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NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.**  
**GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**300 WEST MAIN**  
**POST, TEXAS 79356**

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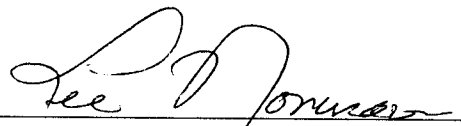
COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, August 27, 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. Discuss to Approve A Joint Election Agreement With Post ISD for the Election on November 6, 2012
5. Constable Precinct 1- Discuss to Approve Extension of Time for Employee
6. Greg Jones - Line Item Overage in Budget
7. Garza County Policy Meal and Mileage Per Diem Rates
8. Discuss to Approve Bids for Property Located at 800 N. Ave. F, Post, Texas
9. Discuss to Approve A Department of Public Safety County Combined Completeness Percentage
10. Discuss to Approve A Resolution Authorizing the Texas Department of Agriculture Home Delivered Meal Program
11. Consider Limiting Budget Expenditures for Elected Officials Not Returning to Office
12. Discuss to Approve Service Agreement with ESPY Services
13. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
14. Heating and Cooling Project
15. Public Comment
16. 2013 Budget

FILED FOR RECORD  
22 day of August 2012  
at 1:30 o'clock P. M.  
**JIM PLUMMER**  
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By [Signature] Deputy

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 27, 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; Greg Jones and Nancy McDonald, AgriLife Extension Service; and J.W. and Thomas H. Payton.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the August 13, 2012 regular 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. Treasurer
  - b. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
- Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon 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 August 14, 2012 through August 27, 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 4: Came on for consideration was a Joint Election Agreement with Post Independent School District for the November 6, 2012 election. Clerk Plummer informed that the election statutes mandate that the school districts have a joint election with the county when holding an election on the uniform November election date. He believes that the joint election will provide a more efficient and cost effective election for the District, the County and the voters. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the agreement as presented.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The agreement 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). Deputy Smith is back to work. No action taken.
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was about an overage in the budget of AgriLife Agent Greg Jones. Greg Jones requested an additional \$500 each for travel purposes for him and Nancy McDonald. He also informed the court added that the name of the organization will change to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services as of September 1, 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to move \$1000 from the Attorney ad litem line item to cover the request from the AgriLife office. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the per diem rates for meals and mileage. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to increase the per diem rates for meals from \$20 per day to \$35 and to keep the mileage at the same rate. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was sealed bids for county property: located at 800 N. Ave. F, Post, Texas, the Juvenile Detention Center. Judge Norman informed the court that \$1.4 million is owed on the note and \$575,000 of maintenance upgrades are planned at the request of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. The Bureau has recently entered into a 10 year contract. One (1) sealed bid was submitted by the Garza County Public Facilities Corporation not to exceed \$2.7 million. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to accept the bid of \$2,700,000 from the Garza County Public Facilities Corporation. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Bid 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 Data Reporting Improvement Plan devised in May 2010. The report as of 8/27/12 is at 90%. No action necessary.

- Order 10: Came on for consideration was a resolution authorizing the Texas Department of Agriculture Home Delivered Meal Grant Program. The grant is for \$10,000.  
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the resolution as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:08 a.m.

- Order 11: Came on for consideration was whether to limit budget expenditures for elected officials not returning to office.  
The item died for lack of a motion.

- Order 12: Came on for consideration was whether to enter into an agreement with Espy services.  
The organization provides telecom auditing services to help reduce phone and internet expenses.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to TABLE the item.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- Order 13: 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 McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the Constable 1 office for \$2000.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the Extension office for \$240.

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the Summer Recreation program for \$1977.94.

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

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 14: Heating and Cooling Project

No new information was presented. During the budget meeting on 8/21/12 it was discussed to set aside funds for the project contingent the balance of the proposed budget.

Order 15: Public Comment

None presented.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:47 a.m.

Order 16: 2012-2013 Budget

Started on Page 20, Courthouse maintenance.

Tax Collector Bush informed the court that the proposed tax rate of .355 per \$100 valuation will lower taxes by \$7.73 based on last year's average appraised homestead valued at \$37,259.

Total Certified appraised values are \$969,698,155, up \$1.21 million. Mineral valuations will pay for about 80% of the ad valorem taxes generated.

A motion to approve the proposed total ad valorem tax rate of \$0.355 per \$100.00 property valuation was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham. The rate does not exceed the roll back rate of .35645.

RECORD VOTE

With the vote being called for and all five court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

The following is the schedule for the remainder of the budget process:  
9/7/12, 5:00 p.m.: First public hearing at courthouse.  
9/11/12, 1:00 p.m.: Regular commissioners' court meeting at courthouse.  
9/11/12, 2:00 p.m.: Second public hearing at courthouse.  
9/21/12, 9:00 a.m.: Adopt the budget and set the tax rate.

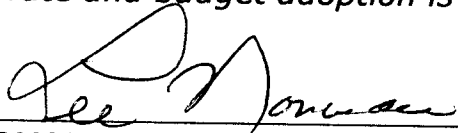
The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

*Next budget hearing is the First Public Hearing on Friday, September 7 at 5:00 p.m.*

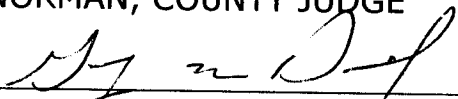
*Next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.*

*The second public budget hearing is Tuesday, September 11 at 2:00 p.m.*

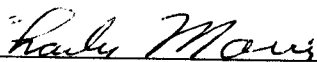
*The tax rate and budget adoption is set for Friday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m.*



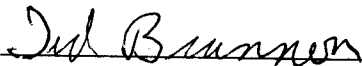
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



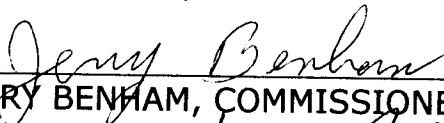
GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

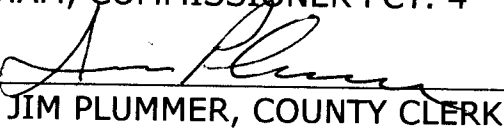


TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

  
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**JIM PLUMMER**  
District and County Clerk

Date: 8/27/2012

**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	Nancy McDonald	Texas Extension Service	No	No
2	Greg Jones	" " "	Yes	NO
3	J.W. Payton			
4	Thomas H. Payton	SELF	NO	NO
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