

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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, July 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**9:00 AM Public Hearing - To Consider & Discuss**

DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY TAX REINVESTMENT ZONE No. 2 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
3. Accounts Payable
4. Resolution and Order Designating the Garza County Reinvestment Zone No. 2 in the Jurisdiction of Garza County, Texas
5. Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2018
6. Automatic Vending Location Agreement with ACCENT Food Services
7. Garza County Public Funds Investment Policy
8. 2018 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees
9. R-14 Service Agreement Renewal Notice for the VINE Grant
10. Update-Lake Alan Henry Water Board
11. Medical Services Agreement Between Jacob Reddick, M.D. and The Garza County Sheriff's Department for The Garza County Jail
12. The State of Texas Law Enforcement Agency Plan of Operation Agreement
13. Interlocal Agreement For E 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services
14. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers

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JIM PLUMMER  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By [Signature] Deputy

15. Public Comment

16. Budget Workshop



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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE III OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, WE INVITE ALL ATTENDEES TO ADVISE US OF ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE, OF THE MEETING YOU WISH TO ATTEND BY CONTACTING MEG NELSON AT 806-495-4405.

A public hearing was by conducted by the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. held 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; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; and LuAnne Terry, Treasurer. Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Terri Laurence, Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector; Dan Venuti, NEXtera Energy; Wes Jackson, Cummings Westlake; Wynn Robinson, Superintendent, Southland ISD; Tom Peyton; Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

### **Public Hearing**

Judge Norman called the hearing to order at 9:05 a.m.

Discuss the designation of property tax reinvestment zone No. 2 for property tax abatement.

Dan Venuti, of NEXtera Energy [Post (Red Canyon) Wind Farm] informed the court that the proposed project is to repower the existing 26 towers in Garza County and the others in Borden County. The re-investment is \$1 million per tower. The plan for transporting equipment is to use the roads in Scurry and Borden Counties. Wes Jackson, of Cummings Westlake, asked the court to renew the existing reinvestment zone agreement for this project.

The court has up to 45 days to grant a tax abatement and pilot payments (in lieu of paying taxes).

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

### **Regular Meeting**

Judge Norman called the regular meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the July 10, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented 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 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: The jail is full.

- b. Judge Norman: U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington was in town for the Rotary Club's BBQ cookoff.
- c. Attorney Weems: will undergo surgery on Wednesday and will be out for about two weeks. He will be available by phone if needed.
- d. Clerk
- e. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- f. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- g. Justice of the Peace - 1
- h. Justice of the Peace - 2
- i. Senior Van
- 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 Williams 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. (Written reports are attached.)

Order 3: Came on for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 11, 2017 through July 24, 2017.

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 a Resolution and Order designating the Garza County Reinvestment Zone No. 2 in the jurisdiction of Garza County, Texas.

Attorney Weems explained that the guidelines and criteria were previously set in January and that the proposed reinvestment zone is in compliance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to designate the reinvestment zone as described in Exhibit A.

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

Order 5: Came on for consideration was the imposition of optional fees for calendar year 2018.

Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector Laurence confirmed that that the current rate is \$10.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to keep the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle fee at \$10 in Garza County for the calendar year 2018. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information attached.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was the automatic vending location agreement with Accent Food Service.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the agreement.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The agreement is attached.)

Order 7: Came on for consideration was the county public funds investment policy.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the policy as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Policy is attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was the 2018 Sheriff's and Constable's fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to keep the fees the same.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Fees are attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was the R-14 service agreement renewal notice for the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) (Maintenance Renewal Grant Contract) between Apriss, Inc. and Garza County for September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.  
There is no cost to the county. Funds come from the Office of the Attorney General cover.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Morris to renew the contract. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.  
(Contract is attached.)

The meeting recessed at 9:52 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:00 a.m.

- Order 10: Came on before the court was an update from the Lake Alan Henry Water Board (LAHWB).  
Judge Norman explained that the board is on its own and Garza County is no longer assisting or contributing in any way.
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was a medical services agreement between Jacob Reddick, M.D. and the Sheriff's Department for the County Jail. Sheriff Morgan informed the court that new doctor Jacob Reddick, will begin at the Garza County Health Care Clinic in September 2017. He will take over for PA-C Angela Hannaway who filled the position between the doctors.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into a medical agreement with Jacob Reddick, M.D., for medical services at the county jail. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Contract is attached.)
- Order 12: Came on for consideration was the State of Texas Law Enforcement Agency Plan of Operation Agreement.  
Sheriff Morgan explained the agreement allows the sheriff's department to get equipment, arms and vehicles at no cost if and when needed.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the contract.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 13: Came on for consideration was an inter-local agreement with the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) for E 9-1-1 public safety answering point services.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into the agreement with SPAG for the 9-1-1 service (pending the approval of the sheriff and the county attorney). With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 14: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests.  
None presented.
- Order 15: Public Comment  
None presented.
- Order 16: Budget Workshop

At the end of the last meeting, there was a \$200,000 deficit.

With certified values in, the effective tax rate is .57. Currently the rate is .71.

With the updated figures, there is about a \$44,000 revenue overage.

Julia Childs requested that extra funding be applied to the Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center.

Commissioner Morris requested an increase for his road hand and to pay all main road hands the same across the board.

Raises for all county employees was discussed. A 2% increase would cost \$59,000.

Tom Peyton discussed the importance of a pay raise and how the increase in the health insurance cost for the county to cover employees is actually a raise for the employees.

A .62 per \$100 valuation rate will generate a \$77,000 overall budget overage. (\$44,000 in the general fund.)

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:14 a.m.

Judge Norman continued the discussion on salary pay scales.

If the county goes up 8%, a \$44,000 overage will be in the general fund.

Commissioners 1, 2 & 4 want for the road hands to make the same hourly rate at \$16.93.

Attorney Weems suggested that whatever the overage is, use that for raises no matter what the percentage.

Judge Norman suggested the court members not take a raise and try to give the rest of the employees and elected officials an increase.

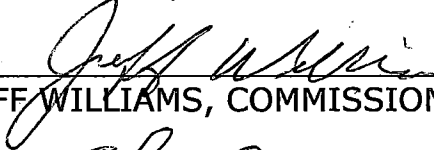
The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, August 14, 2017.

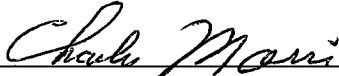
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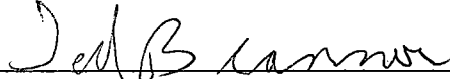
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



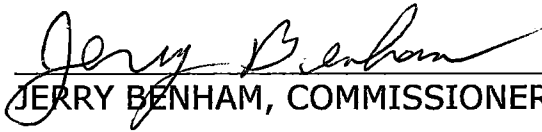
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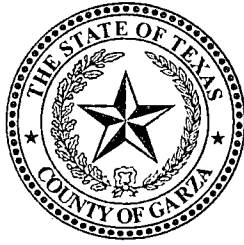
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**JIM PLUMMER**  
District and County Clerk

Date: July 20, 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	Wynn Robinson	Southland I.S.D.	NO	NO
2	Tom Pytko	SELF	no	no
3	DAN VENUTI	Nextera Energy	yes	No
4	Wes Jackson	Cummings Westlake	yes	No
5	JULIA CHILDS	POST DISPATCH	N	NO
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