

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Thursday, September 22, 2016 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 Resolution of the Commissioners Court of Garza County Authorizing SPAG to Initiate a Strategic Plan for Economic Development for the County
5. Discuss to Approve an Opposition to Appraisal Caps and Revenue Caps
6. Discuss to Approve a Resolution for State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense
7. Discuss to Approve a Resolution for Opposition to Unfunded Mandates
8. Discuss to Approve the Workers Comp Renewal
9. Discuss to Approve an Application for Public Assistance
10. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
11. Public Comment



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

FILED FOR RECORD
19 day of September 20 16
at 8:45 o'clock a. M.
JIM PLUMMER
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By Lina Rodriguez Deputy

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016 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: Pct. 1 commissioner Gary McDaniel
County officials present: Jim Plummer, District and County Clerk; Ted Weems, Attorney; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.
Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

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

- Order 1: Minutes from the September 12, 2016, 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. Sheriff: Jail is full. A contract with Briscoe County will be on the next agenda and another county is pending.
 - b. Attorney Weems: The settlement check from G&G Contractors was received last Thursday.
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
 - e. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
 - f. County Election Board Minutes
 - g. Thank you letter from Texas Attorney General – Child Support
 - h. Justice of the Peace, 1
 - i. Justice of the Peace, 2
 - j. US Bank: Garza County Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 Bond, Reserve and Construction Funds 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 Morris 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.

- Order 3: Came on for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for September 13, 2016 through September 22, 2016.

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 resolution authorizing SPAG (South Plains Association of Governments) to initiate a strategic plan for economic development for the County.
Judge Norman explained that this is an opportunity to participate with other counties to look at the economic factors affecting the counties. There is no cost to the county. The results should be available by May 2017.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve a resolution authorizing SPAG to initiate a strategic plan. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)

Order 5: Came on for consideration was opposition to appraisal caps and revenue caps.
Judge Norman explained that the effort comes from the county judges and commissioners' association.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve a resolution opposing appraisal caps and revenue caps. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was resolution for state funds for indigent criminal defense.
Judge Norman explained that the county is required to provide legal counsel to eligible defendants and indigent defense costs have increased more than 100% over recent years.
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve a resolution for state funds for indigent criminal defense. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)

Order 7: Came on for consideration was resolution for opposition to unfunded mandates.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve a resolution for opposition to unfunded mandates. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)

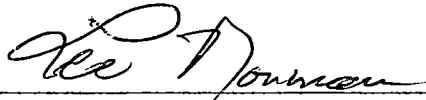
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was the renewal of the workers' compensation program.
Treasurer Terry explained that in order to renew the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool's program, the election form must be signed.
Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to renew the workers' compensation program with TAC. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Election form is attached.)
- 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 Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the application from A.E. for \$75 for electricity.
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 line item transfers and budget amendment requests.
One (1) budget amendment was submitted.
- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Commissioner Precinct 2 office for \$185,000.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- (Budget amendment is attached.)
- Order 11: Public Comment
(None presented.)

The regular meeting recessed at 9:25 a.m.

A special meeting is set for Thursday, September 29, 2016.

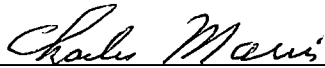
The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Approved and signed this 29th day of September, 2016.

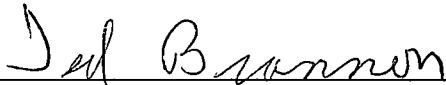


LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:



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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: SEPT. 22, 2016

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