

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

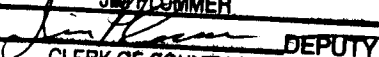
COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order-Monday, April 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. Perdue & Brandon Law Firm - Update on JP Collections
5. Discuss to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Garza County and Hale County Regarding Housing of Hale County Inmates in The Garza County Law Enforcement Jail
6. Discuss to Approve Precinct 2 Purchasing a Shredder
7. Discuss to Approve Request for Penalty and Tax Removal
8. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
9. Heating and Cooling Project
10. Public Comment

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JIM PLUMMER
BY  DEPUTY
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, April 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; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Danny Barrett, Adam Walker and Reagan McMillan, of Purdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP Attorneys at Law; J.W. Payton and Thomas H. Payton; Wayne Hodgin, The Post Dispatch; and Rosa Latimer, The Garza Post.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the April 9, 2012 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon. 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. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
- d. Justice of the Peace, 1
- e. Justice of the Peace, 2
- f. AgriLife Extension/Greg Jones
- g. AgriLife Extension/Nancy McDonald
- h. Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008
- i. Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005
- j. US Bank Activity Notice

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon 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. (Reports are attached.)

Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for April 10, 2012 through April 23, 2012.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 before the court was a Justice of the Peace courts collections update by employees of the Purdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP law firm on the offices.
Danny Barrett of the firm presented a pie graph that showed the collection summary of delinquent fines and fees in the JP courts. The collection rate is 32%, or \$183,495.55, over about an eight year period. In the agreement, there is no cost to the county. The firm's fee is added to the fine and fees they collect from the defendant. Adam Walker explained that the firm complies with the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct collection rules.
No action necessary.
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was an intergovernmental agreement between Garza County and Hale County regarding housing Hale County inmates at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center jail. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to enter into the agreement with Hale County. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was whether to purchase a shredder for Commissioner Precinct 2.
Commissioner Morris explained he wants to purchase a bat wing Bush Hog shredder. Funds will come from the capital expense line item in his budget.
Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the purchase of the shredder from Wiley Case Equipment for \$15,500.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was a request for the removal of penalty and tax (should be interest).
Tax Collector Judy Bush explained that a tax payer claims she sent a check that the tax office never received.
Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to deny the request to remove the penalty and interest of the tax payment.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 8: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.

Three (3) line item transfers were submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the judge's office for \$500.

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the Sheriff's 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 Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the Road & Bridge 4 office for \$19,806.

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

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

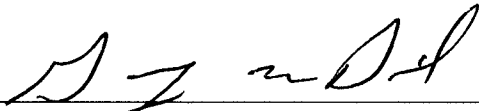
Order 9: Heating and Cooling Project
No updates were presented.

Order 10: Public Comment
None were expressed.

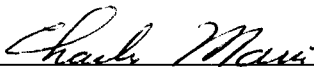
The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.



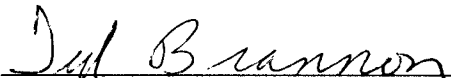
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

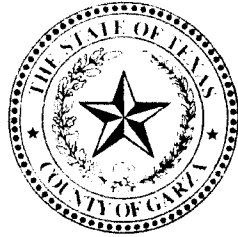


JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST: 

JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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JIM PLUMMER
District and County Clerk

Date: 4/23/2012

**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	J. W. Payton	Self	No	No
2	Thomas H. Payton	Self	NO	NO
3	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>			
4	REAGAN MCKEAN	PERDUE BRASS	YES	YES
5	DANNY BARRETT	"	"	"
6	ADAM WALKER	"	"	"
7	ROSA LATIMER	Garza Post	no	NO
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