

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012  
POST COMMUNITY CENTER  
113 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356

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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order-Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO THE SUBMISSION OF TWO SEPARATE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FROM GARZA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF POST TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS FOR A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG) DISASTER RELIEF FUND GRANT.



Lee Norman  
Garza County Judge

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

A special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main St., Post, TX with the following members present: Lee Norman, Judge; Commissioners: Pct. 2-Charles Morris, and Pct. 3-Ted Brannon. Not present were Commissioners Pct. 1-Gary McDaniel and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham.

County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk.

Others present: Members of the Post City Council, the White River Municipal Water District Board; WRMWD staff members; representatives from the South Plains Association of Governments; representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and many members of the public.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Public hearing in regards to the submission of two separate applications submitted from Garza County and the City of Post to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for the Texas Community Development Block Grant program (TxCDBG) disaster relief fund grant.

Mayor Thressa Harp-Baker introduced a member of South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) to speak about the grant programs for eligible entities throughout the state.

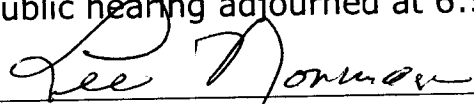
Items addressed and clarified at the meeting include:

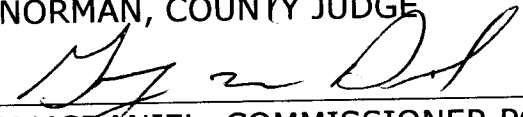
- In January, 2012 the Texas Department of agriculture extended disaster relief programs to include severe drought which the region has suffered.
- The WRMW District includes Post, Spur, Crosbyton and Ralls. The counties of Garza, Crosby and Dickens are considered as possible grant recipients. --
- The entities must meet three eligibility requirements: (1) An engineering study showing that the entity is with-in 180 days of the water source no longer being viable; (2) The 2010 census data proves that the entity is at the low to moderate income level; and (3) enter the TCEQ Stage 3 water restriction plan.
- The City of Post will be under a WRMWD mandated Stage 3 Drought Contingency Plan effective August 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012.
- Under the Stage 3 Plan, variances may be granted from either the member city official or the district's general manager, depending on the jurisdiction.
- In an attempt to bypass the grant process, an entity (City of Post) could contribute its share (\$350,000) to the emergency back-up water project and not have to enter Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan.
- SPAG could submit the grant application in August.
- Each entity could apply for a \$350,000 grant.
- No matching funds are needed for this grant.

- Over the past ten years, the lake is averaging 22 feet low of capacity.
- Currently the lake is 26 feet low.
- The Texas Water Development Board considers the lake empty when it is 32 feet low.
- TCEQ has determined that if the lake does not receive rain between now and February the level could be at 32 feet.
- If each of the seven entities were to receive \$350,000 (totaling \$2,450,000), the funds would be used to develop new back-up emergency wells and to rehab existing well fields.
- If funds are secured soon, wells could be drilled as early as February 2013 and could take up to two years.
- Under Stage 3, the water district may lose \$30,000 an month in revenue.
- The Post Reservoir possibility will cost close to \$65 million. If construction started now, it would be 2029 before water could be drawn from it.
- The City of Post and WRMWD do not have a current contract and are operating on a month-to-month agreement from a clause in the previous contract. A back-up water source for Post is not agreeable with WRMWD. may be why there's not a new contract.
- The WRMWD can only suggest to its member entities what to do. An entity can proceed as it sees fit.

No action taken.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:50 p.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