

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012 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, July 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. Consider to Approve Appraisal District Budget
5. Discuss to Approve the Renewal for Health Insurance 2012-2013
6. Discuss to Approve Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2013
7. Discuss to Approve Medical Bills with Lynn County Hospital for Garza Count Inmates - Payment is requested By Lynn County Hospital for Delinquent Medical Bills
8. Discuss to Approve A DPS County Combined Completeness Percentage
9. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
10. Heating and Cooling Project
11. Public Comment
12. 2013 Budget

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

FILED 7/18/12 - 1:45 P.M.  
JIM PLUMMER  
BY  DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,  
GARZA COUNTY TEXAS

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, July 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. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham. Not present was Pct. 1 Commissioner Gary McDaniel. County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor. Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Thomas, Elizabeth and Jessica Payton; Terri Brown and Chris Atkinson of the Community Recovery Center; and Terry Morgan, Republican Party candidate for sheriff.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the July 9, 2012 regular meeting and the July 17, 2012 special meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris. 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. Clerk
  - b. Tax Collector/Assessor
  - c. Senior Transportation
  - d. Justice of the Peace, 2
  - e. AgriLife Extension-Jones
  - f. AgriLife Extension-McDonald
  - g. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
  - h. Election Workers list for the July 31, 2012 Primary Runoffs
- 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 for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 10, 2012 through July 23, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham 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 proposed (2012-2013) Garza Appraisal District Budget.  
Judge informed the court that the proposal adds about \$18,000 to the amended budget which was approved in February 2012. The county's share of the \$373,487 budget would be 27.5% or \$88,265.90  
The 2012 budget was \$77,249.44. County has 30 days from today to oppose it. If majority of the member entities oppos, the budget can be reworked.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to oppose the proposed 2012-2013 budget of the Garza Appraisal District.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution to oppose is attached.)

*Public comment: Thomas Peyton said he believes that the appraisal board did not do their due diligence during the hiring and amended budget process at the first of the year. He presented a spreadsheet showing the budget increases of the appraisal district.*

Order 5: Came on for consideration was health insurance policy renewals for 2012-2013.  
Treasurer Young informed the court of the renewal rates from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC)/HEBP. The Plan 300 insurance policy, by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, shows an increase of 2.1% or \$15.28 per employee per month.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the health and life insurance renewals with TAC (for fiscal year 2012-2013) as presented.  
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 Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2013.  
Tax Collector/Assessor Judy Bush said that the fee is at \$10 per vehicle. 97% of the fee stays with the county.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to retain the fee at \$10.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:34 a.m.

- Order 7: Came on for consideration was medical bills from Lynn County Hospital for Garza County Inmates.  
Judge Norman informed the court that payment is requested for delinquent medical bills totaling just over \$4000. Sheriff Laws did not approve the bills for payment. These inmates did not submit an application for indigence. The question was whether to pay for pre-existing conditions and self inflicted injuries. Attorney Munk submitted a letter of his opinion and recommended paying the bills.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to pay all the past due Garza County bills to the Lynn County Hospital.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. Commissioner Brannon opposed. (Order is attached.)
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was the Department of Public Safety County Combined Completeness Percentage.  
Clerk Plummer explained that by statute DPS is insisting the percentage of disposed cases be at least 90% in order for counties to qualify for grant funding. He provided the court with the Data Reporting Improvement Plan devised in May 2010.  
Motion was made by Judge Norman and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to TABLE the issue.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The plan is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.  
Five (5) 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 \$84.31.  
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 General Administration for \$2500.  
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 General Administration office for \$3143.54.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the maintenance budget for \$8018.85.

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

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the Lake Alan Henry budget for \$500.

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

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 10: Heating and Cooling Project

Judge Norman and Commissioner Benham met with architects Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. The plans have been finalized and will be presented to the court and then requests for proposals will be solicited.

Order 11: Public Comment

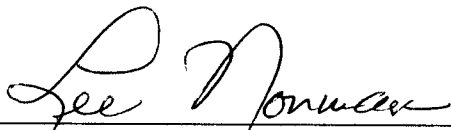
Chris Atkinson introduced Terry Brown as the new counselor at the Community Recovery Center. She informed the court that she is excited about returning to Post.

Order 12: 2012-2013 Budget

Treasurer Young received budget requests from the different offices. This year's valuations are \$920,948,000, about a \$75 million increase. New mineral evaluation law of oil probably affected the valuation. A new item this year may be an increase in the ambulance service budget to hire full time personnel. Most departments have requested about a 6% increase in personnel salaries.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

*Next regular meeting is August 13, 2012.*



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LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

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GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

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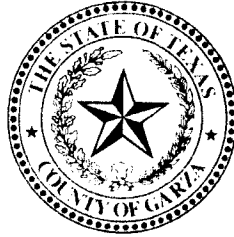
CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

*Ted Brannon*  
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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

*Jerry Benham*  
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JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST: *Jim Plummer*  
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JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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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: 7-23-12

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Thomas Payton	SELF	Yes	Yes
2	Jessica Payton	SELF	No	No
3	Elizabeth Payton	Self	NO	NO
4	Terri Brown	Comm Rec Cent	NO	NO
5	Chris Atkinson	Com. Rec. Cent.	No	No
6	Terry Morgan		No	No
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