

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

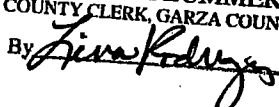
Call to Order- Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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 Contract with the Garza Co. Sheriff Office and Post Family Dental for Inmate Dental Services
5. Discuss to Approve a Member to the Garza Central Appraisal District Board
6. Discuss to Approve Applications for Public Assistance
7. Discuss and Vote to Set a Public Hearing on Abandoning a Portion of CR 190
8. Discuss and Vote to Set a Public Hearing on Abandoning a Portion of CR 155
9. Discuss to Approve Extended Sick Leave for County Clerk Employee
10. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
11. 2015-2016 Budget
12. Adopt Budget
13. Set Tax Rate
14. Public Comment



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

FILED FOR RECORD
9 day of September 20 15
at 1:03 o'clock P.M.
JIM PLUMMER
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By  Deputy

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, September 14, 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-Gary McDaniel; Pct. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham.

County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Ted Weems, Attorney; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; Nancy Wallace, Tax Collector/Assessor; and LuAnne Terry, Treasurer.

Also present: Billie Williams, Assistant to the Judge; Jayta Cravy; and Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the August 24, 2015, regular meeting, the September 8, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Special Meeting and the September 8, 2015, 5:30 p.m. Public Budget hearing 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. Clerk
- b. Justice of the Peace, 1
- c. Justice of the Peace, 2
- d. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- e. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney
- f. Registrar of Death
- g. Guardianship & Mental Cases- DPS
- h. Senior Transportation
- i. Salary Grievance Committee
- j. Garza Wildlife Damage Association
- k. Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds
- l. 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.
- m. Sheriff Morgan: Submitted the jail billing report. Last month was outstanding for the jail. Seven county inmates are being housed out of county. Expects to lose the inmates from Gaines County this month when its new jail opens. Other counties have expressed interest in contracting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel 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 August 24, 2015 through September 14, 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 contract between Post Family Dental and the sheriff's department for inmate dental services. Sheriff explained that the rates will be same as the current dentists but will save on time and travel costs by using the local dentist. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to enter into the contract with Post Family Dental. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Contract is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was a resolution nominating a member to the Garza Central Appraisal District board. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to nominate Giles Dalby, Jr. as the County's representative for the Board of the appraisal district. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The resolution is attached.)
- Order 6: 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 McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the application from M.V.: \$225 for rent.
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 Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to DENY the application from R.B.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Application is attached.)

- Order 7: Came on for consideration was to set a date for a public hearing on abandoning a portion of County Road 190.
Commissioner Brannon explained that the portion of the road in question is not an official county road. (The map is attached.)
No action necessary.
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was to set a date for a public hearing on abandoning a portion of County Road 155.
Commissioner Morris explained that there is a lake in the middle of the road and has not been used in several years.
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to set the public hearing during the next regular meeting on September 28, 2015.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The map is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was additional sick leave for an employee in the Clerk's office.
Clerk Plummer explained that Dora Ayala has not been released to return to work. Today she's starting her fifth week of sick leave.
Motion was made by Judge Norman and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve additional sick leave for Dora Ayala until the next regular meeting on 09/28/2015 after using allotted paid time off.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
NOTE: Judge Norman explained that the old extended sick leave policy will apply in this case until the employee is released to come back to work fulltime. Until then, accumulated sick leave and other leave types should be used before extended sick leave is used.
- Order 10: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests.
One (1) line item transfers was submitted.
a. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the R&B #3 office for \$1000.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
(Line item transfer is attached.)

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:50 a.m.

Order 11: Budget 2015-2016

Judge Norman discussed the courthouse security fund and expenses. (Pg 70). There is a need for \$28,000. Bob Zivec's salary is set at \$17,462.

The budget for emergency management changed due to a salary increase given by the City of Post.

The county is funding the Lake Alan Henry Water District. Ted Weems believes it is necessary to support the district. The district may take over the processing facility now operated by the North Ridge development. Judge Norman mentioned that there are a few entities wanting to join in on the service.

Discussion of Eric Cravy's salary was discussed. There was no recommendation from the Salary Grievance Committee which met on September 11, 2015. Therefore, the court may consider whether to make any changes to the proposed budget.

A possible law suit was mentioned. Commissioner Brannon suggested that the salary be reinstated which would cost the county less than a lawsuit. Commissioner Morris is unsure, but does not want a lawsuit against the county. Judge Norman explained the process the court went through to develop the proposed budget and explained the process of the grievance committee.

Jayta Cravy claims that some of the information presented in the salary grievance issue is inaccurate. She recommended that the court take the time to go directly to the source of information and not just from others. No matter what the court's decision is, she and Eric will not hold any negative feelings towards the court.

The meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:25 a.m.

Commissioner Brannon recommended that the court reinstate the salary of Constable 2 Eric Cravy to the 2014-2015 level of \$35,577.60 and \$62,581.60 for his office budget. All of the other commissioners agreed. Brannon offered taking funds from his reserves to meet the approximate \$18,000 shortfall. But after discussion, it was determined that each commissioner will equally share in \$8543 taken from reserves except for Precinct 1 which will come out of the capital

expense line item, the Sheriff will contribute \$1500 from line item 310, and \$8000 will come from the courthouse security fund.

Order 12: Adopt Budget

Came on for adoption was the Garza County 2015-2016 fiscal year budget.

A motion to adopt the proposed County Budget with the changes made since its filing was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel.

With the record vote being called:

Judge Norman, aye; Commissioner McDaniel, aye; Commissioner Morris, aye; Commissioner Brannon, aye; and Commissioner Benham, aye. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Budget is attached.)

Order 13: Set Tax Rate

Came on for setting was the Garza County 2015-2016 fiscal year Tax Rate.

A motion that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.67 (Maintenance and Operations effective tax rate of .6712) was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel.

With the record vote being called:

Judge Norman, aye; Commissioner McDaniel, aye; Commissioner Morris, aye; Commissioner Brannon, aye; and Commissioner Benham, aye. The motion carried and was so ordered.

Order 14: Public Comment

Kent Mahoney commended the court on how professional the commissioners' court conducted the budget process.

Judge Norman said this has been the most difficult budget year he's encountered.

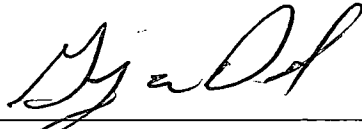
The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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

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



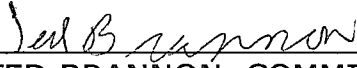
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



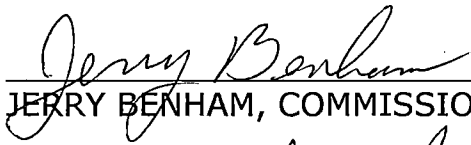
GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



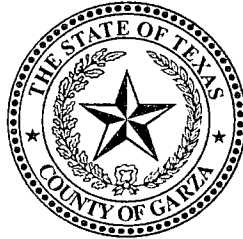
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ATTEST:



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JIM PLUMMER
District and County Clerk

Date: 9/14/2015

**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 McNamey	POST DISPATCH	NO	NO
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