

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
300 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356


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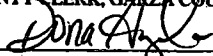
COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, August 28, 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. Burn Ban
5. Interlocal Agreement for FY18-19 - The Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases
6. Approve Early Voting Team
7. Approve the Judge and Alternate Judge for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election
8. Approve the Early Voting Ballot Board for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election
9. Tax Abatement Agreement Between Garza County and Post Wind LLC( In Garza County Reinvestment No. 2
10. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
11. Public Comment
12. Budget Hearing
13. Set Proposed Salaries, Expenses and Other Allowances of All Elected County and Precinct Officers
14. Adoption of Proposed Budget
15. Vote on Proposed Tax Rate
16. Set Dates for Public Hearings on Proposed Tax Rate

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

23<sup>rd</sup> FILED FOR RECORD  
day of August 2017  
at 1:30 o'clock P. M.  
JIM PLUMMER  
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By  Deputy

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, 300 W. Main St., Post, Texas with the following members present: Commissioners, Pct 1-Jeff Williams, Pct. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Jerry Benham. Not present was Judge Lee Norman.

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; Wes Jackson, Cummings Westlake; Mike Travis, Veteran Service Officer; J. Terry Bartlett, PEDC/Post-Garza Endowment; Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

Judge Pro Tem Charles Morris called the regular meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the August 14, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Williams. 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. Veteran Service Officer: Mike Travis introduced himself and passed out business cards. He explained that he is the go between for the veterans of Garza County and the Texas Veterans Commission and is concentrating on reaching out to veterans over 50 years old.
  - b. Sheriff: the jail is full. Expected revenue should exceed expectations for out of county inmates for this fiscal year.
  - c. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
  - d. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon 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. (Written reports are attached.)
- Order 3: Came on for consideration was the precinct and countywide accounts payable for August 15, 2017 through August 28, 2017. Treasurer Terry explained that a new rule mandates that each payroll period be approved by the court and will be included in the accounts payable. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams 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 Benham and seconded by Commissioner Williams to extend the burn ban for 90 days (ending December 5, 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 an Interlocal Agreement for fiscal year 2018-19 with Lubbock County for the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases program. Attorney Weems said the county's obligation is about \$1676. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon 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 the appointment of the Early Voting team for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint the Early Voting team as presented: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Lina Montoya, Deputy Clerk; Vickie Gray, Deputy Clerk; and Shirley Taylor, Deputy Clerk. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was to appoint the Election Day Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Benham to appoint Travis Sweet as the Presiding Judge and Barbara Davis as the Alternate Judge. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was the appointment of the Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) for the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to appoint Kathy Beach as the EVBB Presiding Judge and Pat Cruse as the Alternate Judge. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was a tax abatement agreement between Garza County and Post Wind, LLC (in Reinvestment Zone No. 2 in the jurisdiction of Garza County, Texas).

Attorney Weems explained that the zone was approved in a July meeting for the repower of the Red Canyon project. He recommends the proposed agreement: a ten year abatement en lieu of pilot payments of \$1256 per megawatt, or \$49,000, to be paid starting in February 2018 and each year thereafter. In addition, Post Wind will contribute a \$4000 annual contribution to the Post-Garza County Endowment to benefit Post ISD scholarships. Wes Jackson, of Cummings Westlake, explained that taxes on existing improvements will also be paid. Weems recommended approval of the agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the tax abatement agreement with Post Wind, LLC.

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

Order 10: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests.

One (1) line item transfers and two (2) budget amendments were submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the juvenile probation office for \$8100.20.

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

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the budget amendment presented for the juvenile office for \$6945.

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the R&B 2 office for \$12,680.

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

(Line item transfers and budget amendments are attached.)

Order 11: Public Comment  
None presented.

The meeting recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:40 a.m.

Order 12: Budget Hearing

Treasurer Terry explained: The official proposed budget is based on a tax rate of .5946, which is below the roll back rate. \$67,275 in revenue comes from insurances refunds. \$23,615 is from budget excess from Road and Bridge precincts 1, 2 & 3. The proposed budget is balanced.

Order 13: Came on for setting was the proposed salaries, expenses and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers.  
A motion to set the proposed salaries, expenses and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers as presented was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 14: Adopt Proposed Budget

Treasurer Terry presented a balanced proposed budget. (See the attached.)

Came on for adoption was the Garza County 2017-2018 fiscal year proposed budget.

A motion to adopt the proposed County Budget with the changes made since its filing was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Williams.

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

Order 15: Vote on Proposed Tax Rate

Came on for setting was the Garza County 2017-2018 fiscal year Tax Rate.

A motion that the court adopt a proposed tax rate of \$0.5946 was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams.

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

Order 16: Came on for consideration was the setting the dates for the public hearings on the tax rate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Benham to set the following dates for public hearings: September 11, 2017 and September 18, 2017, both at 9:00 a.m. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

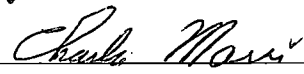
The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

*The next regular meeting is set for Monday, September 11, 2017.*

Approved and signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

  
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JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

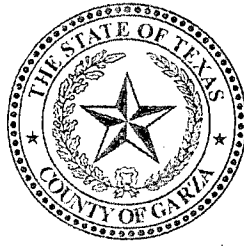
  
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CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

  
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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

  
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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: Aug. 28, 2017

	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	Wes Jackson	Cummings Whitake	Yes	
3	MIKE TRAVIS	Veteran Service Officer	Yes	NO
4	J. TERRY BARTRETT	PEDC/Judgment	Yes	NO
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