

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, July 13, 2015 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 Lease with Post Economic Development Corporation
5. Discuss to Approve a Designation of Local Rabies Control Authority
6. Discuss to Approve A Resolution Certifying that Garza County Has Made A Grant to Garza County Trailblazers, Inc. For the Home-Delivered Meal Program
7. Discuss to Approve Bids on the following: Lot 7, Alexander Addition
Lot 8, Alexander Addition
8. Discuss to Approve Public Assistance Applications
9. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
10. Public Comment
11. Budget



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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JIM PLUMMER
BY [Signature] DEPUTY
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 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. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham. Not present was Pct. 1 Commissioner Gary McDaniel
County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Ted Weems, Attorney; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; Nancy Wallace, Tax Collector/Assessor; and LuAnne Terry, Treasurer.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Peyton, Preston Poole and Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the June 22, 2015 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: Reports from county offices - The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written and/or a verbal report:

- a. Justice of the Peace, Pct .1
- b. Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2
- c. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- d. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- e. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- f. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- g. Registrar of Death
- h. Guardianship & Mental Cases- DPS (June)
- i. Senior Transportation
- j. Juvenile Detention Center (6/14, 12/14, 1/15, 2/15, 3/15)
- k. Sheriff: Jail inmate report for June. The jail passed the state's Jail Standards inspection with flying colors. (Attachments)
- l. Judge Norman: Ted Brannon agreed to sit on a SPAG Advisory committee.
- m. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
- n. Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds
- o. 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 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 for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for June 23, 2015 through July 13, 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon 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 a lease with Post Economic Development Corporation (PEDC). The county leases the facility for the benefit of the Department of Public Safety weights & limits service. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to continue (approve) a five (5) year agreement with PEDC to pay \$200 per month for the use of Old Post Gin Property, Loop 46 and North Avenue F. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the designation of the local rabies control authority. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to designate Trent McDonald (county wildlife damage technician) as the local rabies control authority. (The statute is attached.)
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was a resolution certifying that Garza County has made a grant to Trailblazers, Inc. for the home-delivered meal program. The \$10,000 grant is for Garza County Trailblazers through the Texas Department of Agriculture for a year starting December 1, 2014 and ending December 1, 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the resolution. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The resolution is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration were bids for county property: 627 E. Pine St., Post, Texas (Lots 7 and 8, Alexander addition). Attorney Weems informed the court that a previous accepted bid for the same property is being considered by the other affected taxing entities. No action taken.

- Order 8: Came on for consideration was applications for public assistance.
- a. Attorney Weems informed the court that the applicant does qualify for assistance.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the application from A.E.: \$83.80 for electricity.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Application is attached.)
 - b. Attorney Weems informed the court that the applicant does qualify for assistance.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the application from A.T: \$150 for rent. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Application is attached.)
 - c. Attorney Weems informed the court that the applicant does qualify for assistance.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the application from L.W: \$97 for rent. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Application is attached.)

- Order 9: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.
Two (2) line item transfers were submitted.
- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Clerk/Elections office for \$2500.
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 Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Ag Extension office for \$43.05.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

(Line item transfers are attached.)

- Order 10: Public Comment
Tom Payton addressed county road conditions due to the recent wet weather and that the roads are in better conditions than he expected and thanked the commissioners for the maintenance of the roads.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:05 a.m.

Preston Poole addressed the court concerning the district court activity on July 7, 2015 and the actions of the District Attorney (DA) and his staff concerning the law of reducing of bonds of defendants. Poole asked the court to consider the DA's utilization of resources when considering the budget. (Attachments)

Judge Norman added that the four counties in the district a working together on the budget for the DA's office. The commissioners' courts have authority to set the DA's budget and cannot control the actions of the DA's office.

Order 11: Budget 2015-2016

Judge Norman introduced the first draft of the county's 2015-2016 fiscal year budget.

The previous year's certified appraisal values were \$937,250,798. So far in the budget process, the current estimated appraisal values are \$571,857,481. The decrease is due to the drop in the value of minerals. Future oil prices are down 50%.

The current ad valorem tax rate is .419. The proposed effective rate is .69 to generate the same tax revenue as last year. The tax burden would be shifted from mineral interests to property owners. The roll back rate has not been determined.

The judge lead the court through the budget page by page.

Ended on page 8, Criminal Justice planning revenue.

The meeting recessed at 11:07 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:24 a.m.

Resumed with page 9, County Judge.

Insurance costs will go up 2.91 percent.

Finished on page 19, County Tax A/C.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

A budget work session is set for July 20, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

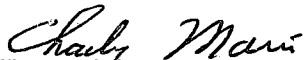
The next regular meeting is set for July 28, 2015.

Approved and signed this 28th day of July, 2015.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

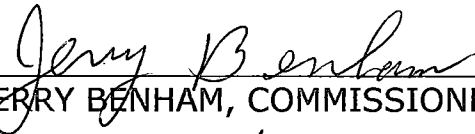
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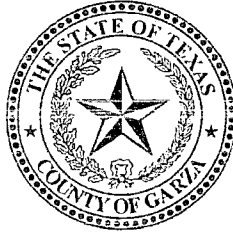


JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST: 

JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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JIM PLUMMER
District and County Clerk

Date: July 13, 2015
**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 Taylor	self	no	no
2	Kent Mahoney	POST DISPATCH	no	no
3	Jeff Cole	self	yes	yes
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