

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Tuesday, July 28, 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 the 2016 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees
5. Discuss to Approve the Road & Bridge Optional Fees for 2016
6. Discuss to Approve the 2016 Health Insurance Benefits with Texas Association of Counties
7. Discuss to Approve Bid on the following: Lot 11, Blk 129, 112 E. 5th Post, Texas
8. Discuss to Approve Setting an Extended Sick Leave Time Limit for County Employees
9. Discuss to Approve Public Assistance Applications
10. Discuss to Approve FEMA Funds for Precincts That Wish to Apply
11. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
12. Public Comment
13. Budget



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

FILED FOR RECORD
23rd day of July 20 15
at 9:22 o'clock A M.
JIM PLUMMER
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By Diana Butler Deputy

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 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; Ted Weems, Attorney; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; and Nancy Wallace, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator; Michelle Arseneau, Texas Association of Counties; Michael Munk, District Attorney; Tom Peyton; and Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch.

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

Order 1: Minutes from the July 13, 2015 regular meeting and the July 20, 2015 special meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon. 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. Budget Analysis Usage Report
- c. Clerk
- d. Tax Assessor/Collector
- e. Juvenile Center (Cornerstone May 2015)
- f. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- g. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- h. Registrar of Death
- i. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – McDonald
- j. Sheriff Morgan: attended sheriffs' conference last week and learned of new state reporting requirements. He added that the jail is full.
- k. Judge Norman: going to Austin to see about funding for a reserve water system for White River Municipal Water District. (Written reports are attached.)

Attorney Weems explained the bid covers the court cost and that he and Tax Collector Wallace endorse the bid.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the bid of \$1000 from Jose Luis Carrillo pending approval of the other taxing entities. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Bid is attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was extended sick leave time limit for county employees.

Judge Norman introduced Michelle Arseneau of TAC who recommended that the court adopt a written policy that applies to all employees providing fair and consistent treatment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to TABLE the issue until a proposed policy is composed which may eliminate the clause that allows the court to extend sick leave and/or possibly increase the cap on sick leave hours from 160 hours.

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

Order 9: Came on for consideration was an application for public assistance.

Attorney Weems informed the court that the applicant does qualify for assistance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the application from R.D.: \$150 for rent.

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

Order 10: Came on for consideration was approval of FEMA funds for precincts that wish to apply.

Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained that he has met with the commissioners about the needs for roads in their precincts due to the recent heavy rains.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the FEMA funds for the precincts and authorize Isbell to administer the filings and sign-off on behalf of the commissioners.

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

Order 11: Came on for consideration was 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 Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the tax assessor/collector office for \$1000. 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 community recovery center for \$3000. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

(Line item transfer are attached.)

Order 12: Public Comment

Tom Peyton thanked the court for holding the line on the proposed budget.

District Attorney Michael Munk commented about remarks made at a meeting two weeks prior that were less than flattering for he and his office. He made himself available to the court when they have a question or a problem. In reference to comments at the earlier meeting, he is neither in control of setting bonds nor the turnaround time by the DPS crime lab for evidence.

The court recessed at 9:56 a.m.

The court resumed at 10:13 a.m.

Order 13: 2015-2016 Budget

Judge Norman provided the court with a schedule of legal deadlines for the budget process.

Mineral interest values are about half as much as they were last year; down from \$679 million to \$326 million.

District Attorney Michael Munk addressed the court about his budget request which is the same amount as last year. Any

increase, about \$6000, will be absorbed by reserves. He explained that he wants to give his victims assistant advocate an increase. That D.A.'s V.A. does not represent Garza and Lynn Counties. His current V.A., Justin Boyd, after passing the legal bar exam, will be a licensed attorney. Therefore, asking for a \$15,000 increase for the position which does not affect the proposed budget. He informed the court that \$30,000 of trial expenses were taken from his reserves. He wants permission to pay Boyd from reserve funds pending his passing of the bar exam and choosing to stay with the DA's office.

** SEE THE MINUTES FROM 8/10/2015 FOR CLARIFICATION.*
Certified appraisal numbers: .6712 is the effective tax rate that will raise the same revenue as last year. Last year's rate was .419.

Expected revenue from the Dalby unit may be down about \$75,000.

Final adjustments were made to set the proposed budget which is due for posting on the county web site on July 31, 2015.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to submit the adjusted budget as the proposed budget to the public.

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

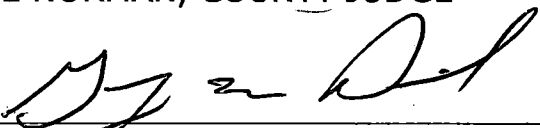
The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

The next regular meeting is set for August 10, 2015.

Approved and signed this 10th day of August, 2015.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

Charles Morris

CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

Ted Brannon

TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

Jerry Benham

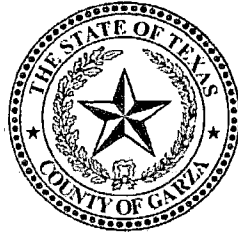
JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

Jim Plummer

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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: 7/28/15

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Michael D. Bell	Emergency Mgmt	yes	no
2	Michele Arseneau	Tx Assoc of Counties	if necessary	no
3	Michael Munk	District Attorney	yes	no
4	Kent Mahoney	POST DISPATCH	no	no
5	Tom Payton	Self	no	no
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