

Regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, 300 W. Main St., Post, Texas with the following members present: Lee Norman, Judge; Commissioners – Pct. 1-Gary McDaniel, Pct. 2-Charles Morris, and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham. Not present was Pct. 3 Commissioner Ted Brannon
County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Ted Weems, Attorney; Nancy Wallace, Tax Collector/Assessor; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer-elect; Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch and Thomas Payton.

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

Order 1: Minutes from the December 8, 2014 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 2: Reports from county offices: the following items of information were brought before the Court as a written and/or a verbal report:

- a. Treasurer
- b. Tax Collector/Assessor
- c. Clerk
- d. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration (October)
- e. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration (October)
- f. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration (November)
- g. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration (November)
- h. Registrar of Death
- i. November 4, 2014 General Election Returns
- j. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
- k. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2
- l. Texas A&M AgriLife Agent/McDonald
- m. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
- n. Sheriff Morgan: Submitted the jail billing report.
- o. Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds
- p. 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham 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. (Written reports are attached.)

- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for December 9, 2014 through December 22, 2014. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham that all accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out is 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 State bond for the Tax Assessor. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the State bond for the Tax Assessor. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Bond is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the appointment of the county judge pro-tem. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to appoint Commissioner McDaniel as county judge pro-tem for the calendar year 2015. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the selection of the Garza County Employee (Salary) Grievance Committee (for 2015). A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to appoint the following people drawn at random from the outgoing Grand Jury members to the 2015 Grievance Committee: (1) Aaron Cowley, (2) Angie Apolinar, (3) Marvin Shobe and (4) Ruben Soto. Also on the Grievance Committee by statute (LGC 152.014) are the county judge (chairman), clerk, treasurer, tax assessor, attorney and the sheriff. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was setting the terms of the Garza County Court (criminal and civil). Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to designate February, May, August and November as terms for the calendar year 2015. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- Order 8: Came on for discussion was the appointments to various boards for calendar year 2015.
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to appoint commissioners to various boards as presented.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The board appointment list is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was whether to close the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve (12/24/14).
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to close the courthouse at 12:00 noon on Christmas Eve. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 10: Came on for consideration imposing a burn ban (Order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning).
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the Order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning for 90 days (until March 22, 2015).
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Order is attached.)
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was a 10-33 agreement for surplus military supplies.
Sheriff Morgan explained an order must be in place each year to qualify for surplus supplies.
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve agreement. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 12: Came on for consideration was a court payment card processing participation agreement (for eFiling).
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to the processing agreement with Tyler Technologies as amended. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 13: Came on for consideration was applications for public assistance.
a. The applicant qualifies under the county's guidelines.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the application from P.M. for \$75 for electricity. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

b. The applicant qualifies under the county's guidelines.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the application from C.M./C.C. for \$75 for electricity. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

c. The applicant qualifies under the county's guidelines.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to DENY the application from E.V. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

(Applications are attached.)

Order 14: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests. None were presented.

Order 15: Public Comment
None presented.

The court adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The swearing-in ceremony is set for January 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting is set for January 12, 2015.

Approved and signed this 12th day of January, 2015.

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: _____
JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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