

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, January 9, 2017 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 an Order Adopting a Plan for Selection of Jurors
5. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
6. Hear Presentation for the Staked Plains Energy Project
7. Set a Public Hearing for January 30, 2017 at 9 a.m. Regarding the Adoption of Guidelines and Criteria For Tax Abatements and Adoption of a Reinvestment Zone and Publish Notice in Newspaper as required by law

8. Public Comment



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 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-Jeff Williams, 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: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; John Fedorko, Lincoln Clean Energy; and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed new commissioner Jeff Williams to the court.

- Order 1: Minutes from the December 27, 2016, regular meeting and the January 3, 2017 special meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon. 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 jail is almost full. He will meet soon with the new Hockley County sheriff about a pending contract and is looking forward to working with the new District Attorney.
 - b. Budget Analysis Usage
 - c. Tax Collector/Assessor
 - d. Clerk
 - e. Registrar of Death (TER/SOS)
 - f. Mental Health – Guardianship (DPS)
 - g. County Court Appointed Civil Attorney (OCA)
 - h. District Court Appointed Civil Attorney (OCA)
 - i. County Court Appointed Civil Att. Fees (OCA)
 - j. District Court Appointed Civil Att. Fees (OCA)
 - k. County Court Annual 2016 - Office of Court Administration
 - l. District Court Annual 2016 - Office of Court Administration
 - m. Senior Van
 - n. Clerk Jim Plummer's Continuing Education Certificate, 2016 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 December 28, 2016 through January 9, 2017. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris 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 an Order Adopting a Plan for Selection of Jurors. Clerk Plummer submitted a plan for the selection of persons for jury service by electronic means. The plan is officially recommended by District Judge Carter Schildknecht. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the plan as submitted. 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 line item transfers and budget amendment requests. (None presented.)
- Order 6: Came on before the court was a presentation for the Staked Plains Energy Project. John Fedorko of Lincoln Clean Energy introduced himself, described the history of the company, presented a map of the Staked Plains Energy Project and reviewed the history and the intentions of the project. The area of the project covers over 100,000 acres mostly in Lynn County.

The meeting recessed at 9:13 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:18 a.m.

The turbines in Garza County will be more closely located along the caprock than those on farm land. The project will be developed in phases over five years. Commissioner Morris informed the court that he has not been contacted by the contractor on the preliminary work done in his precinct. Lincoln Clean Energy is requesting the creation of a reinvestment zone and tax abatements from the county.

- Order 7: Came on for consideration was setting a public hearing for January 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the adoption of guidelines and criteria for

tax abatement and adoption of a reinvestment zone and to publish notice in a newspaper as required by law.

Attorney Weems informed the court that there's a three step process: adopt guidelines and criteria, designate a reinvestment zone and hold a public hearing. He added that ~~two~~ ^{ONE} commissioners cannot vote in ~~making~~ ^{AND THE} decisions concerning this project because they own property ^{JUDGE} within it.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to set the public hearing for January 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. Judge Norman and Commissioner Morris abstained. (Map is attached.)

Order 8: Public Comment

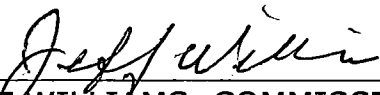
The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

The next regular meeting is re-set for Monday, January 30, 2017.

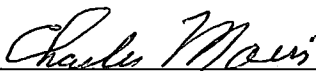
Approved and signed this 30th day of January, 2017.



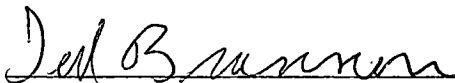
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



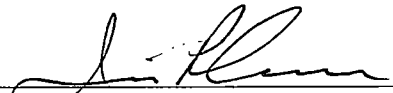
CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST: 

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JIM PLUMMER
District and County Clerk

Date: JAN 9, 2017

**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	JULIA CHILDS	Post DISPATCH	NO	NO
2	JOHN FEDORKO	Lincoln Clean Energy	YES	YES
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