

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
300 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356

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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING 9:00 A.M.**

**To Consider & Discuss:**

**PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT ELIGIBILITY AND ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.**  
AND  
**DESIGNATION OF REINVESTMENT ZONE FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**

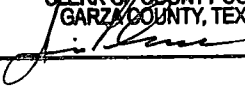
**DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**REGULAR MEETING 9:30 A.M.**

1. Minutes from Prior Meetings
2. Receive Reports from County Offices  
Garza Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Report
3. Accounts Payable
4. A Resolution and Order Electing to Become Eligible to Participate in Property Tax Abatements and Adopting Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Property Tax Abatements
5. A Resolution and Order Designating the Garza County Reinvestment Zone No. 1 in the Jurisdiction of Garza County Texas
6. Ratify the Vehicle Lease Agreement Between American National Leasing, Sheriff, Constables and Emergency Management Services
7. Discuss to Approve an Interlocal Agreement-Prison Lift Station Repair Between Garza County, Texas and the City of Post, Texas
8. Discuss to Approve an Interlocal Agreement-Heavy Equipment Between Garza County, Texas and The City Of Post, Texas
9. A Planned Maintenance Agreement Between Garza County, Texas and Clifford Power for the GENERAC Generator
10. A Resolution for the Post-Garza County Airport Improvements
11. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers

12. Public Comment

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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

A public hearing was called by the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., at the Commissioners' Courtroom, 300 W. Main Street, Post, TX 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; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; John Fedorko, Lincoln Clean Energy; Trevor Thuett, RD Energy Group; Deana Smith, Post City Manager; Brandt Taylor, Garza County Health Care District; Mike Comeaux and Kim Mills Oller, Post ISD; Terry Bartlett, Post Economic Development Corporation; Jeff Lott, Chris Atkinson, and Bill Aten, Post-Garza Airport; Ronald Thuett; Mike Cuba, American National Leasing; Billy & Sue Weaver, Weaver Farms; and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the public hearing to order at 9:00 a.m.

Consider and discuss:

1. Property Tax Abatement Eligibility and Adoption of Guidelines and Criteria. Members of the Post ISD and the Garza County Health Care District were present.

Judge Norman explained the guidelines and criteria and said this is the first public hearing.

Attorney Weems explained that Judge Norman and Commissioner Morris must recuse themselves and abstain from voting on these matters because of potential conflict of interest. Those members are permitted to conduct discussion from a personal viewpoint, but not as a commissioner. He added that the current guidelines are similar to those approved in 2010. He also explained the four steps of the process.

Attendees asked questions of the court and of John Fedorko, of Lincoln Clean Energy, the company requesting the abatement. Members of the audience shared the pros and cons of the proposed project.

2. Designation of Reinvestment Zone for Property Tax Abatement

A map of the proposed zone was on display in the room.

Garza County land owners have committed up to 20,000 acres of land for participation.

The public hearing adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:30 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; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.

In addition to those attending the public hearing, present were: Hellen Saldana, Drew Kirkpatrick and Danny Robertson of the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District; Glen Killough, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); District Attorney Philip Mack Furlow and Chelisa Krauser of the DA's office.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

- Order 4: Came on for consideration was a Resolution and Order electing to become to participate in property tax abatements and adopting guidelines and criteria for granting property tax abatements. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Resolution and Order as presented. Judge Norman and Commissioner Morris abstained from participating. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution and Order is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was a Resolution and Order designating the Garza County Reinvestment Zone No. 1 in the jurisdiction of Garza County, Texas. Judge Norman and Commissioner Morris abstained from participating. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the Resolution and Order as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution and Order is attached.)
- 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. District Attorney Philip Mack Furlow: addressed the court explaining his actions so far in his new administration and his plans for increased efficiency. He also introduced Victims' Assistance Advocate Chelisa Krauser.
  - b. Garza Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Report: Board member Drew Kirkpatrick thanked the court for its support and introduced Glen Killough who then introduced Helen Saldana who reviewed the district's activities. Killough reported that PHS student Russ Morris is representing Garza County and Texas at a

national ranch event. Also, he reviewed the EQIP, CRP and other programs.

