

NOTICE OF MEETING
GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012 AT 8:30 A.M.
Garza County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Courtroom
300 W. Main
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

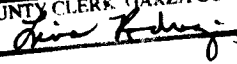
Call to Order-Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Discuss and Review the Amended Budget for Garza County Appraisal District
2. Discuss to Approve Sending the Garza County Policy and Procedure Manual to Texas Association of Counties to Review and Update
3. Discuss to Approve A Resolution For An Extension of Time in Which the County has to Act Upon the Application of the Buffalo Wind Tax Abatement.



Lee Norman
Garza County Judge

FILED FOR RECORD
17 day of February 20 12
at 11:15 o'clock a M.
JIM PLUMMER
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By  Deputy

A special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 8:30 A.M. in the 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; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; Judy Bush, Tax Assessor/Collector; and Mike Munk, Attorney.

Others present were: Billie Williams, Assistant to the Judge; Jeff Lott and Giles W. Dalby, Jr., Garza Appraisal District board members; Ray Bagby and Wayne Edwards, Garza County Health Care District board members; Mayor Thressa Harp, City of Post; Milton Williams, Post ISD board member; David Stelzer; David Woods; J.W Payton; Thomas H. Payton; Rosa Latimer, The Garza Post; and Hanaba Welch, The Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Order 1: Came on for consideration was to review the amended budget for the Garza Appraisal District.

Judge Norman informed the court that one of the commissioners requested that the issue be revisited.

Jeff Lott, appraisal board member said that the court approved the issue at the last meeting (2/13/12) and questioned why the court is reconsidering the courts action. The final cost for the county is \$1100 and not \$2000 as previously stated. Next year the county's portion will be \$5263 with no benefits for the clerk (or the third person in the office).

Lott explained that the payment for the state mandated GPS mapping system will be substantially less.

The current budget had a \$15,000 surplus that is to be proportionately returned to the taxing entities. The amended budget increase is \$19,000. Therefore, the appraisal district is requesting a \$4000 increase in the current budget with the county's portion being \$1100.

The commissioners received the initial letter concerning the amended budget about a month ago.

The scope of the job search was in the Post Dispatch and posted on the CAD office window. Thomas Payton questioned whether the search was broad enough.

Judge Norman referred to the information that was handled out at the previous meeting. It compared chief appraiser positions in various counties.

Lott explained that the current employees may not accept a promotion with the current salaries and was concerned that if a chief appraiser can't be found the state comptroller could take over the office.

Mayor Harp said she was present to gather information to take to the Post City Council meeting on Thursday, 2/23/12.

She is considering the long term affect of the amended budget. Commissioner Brannon suggested spreading out the increase over three to five years and not all at once.

Post School Board member Milton Williams suggested the same process.

Wayne Edwards, president of the Garza County Health Care District, said that the health care district board voted

unanimously to not approve (accept) the amended budget.

Commissioner McDaniel said most of his constituents he spoke with are against the amended budget. Commissioner Morris said he has experienced the same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to oppose the amended budget for the Garza Appraisal District as presented. Judge Norman and Commissioner McDaniel voted with the motion to oppose and Commissioner Benham voted against the motion (in favor of the amended budget).

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

Order 2: Came on for consideration was to send the Garza County Policy and Procedure Manual to the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) to review and update.

Judge Norman suggested that Michele Arseneau, Human Resources Consultant for TAC review the county manual and suggest changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve sending the current manual to TAC for review and suggested changes.

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

Order3: Consider a resolution for an extension of the time in which the county has to act upon the application of the Buffalo Wind Tax abatement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the extension of time in which

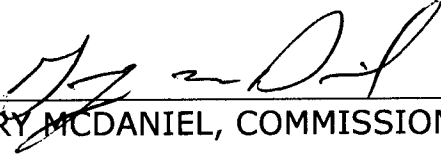
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With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

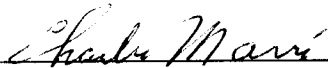
Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



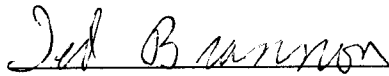
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



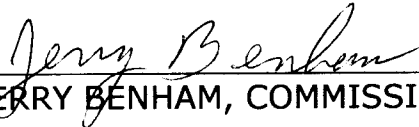
GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

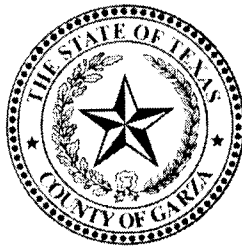


JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

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: FEB. 22, 2012
8:30 AM

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	David Stelzer	Self	?	No
2	RAY BH & BY	ACHB	?	No
3	David Woods	Self	No	No
4	Jett Lott	Self	Yes	No
5	J.W. Payton	Self	Yes	No
6	Thomson Payton	Self	Yes	No
7	Wayne Edwards	GC Hosp Dist	Yes	No
8	Rosa Latimer	Garza Post	No	No
9	Shressa Harp	City of Post	No	No
10	HANAZA WELCH	The Post Dispatch	No	No
11	Milton W. Williams	Self	No	No
12	Biles Whaley	App Board	Yes	No
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