

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

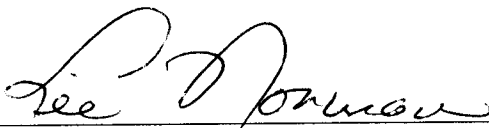
COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, August 13, 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. Report From SPAG Regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture Disaster Grant
5. Constable Precinct 1- Discuss to Approve Extension of Time for Employee
6. Discuss to Approve Amending the Requirements for Construction Permits
7. Discuss to Approve to Order the General Election for November 6, 2012
8. Discuss to Approve Statement of Agreement Between West Texas Centers and Garza County Commissioner's Court
9. Discuss to Approve A Department of Public Safety County Combined Completeness Percentage
10. Discuss to Approve Poll Workers for the November 6, 2012 General Election
11. Discuss to Approve Central Count Station (CCS) for the November 6, 2012 General Election
12. Notice of Meeting of the County Election Board for November 6, 2012 General Election
13. Discuss to Approve Payment for Annual Insurance Premiums
14. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
15. Heating and Cooling Project
16. Public Comment
17. 2013 Budget

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JIM PLUMMER
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By [Signature] Deputy



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 13, 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; Rodney Tidwell, Post-Garza County EMS; Kelly Davila, South Plains Association of Counties (SPAG); Terry Morgan, Republican candidate for sheriff; J.W. Payton; Thomas H. Payton; and Wayne Hodgin, Post Dispatch.

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

Order 17: 2013 Budget

(Copy of request is in the proposed budget.) Post-Garza County Emergency Medical Service director Rodney Tidwell informed the court that EMS needs 24/7 coverage. The EMS is operating under a variance until December 2012. Part time volunteers are having difficulty getting off from regular job to answer calls. He suggests that funding be created to pay personnel hourly wages for day time coverage since those hours are difficult to fill. Evening hours are not hard to cover. It may cost \$145,000 split by three entities or \$48,333 each. He also may be asking for a new ambulance while trading two vehicles. EMS calls are up from 488 last year to 568 during the same period this year.

Order 4: Came on for presentation was a report from the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture Disaster Grant. Kelly Davila of SPAG gave a brief recap of why the county decided to pursue a disaster grant for water: Six of the seven possible entities involved in the White River Municipal Water District (WRMWD) voted to participate. City of Post did not. Each grant is for \$350,000 to benefit WRMWD and the rehabilitation of wells and the development of new wells. The applications have been submitted. If funds are still available, the approval process may take up to seven weeks. If approved, Garza County will choose whether or not to enter into a contract with Texas Department of Agriculture.

The meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:13 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the July 23, 2012 regular meeting, the July 24, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m. special meeting, the July 24, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. special meeting and the August 1, 2012 special meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Morris 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. Clerk
- b. Tax Collector/Assessor
- c. Senior Transportation
- d. Justice of the Peace, 1
- e. Justice of the Peace, 2
- f. AgriLife Extension-Jones
- g. AgriLife Extension-McDonald
- h. Official Returns from the July 31, 2012 Primary Runoff Elections
- i. Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds
- j. Garza County Public Facility Corporation Taxable Project Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 Bond, Reserve and Project Funds; Rental, Operating, Surplus, Cost of Issuance and Escrow Accounts.
- k. Garza County Combination Public Facility Corporation Project Revenue Refunding Bond Funds, Series 2005

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 July 24, 2012 through August 13, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel 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 5: Came on for consideration was a request for the extension of paid time off for a Constable 1 employee (Deputy Constable Brian Smith). A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the request for the extension of time until the next meeting on August 27, 2012. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was amending the requirements for construction permits (with-in the county). Judge Norman recommended that the cover page of the residential permit application be amended to add at the beginning of the page: "These requirements apply only to sub-divisions." Attorney Munk informed that the county has the power to make rules. He was concerned that there was not a penalty for not obtaining a permit. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the amendment to the requirements for the residential permit application cover letter. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Amended cover letter is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the Order of the November 6, 2012 General Election. Clerk Plummer explained that according to the Texas Election Code (Sec. 3.004), the county judge shall order the election at least 62 days before the election date. It's for public notice and court action is not necessary. (Order is attached.)
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was an agreement between West Texas Centers (MHMR) and Garza County Commissioners' Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the agreement with West Texas Centers to provide Garza County mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was the Department of Public Safety County Combined Completeness Percentage.

