

NOTICE OF MEETING
GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, August 26, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356

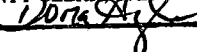
COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order Monday, August 26, 2019 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. Acceptance of new Extension Agent, Danya Peterson
5. Consider to approve Home-Delivered Meal Grant
6. Set Sheriffs' and Constables' fee report as requested by Comptroller's Office
7. Authorize Sheriff to replace totaled sheriff vehicle
8. Budget
9. Consider to approve salaries, expenses, and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers
10. Budget Amendments and Line Items Transfers
11. Public Comment


JUDGE LEE NORMAN
GARZA COUNTY

21st FILED FOR RECORD
day of August 2019
at 7:45 o'clock P. M.
JIM PLUMMER
COUNTY CLERK, GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
By  Deputy

IN 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 CAROL WILLIAMS AT 806-495-4405

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 26, 2019 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; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; Nancy Wallace, Tax Assessor/Collector; Angela Massey, Justice of the Peace-2; and Gordon Terry, Justice of the Peace-1.

Also present: Carol Williams, Administrative Assistant; Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); Michael Clausen and Danya Peterson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; Terry Bartlett, Post Economic Development Corp. (PEDC); City of Post Mayor Marvin Self and Council person Melba Cimental; and Voda B. Gradine, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the August 9, 2019 special meeting and the August 12, 2019 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Brannon 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 Morgan: The jail count is at 88, 28 are county inmates.
 - b. Judge Norman: wind energy construction is in progress in the north part of the county and the roads are well done.
 - c. EMC Isbell: There have been a few fires recently to the north and to the east of Post. As far as using the blade vehicles, the ones closest get the fires are responding to the calls.
 - d. Terry Bartlett, PEDC: the group closed on the funding for the two homes to be built on Chantilly Lane. Builder Rod George will build a third home adjacent to PEDC's.
 - e. Clerk
 - f. County Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
 - g. District Court Monthly - Office of Court Administration
- 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 August 13, 2019 through August 26, 2019. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris 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 the acceptance of the new Ag Extension Agent, Danya Peterson. Michael Clausen, AgriLife Extension, introduced Danya Peterson as the nominee as the county extension agent. She will undergo extensive training. Commissioner Williams and Sheriff Morgan gave positive comments for her abilities. Claussen explained the qualifications. The Extension service will pay her salary up to October. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the appointment of Danya Peterson as the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agent for Garza County. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. Morris abstained.
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was a resolution authorizing a home delivered meal grant program for year 2020. The grant is from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texans Feeding Texans. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the resolution as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the Sheriff's and Constable's fees for 2020. A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Morris to keep the fees the same. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (List of fees is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was authorizing the Sheriff to replace a totaled patrol vehicle. A moving vehicle on HWY 84, ran into the parked Sheriff's vehicle the final night of the recent rodeo. He stressed the importance of finding a vehicle sooner rather than later. Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to authorize the replacement of the vehicle.

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

The meeting recessed at 8:23 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:31 a.m.

Order 8: Came on for discussion was the budget.
Judge Norman: the commissioners must set a proposed budget and a proposed tax rate today.
Spoke with city manager Deana Smith about the salary increase for the Sheriff and splitting the EMC budget. At this time, the City has not made a decision on either.

Commissioner Brannon wants to remove the funding for PEDC (page 33). All commissioners agreed to cut it to zero.

It will cost about \$75,000 to cover a 3% across the board raise for employees and most elected officials.
Commissioners Williams, Morris and Brannon agreed to use reserve funds from their respective precincts to cover the raises for employees and elected officials who will accept a raise.

Commissioner Williams reduced his budget and suggested a review of the entire county budget from the beginning.

The judge led the court through the budget page by page making suggested cuts and change

The meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:26 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 11:16 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m.

The proposed budget was reduced by a total of \$40,385. The proposed budget is still about \$230,000 over at this time.

MOTIONS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to take \$230,000 from general fund reserves to balance the proposed budget.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Williams to set the proposed tax rate at .6632.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:48 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:51 a.m.

Order 9: Came on for consideration was the salaries, expenses, and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers.
No action taken.

Order 10: Came on for consideration was line item corrections and budget amendment requests.
One (1) line item corrections was submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item correction presented for the probation office for \$500.

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

(Line item adjustment is attached.)

Order 11: Public Comment
None presented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next special budget meeting is set for Thursday, August 29, 2019.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, September 9, 2019.

Approved and signed this 9th day of September, 2019.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

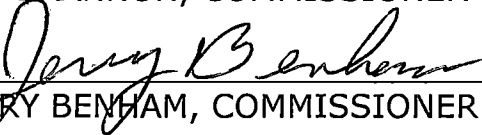


JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

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

**Welcome to the
 Commissioners Court
 of Garza County**

*Please leave any printed
 material you presented
 with the Clerk.
 Thank You!*

Date: Aug. 26, 2019

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Melba Limental	City of Post	unknown	
2	Marvin SELF	City of Post	No	
3	Mike D. Hill	EMC	yes	NO
4	Voda B. Gradine	Post Dispatch	No	NO
5	Angela Massey	JP 2	No	NO
6	Gordon Terry	JP 1	No	No
7	J. Terry BARTRETT	PEDC	YES	No
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