimer, Caprock Cultural Association; Ted Weems; and Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch.

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

- Order 1: Minutes from the July 9, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Brannon 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. Clerk
  - b. Senior Transportation
  - c. Clerk Plummer: Informed the court of the plans for the Special Election set for September 9, 2014 to fill the State Senate, District 28 seat left vacant by the resignation of Robert Duncan.
  - d. Texas Department of Transportation, County Assistance Program, Verification of Materials Received
  - e. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
  - f. Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds
  - g. Garza County Public Facility Corporation Taxable Project Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 Bond, Reserve and Project Funds; Rental, Operating, Surplus, Cost of Issuance, Escrow Accounts and Juvenile Facility Surplus Account.
  - h. Preston Poole: A title commitment is still in progress for the Young building. Also, Ted Weems was introduced and that he has been involved in county attorney office activities in recent weeks.
  - i. Rosa Latimer – spoke on behalf of the Caprock Cultural Association (CCA) and explained the activities at the Heritage House. She thanked the court for its past support of the CCA and encouraged future support.

- j. Judge Norman: Informed the court the juvenile detention center students are involved in the training of dogs through the Post Animal Refuge Center and that the training program is growing. Breedlove has replaced Tyrene Greene as the superintendent at the juvenile facility. Also, new portable classroom facilities have been added to accommodate larger student groups at the unit.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham 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 July 9, 2014 through July 28, 2014. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon that all accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are 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 for consideration was the imposition or removal of optional Texas Department of Motor Vehicle fees. Currently the county's fee is \$10. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to continue the \$10 Texas Department of Motor Vehicle fee in Garza County for the calendar year 2015. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the renewal of health insurance coverage from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). Treasurer Young informed the court there is an increase of 5.90% equaling about a \$45,000 increase to cover 80 + county employees. The county has received a \$6,765.22 surplus refund from last year. The cost per employee currently is \$9512 and will be \$10,029 per employee. Commissioner Morris inquired about going out for bids. County is considered grand fathered concerning the Affordable Care Act. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to renew health insurance coverage with TAC. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the renewal of the plan from the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The combined total rate for the county's match has decreased from 8.78% and to 8.53%. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to renew the retirement plan with TCDRS. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 7: Consider additional sick leave for a county employee. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the additional sick leave of up to one month for Meg Nelson. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was applications for public assistance.
- a. The applicant qualifies under the county's guidelines. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to pay \$175 toward rent for M.W. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The application is attached.)
  - b. The applicant qualifies under the county's guidelines. Motion was made by Judge Norman and seconded by Commissioner Benham to pay \$175 toward rent for L.W. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The application is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was the resignation of County Attorney Preston Poole. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to accept the resignation of Preston Poole, County Attorney effective July 31, 2014. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Letter attached.)
- Order 10: Consider the appointment of a new county attorney until the next General Election. Judge Norman recommended appointing Ted Weems to the position of County Attorney. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to appoint Ted Weems as County Attorney beginning August 1, 2014 and until the next General Election. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 11: Consider approving the bond for the new county attorney. Attorney Poole determined the bond should be \$2500. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the bond for new county attorney Ted Weems. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 12: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.

One (1) line item transfer was submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the clerk's office for \$795.

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

(Line item transfer is attached.)

Order 13: Public Comment  
(None presented.)

The meeting recessed at 9:42 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

Order 14: 2014-2015 Budget

Judge Norman explained:

Property valuations are up \$19,402,113; the current ad valorem tax rate is .399 per \$100 valuation; the effective rate would be .39074; and the rollback rate is about .43. The county's current revenue is \$9,372,507.98, \$3,739,630.68 of which is from ad valorem tax. Taxable valuation for this year are \$937,250,798.

An across the board 1% employment raise will cost just over \$30,000.

He led the court through the budget page by page.

The review ended on page 10, Emergency Management.

The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:31 p.m.

The review of the budget resumed on page 11, Clerk.

The meeting recessed at 1:36 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 1:38 p.m.

The review of the budget resumed on page 13, General Administration.

The meeting recessed at 2:25 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 2:50 p.m.

The review of the budget resumed on page 20, Courthouse Maintenance.

The meeting recessed at 3:42 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 3:52 p.m.

The review of the budget resumed on page 26, County Sheriff.

After adjustments the general fund is short \$89,000, and the overall budget is short \$155,000.

The roll back rate of .43 would generate \$367,964 in additional revenue.

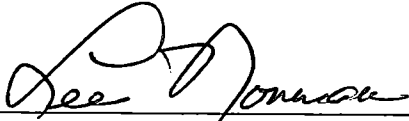
An across the board 2% raise would cost \$215,000.

With a tax rate of .42, \$274,239 in additional revenue would be generated.

The meeting will reconvene with a budget workshop on Thursday, July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

*The next regular meeting is Monday, August 11, 2014.*

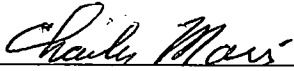


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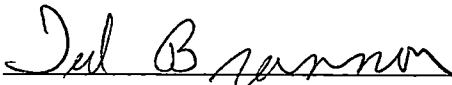
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GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



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CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



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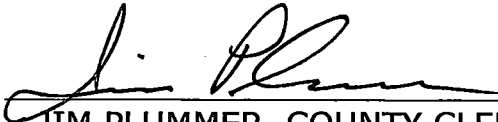
TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



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JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:



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JIM PLUMMER  
District and County Clerk

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

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

Date: July 28, 2014

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	ROSA LATIMER	Caprock Cultural Assn	yes	no
2	Kent Mahoney	POST DISPATCH	NO	no
3	TED WEEMS	SELF	No	No
4	Lisa Brooks	US Rep R Neugebauer	no	no
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