

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3rd Floor
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, September 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Proposed Tax Rate and Proposed Budget

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Minutes from Prior Meetings
2. Receive Reports from County Offices
3. Accounts Payable
4. Cara Cowart - Traffic Issues in Southland
5. Resolution to Nominate a Representative to the Garza Central Appraisal District
6. Appointment of County Health Officer
7. Workers' Compensation Renewal Questionnaire with Texas Association of Counties
8. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
9. Public Comment
10. Budget Workshop



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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JIM PLUMMER
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By Jana M. Garza Deputy

A public hearing and a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas were held on Monday, September 11, 2017 beginning 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; and Terry Morgan, Sheriff.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Terri Laurence, Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector; Deputy Treasurer, Christie Tadlock; Terry Bartlett, Post Economic Development Corp.; Cara Cowart of Southland; and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2017-2018 PROPOSED TAX RATE AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Judge Norman explained that the proposed rate is .5506 and the rollback rate is .5946. There is a 2% raise in the proposed budget for county employees and most elected officials. The commissioner precinct budgets are independent from the general fund and are balanced. The proposed budget is posted on the county's web site.

Terry Bartlett expressed that he is pleased with how the court conducts its business especially during the budget process.

The public hearing adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Judge Norman called the regular meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Order 1: Minutes from the August 28, 2017 regular 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 full with three inmates with severe mental issues. An active shooter scenario drill was held last week at the Dalby unit went well.
- b. Judge Norman: a hazard communication meeting is set for Thursday for county employees. A meet and greet reception with

new health care district physician Dr. Reddick will be held on 9/12/2017.

- c. Clerk
- d. Justice of the Peace – 1
- e. Justice of the Peace – 2
- f. Appointed Attorneys and Fees Reports (OCA)
- g. Mental Health – Guardianship (DPS)
- h. Precinct Road Report – Grand Jury
- i. Senior Transportation

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Williams 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 29, 2017 through September 11, 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 before the court was Cara Cowart to discuss traffic issues in Southland. Miss Cowart, a resident of Southland for five years, has seen an increase of unsafe traffic. She requested speed bumps be placed on the road to slow down traffic. Commissioner Williams explained that he has worked with the Sheriff and has installed new speed limit signs. Some Southland residents are not in favor of the speed bumps. Attorney Weems explained that the speed bumps are a liability for the county because they are not authorized traffic control devices. The speed limit can be reduced and warning signs can be installed. Cowart explained that speed bumps exist on County Road 171 and have been effective. No action taken.

Order 5: Came on for consideration was a resolution appointing a representative to the Garza Central Appraisal District board. No action taken.

Order 6: Came on for consideration was the appointment of a county health officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to appoint Dr. Jacob Reddick as the county health officer.

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

Order 7: Came on for consideration was a workers' compensation renewal questionnaire with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). There will be a 2% increase in the rate. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the renewal of the program as presented. 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 line item transfers and budget amendment requests. None presented.

Order 9: Public Comment
None presented.

Order 13: Budget Workshop (2017-2018)
Commissioner Morris explained that the budget process went well.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

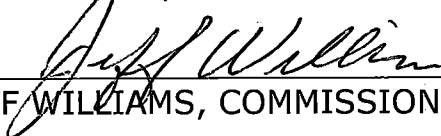
The next meeting is the second proposed tax and budget public hearing on September 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, September 25, 2017.

Approved and signed this 25th day of September 25, 2017.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

Ted Brannon

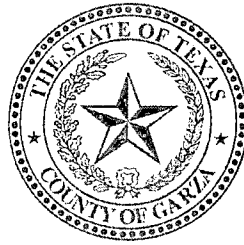
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ATTEST: _____
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JIM PLUMMER
District and County Clerk

Date: 9/11/2017

**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	Cara Cowart		YES	NO
3	J. Terry Bennett	PEJC	NO	NO
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