

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, December 12, 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 Extending the Burn Ban
5. Discuss to Approve the Blood Draw Agreement with Callie Melissa Curtis
6. Discuss to Approve an Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas or Specified Areas of Garza County, Texas
7. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
8. Public Comment



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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JIM PLUMMER
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By Dana Ayala Deputy

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, December 12, 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. 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; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; and Nancy Wallace, Tax Assessor/Collector.

Also present: Jeff Williams, Prec. 1 Commissioner elect; Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Linda Puckett, Garza County Historical Museum; Tom Payton; and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

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

- Order 1: Minutes from the November 28, 2016, regular meeting were approved as presented 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. Sheriff Morgan: The department has received seven new patrol vehicles through the lease and that the lease payment should drop. The department received \$9000 through three different grants from TxDoT's Memorial Day program. There are two new deputies on the force. He complimented Julia Childs of the Post Dispatch for her news coverage of law enforcement.
 - b. Linda Puckett of the Garza County Historical Museum gave her annual report. (Report is attached.)
 - c. Clerk Plummer: presented campaign finance reporting material to the court members. Others received the packet by email.
 - d. Judge Norman: Office holder bonds are due before being sworn in to office at the first of the year. The swearing-in ceremony is set for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The Judge, Commissioner Brannon and Attorney Weems have met with the appraisal district in researching the possible tax abatements for wind energy turbines. Have received a report on privately operated immigration detention facilities. The need for beds for ICE defendants will be high for the foreseeable future. There has been no word from the BOP on the Dalby Unit, but indicators are positive.
 - e. Budget Analysis Usage
 - f. Tax Collector/Assessor
 - g. Clerk

- h. Justice of the Peace, 1
- i. Justice of the Peace, 2
- j. Registrar of Death (TER/SOS) (Oct & Nov)
- k. Mental Health – Guardianship (DPS) (Oct & Nov)
- l. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney (OCA) (Sept, Oct & Nov)
- m. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney (OCA) (Sept, Oct & Nov)
- n. County Court Appointed Civil Att. Fees (OCA) (Sept, Oct & Nov)
- o. District Court Appointed Civil Att. Fees (OCA) (Sept, Oct & Nov)
- p. Annual Precinct Road Reports (Presented to Grand Jury)
- q. Senior Van (2)
- r. 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 Brannon 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 November 29, 2016 through December 12, 2016. 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 4: Came on for consideration was whether to extend the burn ban (Order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning). Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to reinstate the burn ban for 90 days ending March 13, 2017. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Order is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was a blood draw agreement with Callie Melissa Curtis. Attorney Weems explained that there have been simultaneous agreements with two phlebotomist to conduct the blood draws. Tonya Vernon is no longer available and needs to be replaced.

The contract is between the county and Curtis who is qualified for the position and is pursuing certification.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the agreement as presented.

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

Order 6: Came on for consideration was an Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks in unincorporated areas of Garza County.

Attorney Weems explained that the county cannot ban fireworks at this time because the draught index conditions don't warrant a ban. No action taken.

Order 7: 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 McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the budget amendment presented for the detention center for \$113,123.33.

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

(Amendment is attached.)

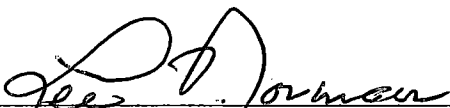
Order 8: Public Comment

Tom Payton expressed his appreciation to the court and wished all a Merry Christmas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, December 27, 2016.

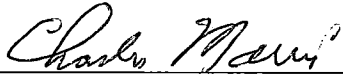
Approved and signed this 27th day of December, 2016.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

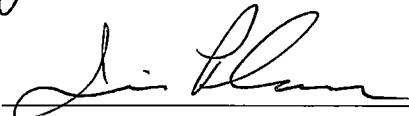


TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



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: DEC. 12, 2016

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Linda Puckett	Garza Co. Hist Mus.	y	y
2	Julia Childs	Post Dispatch	No	NO
3	Jeff Williams			
4	Tom Payton	self	no	no
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