- c. Judge Norman: read a letter from the director of the state jail standards praising Sheriff Morgan and his staff on how the jail is operated. Also, he informed the court that there is a public hearing concerning community block grant for White River Municipal Water District set for Tuesday (1/31/2017) at 5:05. And there is a special Commissioners' Court meeting Thursday (2/2/17) at 3:00.
- d. Commissioner Brannon: Precinct 3 is debt free after making final payments on a pickup truck and a maintainer.
- e. Treasurer
- f. Tax Collector/Assessor
- g. Justice of the Peace, 1
- h. Justice of the Peace, 2
- i. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- j. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- k. AgriLife Extension Service
- l. 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 Benham 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 10: Came on for consideration was a Resolution for the Post-Garza County Airport improvements.

Airport board member Jeff Lott explained that it's for a 90%-10% \$2,000,000 matching grant shared with the City of Post. He encouraged the court to support it.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Resolution.

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

Order 7: Came on for consideration was an Interlocal agreement between the county and the City of Post concerning a sewer line lift station repair at the prison (Dalby unit).

Judge Norman said the county will pay for engineering services up to \$40,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris 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.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was an Interlocal agreement between the county and the City of Post concerning heavy equipment.

Commissioner Benham explained that the venture began with barrowing a dump truck from the city. Commissioner Brannon explained that the city operates differently than the county and that the city should deal directly with the appropriate commissioner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the agreement.

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 ratifying the vehicle lease agreement between American National Leasing (ANL) and the Sheriff, the Constables and Emergency Management Service offices.

Mike Cuba with ANL explained that the savings over the previous agreement is about \$4000 annually. The cost of the sheriff's and the EMC departments' vehicles are split with the City of Post.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams to ratify the agreement.

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

Order 1: Minutes from the January 9, 2017 regular meeting were approved as amended 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 3: Came on for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for January 10, 2017 through January 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham 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 11: 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 Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the line item transfer presented for the treasurer's office.  
 With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.  
 (Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was a planned maintenance agreement between the County and Clifford Power for the Generac generator. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the agreement.  
 With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)

Order 8: Public Comment  
 None presented.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

*The next regular meeting is set for Monday, February 13, 2017.*

Approved and signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.



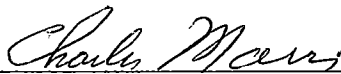

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LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE




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JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1




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CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

*Ted Brannon*

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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

*Jerry Benham*

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JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

*Jim Plummer*

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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: JAN. 30, 2017

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Sue Weaver	Weaver Farms	No	No
2	Billy Weaver	" "	No	No
3	JOHN FEDORKO	Lincoln Clean Energy	YES	No
4	TREVOR THUETT	RD ENERGY GROUP	No	No
5	RONALD THUETT		No	No
6	J. TERRY SACKETT	PEDC	NO	No
7	Chris Altomari	City/County Airport	Yes	Yes
8	JULIA CHILDS	POST DISPATCH	NO	NO
9	Deana Smith	City	NO	NO
10	Brandt Taylor	GCHD	no	no
11	Kim Mills-Olter	Post ISD	NO	NO
12	Mike Comeau	Post ISD	No	No
13	Bill [Signature]	AIRPORT	NO	NO
14	MIKE CURA	AMERICAN NATIONAL	Yes	Yes
15	Jeff Lott	AIRPORT	Yes	NO

Helen Saldana Garza SWCD yes yes  
 Jean Killough NRCS yes yes

Drew Kirkpatrick SWCD/Airport

DANNY ROBERTSON SWCD NO NO  
 Chelisa Krauser DA Office  
 Philip Mack Surlow PA Office yes

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