

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013 AT 9:00 A.M.**  
**GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**300 WEST MAIN**  
POST, TEXAS 79356

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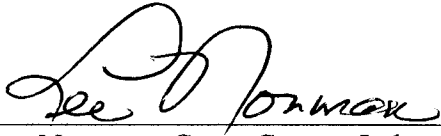
COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, August 12, 2013 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. Greg Jones and Nancy McDonald - Audree Williams Receiving the Program Interpretation Scholarship Award
5. Discuss to Approve Additional Sick Leave for Garza County Sheriff Office Employee
6. Consider Increase of District Clerk's Records Archive and Records Management Fees
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8. Discuss to Order the Consolidation of Election Precinct Boxes to One Polling Place for the November 8, 2011 Constitutional Amendment Election
9. Discuss to Approve a Bid Application for Property Located at 614 N. Ave. M, Post, Texas S/2 Lt. 1, S/2 of 36' Lt. 2, Blk 7
10. Discuss to Approve Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Yr. 2014
11. Discuss to Approve the 2014 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees
12. Discuss to Rescind Burn Ban
13. Discuss to Approve an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services
14. Discuss to Approve Advertising to Sell 1961-4010 John Deere Tractor for Precinct 2
15. Consider Renewal of Real Estate Lease with Gene Young
16. Heating and Cooling Project
17. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
18. Public Comment

19. 2014 Budget



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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

FILED 8-7-2013 2:05 P.M.  
BY Jen Plummer DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,  
GARZA COUNTY TEXAS

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 12, 2013 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, District and County Clerk; Nancy Wallace, Tax Collector/Assessor; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Brandt Taylor, Chief Probation Officer; Nancy McDonald and Greg Jones, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents; Janeece and Audree Williams, 4-H Club; Tom Payton; and Wayne Hodgin, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the July 22, 2013 regular meeting and the July 30, 2013 special meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner McDaniel 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. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- c. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- d. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- e. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- f. Guardianship & Mentally Ill Cases – Department of Public Safety
- g. Senior Transportation
- h. Justice of the Peace - 1
- i. Bid Proposal/Garza County 2013 Water Well Rehabilitation for White River Municipal Water District, TDA Disaster Relief Project No. 712197
- j. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/Jones
- k. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/McDonald
- l. Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds
- m. Garza County Public Facility Corporation Taxable Project Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 Bond, Reserve and Project Funds; Rental, Operating, Surplus, Cost of Issuance, Escrow Accounts and Juvenile Facility Surplus Account.

- n. Sheriff: Great rodeo weekend. Inmate labor helped clean the rodeo grounds. No one was arrested due to the rodeo. The county jail inmate count is about 38 out of county paying inmates and a total of 68 including Garza County inmates.
- o. Judge Norman: The state legislature will distribute \$225 million among the counties affected most by road deterioration due to the increase in the oil and gas industries vehicle traffic.

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. (Written reports are attached.)

- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 23, 2013 through August 12, 2013. 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 before the court was the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service presentation to Audree Williams with the Program Interpretation Scholarship Award. Extension agent Greg Jones introduced Audree Williams. Audree summarized her venture in 4-H starting at the age of five. Judge Norman expressed how proud the court is of her and Commissioner Brannon complimented her on her achievements.
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was a request for additional sick leave for a sheriff's department employee. Sheriff explained that the employee is still unable to work and is under FMLA. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the additional sick leave for the current pay period. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the increase of the District Clerk's records archive fee.

Clerk Plummer requested the temporary increase from \$5 to \$10 as made possible by HB 1513. The fee is collected from users of the court system and can be increased from \$5 to \$6 - \$10 with the court's approval. The increased fees will expire in 2019. He added that mandates to preserve pre-1951 court records have imposed extra costs on local governments. And that HB 1513 is designed to help support the mandate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to increase the District Clerk's Records Archive fee to \$10. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 7: Came on for consideration was the increase of the County Clerk's records archive and records management fees.

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A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to increase the County Clerk's Records Archive and the Records Management fees to \$10. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 8: Came on for consideration was the Order for the Consolidation of election Precinct Boxes to one polling place for the November 5, 2013 constitutional amendment election.

Clerk Plummer explained that it is customary for Garza County to consolidate the voting precincts to one location due to the historically low voter turnout for the Constitutional Amendment elections. He's expecting about 200 voters.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to Order the consolidation of the six

regular polling places into one location for Election Day, November 5, 2013. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Order in English and Spanish is attached.)

The meeting recessed at 9:38 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:48 a.m.

- Order 9: Came on for consideration was the Garza County property located at 614 N. Ave. M, Post, Texas (S/2 Lot 1, S/2 36 feet of Lot 2, Block 7 of the original town site of Post.) One (1) bid was submitted by Marilyn Curtis for \$1000. Judge Norman informed the court that \$2970.31 is owed in taxes. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to accept the bid of \$1000 from Marilyn Curtis pending the approval of other taxing entities. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Bid is attached.)
- Order 10: Came on for consideration was the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2014. 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.)
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was the 2014 Sheriff's and Constables' fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the 2014 Sheriff's and Constables' fees which are unchanged from the previous year. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 12: Came on for consideration to rescind the burn ban (Order for the Prohibition of Outdoor Burning in Garza County). The current ban expires September 10, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to NOT rescind the Order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 13: Came on for consideration was an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the two year Interlocal agreement. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)

Order 14: Came on for consideration was approval for advertising to sell a 1961, 4010 John Deere tractor for Precinct 2. Commissioner Morris said the implement is no longer needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the advertising for two weeks. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 15: Consider renewal of the real estate lease with Gene Young (for the building which houses the probation department). The agreement is a lease purchase. The county has paid over \$20,800 and now has the option to renew the lease, find financing or pay off the \$22,583.27 balance to purchase the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to pay off the balance from a set aside line item. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 16: Heating and Cooling project  
Post Heating and Air will finish the courtroom project today.

Order 17: Came on for consideration was 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 County Attorney's office for \$620.

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 \$2772.05.

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 sheriff office for \$8441.

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

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 18: Public Comment  
None presented.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:39 a.m.

Order 19: 2014 Budget

The court reviewed the proposed budget starting on page 39, Probation Department. Brandt Taylor, Chief Probation Officer reviewed his budget with the court.

Commissioner Brannon inquired about the health insurance bid process.

The Emergency Management agreement with Lynn County will continue.

Tax Collector Wallace presented tax figures. (See attached.)

With a .40495 tax rate, there could be a 3% salary increase, or a \$.04 per \$100 valuation increase.



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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

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JIM PLUMMER  
District and County Clerk

Date: 8/12/2013

**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	Thomas H. Payton	Self	No	No
2	Brandt Taylor	Probation	Yes	Yes
3	Nancy McDonald	Extension	No	No
4	Janiece Williams	H-H	No	No
5	Andree Williams	4-H	Yes	No
6	Greg Jones	TX AM April 4th	Yes	No
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