

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE,  
300 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356

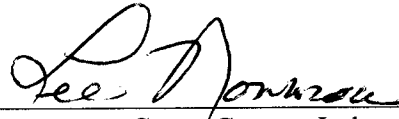
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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order-Monday, January 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

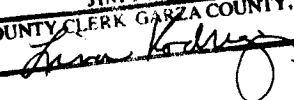
**DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

1. Minutes from Prior Meetings
2. Receive Reports from County Offices
3. Accounts Payable
4. Garza County Soil & Water Conservation District Directors
5. Discuss to Approve the Post Lake Resolution
6. Discuss to Approve Computer for the Underground Water Development
7. Approve Preclearance Letter for Garza County Election Precincts
8. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
9. Elevator Project
10. Public Comment



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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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18 day of January 20 12  
at 1:05 o'clock P. M.  
JIM PLUMMER  
COUNTY CLERK GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By  Deputy

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, 300 W. Main St., Post, TX 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, Clerk; Mike Munk, Attorney; Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor; and Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Helen Saldana, Tom Middleton and David Norman of the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District (GSWCD); Glen Killough of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); and Hanaba Welch, The Post Dispatch.

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

Order 1: Minutes from the January 9, 2012 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: The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written report or for discussion:

- a. Treasurer
- b. Budget Usage/Analysis
- c. Tax Collector/Assessor
- d. Justice of the Peace, 1
- e. Justice of the Peace, 2
- f. Political Redistricting Update
- g. Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008
- h. Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005
- i. Commissioner Brannon reported about the EMS ambulance board. They are trying to reorganize as a 501C(3) so that they can receive donations. Also to be able to accept Medi-care and Medicaid. Also, the board would like to hire a full time secretary-treasurer under the authority of director Rodney Tidwell. Tidwell is scheduled to come before the court on February 13, 2012 to explain the board's intentions.
- j. Commissioner Benham advised the court that he does not want to advertise for bids for the John Deere 670A motor grader as was approved in the January 9, 2012 meeting. He would rather pursue another option in selling the item and possibly may have more to sell than the motor grader.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to accept the reports as presented. With a

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

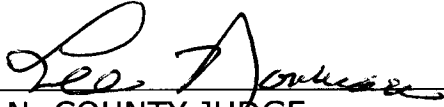
- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for January 10, 2012 through January 23, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are allowed and ordered 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 presentation was Glenn Killough to explain the 2011 activities of the NRCS and to give the Garza Water and Soil Conservation District Report. Tom Middleton introduced David Norman as a new member of the board of directors of the GSWCD. Middleton thanked the commissioners for the court's support. Killough and Helen Saldana went through the report of the NCRS and the GSWCD. Killough discussed the reduction in the salt cedar beetle in some areas but said they are thriving at White River Lake. It should take about four years to eradicate the salt cedar trees. He reviewed the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The sign up program will end February 3, 2012 for the current cycle. He also touched on the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Conservation Stewardship Program and the Technical Assistance Provided program. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to accept the report. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The report is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the Post Lake Resolution. Judge Norman explained that the White River Municipal Water District wants to retain the permit for the proposed Post Lake (dam and reservoir) and he encouraged the court to approve the resolution to renew the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TECQ) permit. (TECQ was formerly named the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.) The judge explained that The City of Post will lose water ~~rights~~ to water sent from the City of Slaton sometime this spring. Five counties, not including Lubbock, have an interest in the future Post Lake. The resolution will show Garza County's support of White River Water District retaining the permit.

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A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the resolution as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)

- Order 6: Came on for consideration was a new computer for the Underground Water Development District office.  
Judge Norman said that the district needs a portable device to record information. He asked Clerk Plummer if he had another lap top computer available from those purchased with HAVA funds that is not being used for election purposes. Plummer said that there is one remaining that commissioners previously approved for re-use elsewhere with-in the county government.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the transfer of the lap top computer as noted above. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the preclearance letter from the U.S. Department of Justice for the new Garza County Election precincts.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to accept the preclearance letter as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Letter is attached.)
- Order 8: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.  
None were presented.
- Order 9: Elevator Project  
Commissioner Morris explained that the project is coming along well and it should be completed by the end of January.
- Order 10: Public Comment  
Judge Norman explained that there are courthouse projects to consider:
1. Remodeling of the courtroom was discussed including chairs, carpet and a technology upgrade.
  2. Moving the commissioners' courtroom to the east side of the third floor which will give the public elevator access.
  3. A new heating and cooling project: Four proposals from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper were presented. The costs range from \$300,000 to \$346,000. (See attachment.)

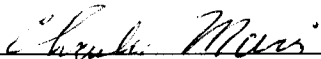
The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.



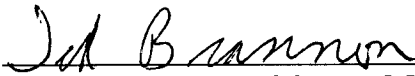
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LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



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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, COUNTY CLERK

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**JIM PLUMMER**  
District and County Clerk

Date: 1/23/2012

**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	Helen Saldana	GARZA SWCD		
2	Tom W. Johnson	" "		
3	David W. ...	" "		
4	Aleen Killough	NRCS	✓	
5	HANABA WELCH	The Post Dispatch	NO	NO
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