

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, October 26, 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. Mike Munk - Fiscal Year Chapter 59 Forfeiture Report
5. Discuss to Approve the Purchase of a Pickup for Precinct 3
6. Discuss to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Garza And Hockley Counties Regarding Housing of Hockley County Inmates in the Garza Co. Law Enforcement Center/ Jail
7. Discuss to Approve the Law Enforcement Cooperation Interlocal Agreement Between Garza County, Texas and the City of Post, Texas
8. Discuss to Approve a Contract from West Texas Centers for the Provision of Psychiatric Services In the Garza County Jail
9. Discuss to Approve an Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Garza County Sheriff's Office
10. Discuss to Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Department of Public Safety for the SB1729 Pilot Program Scheduled DL Office
11. Consider to Approve Accepting Road Work for G&G Contractors, Ltd./Brandt Engineers and to Consider to Approve Payment
12. Discuss to Approve Applications for Public Assistance
13. Discuss to Approve Support for Constitutional Amendment Proposition 5 to Authorize Road Maintenance by Counties
14. Discuss to Approve - Commissioners Court Budgetary Responsibility
15. Discuss to Approve Extended Sick Leave for County Clerk Employee
16. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
17. Public Comment

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21st day of Oct 20 15
at 11:43 o'clock A M.
JIM PLUMMER
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By Angela Butler Deputy

Lee Norman

Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, October 26, 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; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; and Nancy Wallace, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Linda Puckett, Director, Garza County Historical Museum; Deena Smith, Manager, City of Post; Tom Peyton; and Kent Mahoney, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the October 8, 2015 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris. 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 Collector/Assessor
 - e. Senior Transportation
 - f. Fairbanks Scales, Inc., Motor Truck Scale Test Report
 - g. Sheriff Morgan: Jail inmate housing revenue report: revenue is at \$848,610 for the calendar year. (Report is attached.)
 - h. Judge Norman: The CETRZ Road Grant funds have been re-appropriated through September 2017. Also, the VG Young institute is having commissioner education session in February. He was quoted on National Public Radio about Proposition 5 on the current ballot.
 - i. Clerk Plummer reported that 82 voters cast ballots in the first week on early voting for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment election. The turnout so far is almost double compared to 2013.
 - j. Linda Puckett, Garza County Historical Museum annual report. (Report is attached.)

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel 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.

Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for October 9, 2015 through October 26, 2015. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel 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 the fiscal year Chapter 59 Forfeiture report from District Attorney Michael Munk. County Attorney Weems explained how the funds are obtained and dispensed according to statute. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the report. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Report is attached.)

Order 5: Came on for consideration was the purchase of a pickup truck for Precinct 3. Commissioner Brannon explained the truck is a 2002 model with 150,000 miles and is in bad shape. He looked for a used pick up at Smith Ford and could not find one. The dealer suggested a 2016 Ford F-150 four-wheel drive including a discount and trade-in, the purchase price is \$26,639. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the purchase. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Spec sheet is attached.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was an Interlocal agreement between Garza County and Hockley County regarding the housing of Hockley County inmates in the Garza County Law Enforcement Center/Jail. Sheriff Morgan explained it's a standard contract and is for female inmates. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the agreement.

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

- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the law enforcement Interlocal agreement between Garza County and the City of Post. Attorney Weems explained that the funding formula has changed to half of the sheriff's department budget for patrol and dispatch. It will renew annually unless terminated. Sheriff Morgan said the new agreement adds the authority of constables to enforce the law with-in the city limits. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the agreement. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)

The meeting recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:42 a.m.

- Order 8: Came on for consideration was a contract from West Texas Centers for the provision of psychiatric services at the Garza County jail. Sheriff Morgan explained that evaluation of inmates at intake is mandatory to help prevent suicides. The costs of MHMR went up dramatically from \$150 to \$240 per person because of the state mandate. He will explore different methods to keep costs down. He reluctantly endorses the contract because of the costs but is satisfied with the service. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the contract. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Contract is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was an equitable sharing agreement and certification for the Garza County jail. Sheriff Morgan explained it's an annual contract to share assets from seizures. The funds can be used for equipment and materials. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the agreement.

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

- Order 10: Came on for consideration was an Interlocal cooperation contract with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for the SB 1729 pilot program schedule DL (drivers license) office. Attorney Weems explained that the DPS has added three items for the agreement including a data sharing agreement and for the county employee assisting in the office to be trained and cleared by Homeland Security. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the contract. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was accepting road work for G&G Contractors, Ltd./Brandt Engineers and to consider payment. Commissioner Morris explained that the contractor was to repair pot holes on October 12 but has not appeared by this date. No action taken.
- Order 12: 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 Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the application from D.F: \$75 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 not qualify for assistance. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to DENY the application from A.V. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Application is attached.)
- Order 13: Came on for consideration was support for Constitutional Amendment 5 to authorize road maintenance by counties. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to support Proposition 5. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The resolve is attached.)

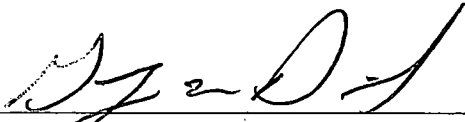
- Order 14: Came on for consideration was to Commissioners Court budgetary responsibility.
Judge Norman explained the issue is implemented by SB 1913 which is codified as Sec 75.401, Government Code, which clarifies that the court has budgetary responsibility and not a district judge.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the resolve. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolve is attached.)
- Order 15: Came on for consideration was additional sick leave for an employee in the Clerk's office.
Clerk Plummer explained that Dora Ayala has been cleared by her doctor to return to work without restrictions and to start today, October 26, 2015.
No action necessary.
- Order 16: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests.
2 (two) budget amendments were submitted.
a. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the budget amendment presented for the CETRZ grant for road projects for \$409,092. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
b. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the budget amendment presented for the Precinct 3 office for \$26,639. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 17: Public Comment
None presented.

The next regular meeting is set for November 9, 2015.

Approved and signed this 9th day of November, 2015.



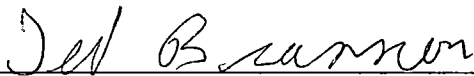
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



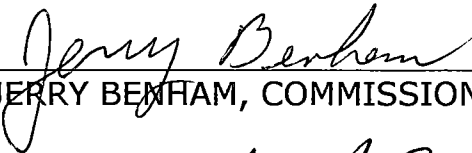
GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



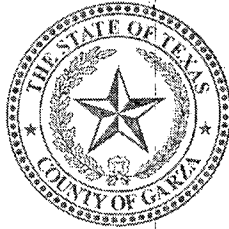
JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:



JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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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: 10/26/2015

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Thomas H Payton	SELF	NO	NO
2	Linda Beckett	MUSEUM		YES
3	Deana Smith			
4	Kent Mahoney	POST DISPATCH.	NO	NO.
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