Clerk Plummer explained that the 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 latest figure showing Garza County is now at 89% and the Data Reporting Improvement Plan devised in May 2010. The county has until the end of August to reach 90%.

No action taken. (The latest report and the plan are attached.)

Order 10: Came on for consideration was the appointment of poll workers for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to appoint the presiding and alternate judges as recommended by the county party chairmen.

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

Order 11: Came on for consideration was the appointment of the Central Count Station (CCS) for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to appoint the CCS members as recommended by the county party chairmen.

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

Order 12: Came before the court for informational purposes was the announcement of the Notice of Meeting of the County Election Board.

The meeting is set for Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. The board consists of the county clerk, county judge, sheriff, voter registrar and both county party chairs.

For information purposes only. No action necessary.

Order 13: Came on for consideration was payment of the annual property insurance coverage premium payments for the risk management pool through the Texas Association of Counties.

The coverage is for automobile physical damage, automobile liability, general liability, public officials' liability and law enforcement liability.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the payment of premiums as presented by the Texas Association of Counties for a total of \$41,761. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

Order 14: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests.

Ten (10) line item transfers were submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the judge's office for \$250.

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the EMC office for \$2000.

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the EMC office for \$600.

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

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Treasurer's office for \$840.58.

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

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Brenham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility maintenance office for \$9500.

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

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Brenham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Community Recovery Center office for \$3000.

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

g. A motion was made by Commissioner Brenham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the AgriLife Extension office for \$370.86.

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

h. A motion was made by Commissioner Brenham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the AgriLife Extension office for \$305.

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

i. A motion was made by Commissioner Brenham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the R&B 2 office for \$13,000.

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

j. A motion was made by Commissioner Brenham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the R&B 3 office for \$4000.

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

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 15: Heating and Cooling Project

Judge Norman reported that the proposed blue print has been received. The engineer's project estimate is \$400,000. There are not any funds available at this time.

Ted Brannon is in favor of project but would like for the county to have funds to make a down payment. He'd like to table it until other issues are stabilized before the county starts this project. He's concerned about the Dalby facility's water supply after the City of Post de-annexes the property as they have discussed.

Judge Norman said that the project is not a critical issue. His concern is for the comfort of the people who work at the courthouse.

Commissioner McDaniel is concerned about the county taking on more debt.

No action was taken.

Order 16: Public Comment

J.W. Peyton asked what the repercussions may be if the City of Post de-annexes the prison property.

Judge Norman explained that the potential scenario is under review.

The meeting recessed at 11:17 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:45 a.m.

Order 17: 2013 Budget (continued from the beginning of the meeting)

Tax Collector Bush informed the court of the preliminary tax revenue figures.

Total Certified appraised values: \$969,698,155 (Up \$1.21 million)

Effective tax rate: .33005

Rollback rate: .35645 will generate \$2,938,150 from ad valorem taxes.

Judge introduced the budget and reviewed page by page.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 4:11 p.m.

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The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 5:11 p.m.

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The meeting recessed at 6:12 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:29 p.m.

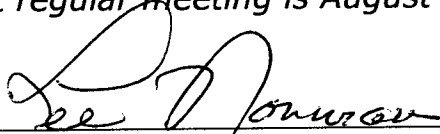
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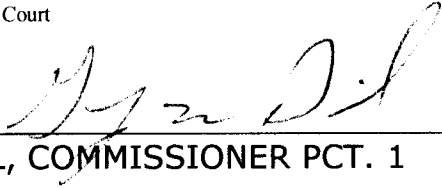
The meeting adjourned at 7:10 a.m.

Next Budget meeting: Tuesday 8/21/2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

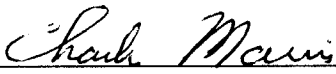
Next regular meeting is August 27, 2012.



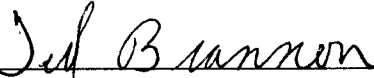
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GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



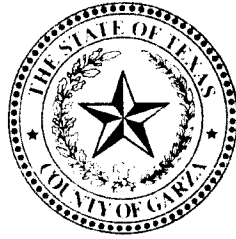
JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

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: Aug. 13, 2012

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Kelly Davila	SPAC		
2	Terry Morgan		NO	
3	Thomas H. Payton	Self	no	
4	J. W. Payton	Self	no	
5	Robert (Wayne Hoogier)	Post - Garza Co EMS POST DISPATCH	yes	
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