

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
300 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, August 10, 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 Inter-Local Agreement Between SPAG and the Garza Co. Sheriff Dept
5. Discuss to Approve 2016 Victim Information & Notification Everyday Renewal Grant
6. Discuss to Approve the Statement of Agreement Between West Texas Centers and Garza County Commissioner's Court
7. Discuss to Approve a Resolution to Add A Penalty Fee To Defray Costs of the Collection of Civil Fines, Fees and Court Costs
8. Discuss to Approve a Contract for Civil Fines, Fees and Court Costs Collection Services
9. Discuss to Approve to Order the Consolidation of Election Precinct Boxes to One Polling Place for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election
10. Discuss to Approve Employee Additional Sick Leave for the Clerk's Office
11. Discuss County Road 235 - Giles Dalby Jr.
12. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
13. Public Comment
14. Budget
15. Vote to Set Salaries
16. Vote to Set Tax Rate
17. Set Date to Adopt the 2015-2016 Budget

FILED FOR RECORD  
6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 2015  
at 8:56 o'clock A M.  
JIM PLUMMER  
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By Alison Butler Deputy

  
Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 10, 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. 1-Commissioner Gary McDaniel; Pct. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham. ~~Not present was~~ *JP* 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; Danny Barrett and Chyann Malone of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP; Thomas Peyton, Giles Dalby Jr., S Lazy S Ranch; and Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the July 28, 2015 regular meeting were considered: *NOTES: Judge Norman clarified the court's intent in Order 13, discussion of the 2015-16 proposed budget, concerning the district attorney's office budget and that there should be no increases including funds coming from reserves. Also, that court trial expenses so far this fiscal year have been taken from the district attorney's reserves and about \$700 of which was for Garza County.* The minutes from the July 28, 2015 meeting were approved as amended 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. Clerk
- b. Justice of the Peace, 1
- c. Justice of the Peace, 2
- d. Texas A&M AgriLife - McDonald
- e. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- f. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- g. Registrar of Death
- h. Guardianship & Mental Cases- DPS
- i. County Completeness Percentage - DPS
- j. Senior Transportation
- k. Sheriff Morgan: Jail is full and there were no arrests at the rodeo over the weekend.
- l. Judge Norman: Received a proclamation from the governor for the November Constitutional Amendment election. He pointed out

proposition #5 which deals with increasing the population to 7500 to allow counties to provide work on private property.

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

- Order 3: Came on for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 29, 2015 through August 10, 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon 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 7: Came on for consideration was a resolution to add a penalty fee to defray costs of the collection of civil fines, fees and court costs. Clerk Plummer introduced Danny Barrett from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott LLP. Barrett explained that Perdue is already collecting criminal fees for the JP courts. He explained that the firm would receive a 30% fee which would be added on. The system has been tested in Hockley County for about a year developing a workable process. 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 8: Came on for consideration was a contract for the collection of civil fines, fees and court costs. (See Order 7.) Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to enter into a contract with Perdue. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The contract is attached.)
- Order 4: Came on for consideration was a inter-local agreement between the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) and the sheriff's department. The agreement is for the 9-1-1 public safety answering point services. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to enter into the agreement with SPAG for the

9-1-1 service pending the approval of the sheriff and the county attorney. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)

Order 5: Came on for consideration was the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) Maintenance Renewal Grant Contract between Apriss, Inc. and Garza County for September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Sheriff Morgan encouraged the court to renewal the agreement. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve contract. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The contract is attached.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was a statement of agreement between West Texas Centers and the commissioners' court.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the resolution. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The agreement is attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was an Order for the consolidation of election precinct boxes to one polling place for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to consolidate the polling places for the election. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Orders in English and Spanish are attached.)

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Order 10: Came on for consideration was additional sick leave for the an employee in the Clerk's office.

Clerk Plummer explained that Dora Ayala will undergo a medical procedure on August 17 and may be out up to six weeks.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve additional sick leave for Dora Ayala until the next regular meeting.

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

Order 11: Came on for consideration was County Road 235.  
Giles Dalby, Jr. explained that his family now owns the land where the road is located. Traffic, mostly oilfield, is unruly and thinks a couple of fixes may solve the problems. He requested the court to set a speed limit of 30-35 miles per hour. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to set the speed limit on County Road 235 at 35 miles per hour.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 12: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests.  
None presented.

Order 13: Public Comment  
None presented.

Order 14: Budget 2015-2016

Judge Norman pointed out that after previous adjustments to the proposed budget there is a surplus of \$18,422.

Clerk Plummer advised the court that he will present the plans for the revenue accounts at the next meeting.

The oil appraisals are about half the value as compared to the current fiscal year. The ad valorem tax rate is increasing from .419 to .67.

Tax Assessor/Collector Wallace said the rollback rate is .72.

Commissioner Brannon explained the education for the treasurer's office is mandatory by state statute.

Kent Mahoney: the actions of the court to hold the line are prudent.

Giles Dalby, Jr.: believes tax payers will understand the tax increase and that the county has held the line. We pay less in property taxes than surrounding counties.

Judge Norman addressed the issue of the salary of a constable who is not keeping work hours and entertained the idea of reducing the salary. Tom Peyton suggested the court save money by reducing the salary to a reasonable amount.

Order 15: Vote to set salaries

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to set the salaries of county elected officials as presented and will be published in the Post Dispatch.

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

Order 16: Vote to set the (proposed) tax rate

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to set the proposed tax rate at .67.

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

Order 17: Set date to adopt the 2015-2016 budget

Motion was made by Judge Norman and seconded by Commissioner Morris to adopt the budget on September 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

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

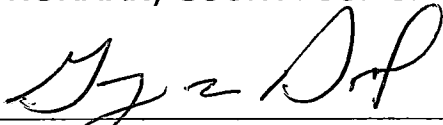
The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

*The next regular meeting and the first public budget meeting is set for August 24, 2015.*

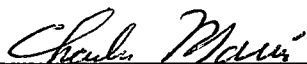
Approved and signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

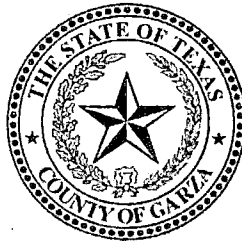
*Jerry Benham*

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ATTEST:

*Jim Plummer*  
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JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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**JIM PLUMMER**  
 District and County Clerk

Date: Aug. 10, 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	Kent Mahoney	POST DISPATCH	NO	NO
2	Thomas Payton	SELF	NO	NO
3	Chyann Malone	PBFEM	yes	—
4	Donna Barnett	"	yes	—
5	Shea White	S LAZY S	yes	NO
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