

BUDGET CERTIFICATION

Budget of GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

Budget year from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF GARZA }

We, County Judge Lee Norman, County Clerk Jim Plummer, and County Treasurer

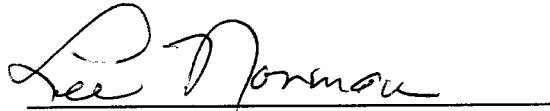
Ruth Ann Young, of Garza County, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached

budget is a true and correct copy of the budget of Garza County, Texas as passed

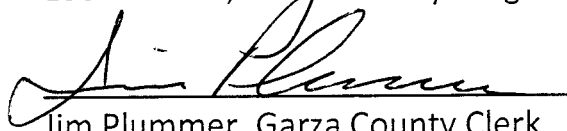
and approved by the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas, on the 21st day

of September, 2012, as the same appears on file in the office of the County Clerk

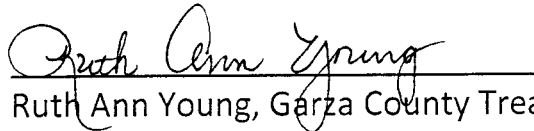
of said County.



Lee Norman, Garza County Judge

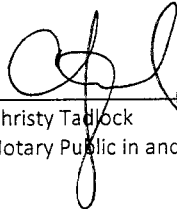


Jim Plummer, Garza County Clerk



Ruth Ann Young, Garza County Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, this the 21st day of September, 2012.



Christy Tadlock
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



“This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by \$246,382. (.077%), and of that amount \$5061. 00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.”

GARZA COUNTY BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

Lee Norman.....County Judge
Gary McDaniel.....Commissioner, Precinct #1
Charles Morris.....Commissioner, Precinct #2
Ted Brannon.....Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jerry Benham.....Commissioner, Precinct #4
Jim Plummer.....County and District Clerk
Judy Bush.....County Tax Assessor, Collector
Ruth Ann Young.....County Treasurer
Mike Munk.....County Attorney
Cliff Laws.....County Sheriff
Gordon Terry.....Justice of the Peace #1
Dee Justice.....Justice of the Peace #2
Daniel Yarbrow.....Constable, Precinct #1 & #2
Eric Cravy.....Constable, Precinct # & #4

**STATISTICAL DATA
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

In presenting this budget to the Commissioners' Court of Garza County and to the taxpayers of Garza County, Texas, the following statistics are set out.

The proposed budget was submitted in Commissioners' Court on September 21, 2012. A motion was made by Commissioner Precinct #2, Charles Morris, that the budget be adopted; motion was seconded by Commissioner Precinct #1, Gary McDaniel. The budget was approved unanimously as attached by the court members who were present; those present being Commission Precinct #1 Gary McDaniel, Commissioner Precinct #2 Charles Morris, Commissioner Precinct #4 Jerry Benham, and County Judge Lee Norman. Absent from the meeting was Commissioner #3 Ted Brannon.

TAX INFORMATION

ESTIMATED TOTAL COLLECTIBLE VALUATION-----969,698,155

The assessed valuation above shows an increase of 124,515,798 over that of the preceding year. Total assessed valuation in Garza County for 2012 is based on 100% of the true market value of property assessed.

The 2012 Effective Tax Rate is .33005 and the 2012 Rollback Rate is .35645. The adopted rate of .35500 is .02495 above the effective rate, or .00145 below the rollback rate. The adopted tax rate of .35500 is a 6.98% decrease over last year's tax rate of .37809%.

Commissioners Court met Friday, September 21, 2012 to adopt a tax rate of .35500 for the fiscal 2012-2013 budget to fund Maintenance and Operations. Commissioner Charles Morris, Precinct #2, moved that the .35500 rate be accepted; it was seconded by Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Precinct #1. The vote was unanimous.

The total county levy for M&O, based on the rate of .35500, is \$3,442,428. Of the total county collectible levy, 85% (\$2,926,063) is allocated to the General Fund and 15% (\$516,365) to Special Road and Bridge Funds. Special Road and Bridge Funds are divided as follows to be used for the maintenance and repair to 250 miles of county maintained roads:

Road & Bridge #1	33%	170,401.
Road & Bridge #2	30%	154,909.
Road & Bridge #3	19%	98,109.
Road & Bridge #4	18%	92,946.
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		516,365.

The county levy for ad valorem taxes (\$3,442,428.00) is .4377% of the total revenue anticipated to be collected as revenue during FY 2012-2013.

SHORT TERM DEBT/NOTES PAYABLE:

The total net outstanding short-term debt of Garza County, Texas on October 1, 2012 is \$288,830.

R&B #1 2011 JD MtrGrder	\$ 55,609.
R&B #2 Mack Truck/Trailer	\$ 31,086.
R&B #3 Combined Equip Note	\$ 81,613.
R&B #4 2008 JD MtrGrder	\$105,364.
Extension Agent 2011 GMC	\$ 15,158.

TOTAL **\$288,830.**

LONG TERM DEBT:

In 2009 Garza County, Texas issued \$9,240,000 Combination Tax And Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008. The Certificates are general obligations of the County, payable from an annual ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property in the County, within the limits prescribed by law, and further secured by a pledge of net revenues derived from the operation of a 96-bed jail facility. Outstanding Principal as of October 1, 2012 is \$8,195,000.

PAYROLL & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

The estimated budgeted payroll for FY 2012-2013 is \$2,793,174.00. The matching rate that Garza County pays into Texas County and District Retirement System for 2012 is 8.02% and the matching rate Garza County will be paying for 2013 will be 8.17%. The cost for FY 2012-2013 will be approximately \$227,155; that figure is approximately 3% of the total budget.

Garza County pays for health insurance for each full-time employee. In addition, Garza County pays for health insurance for eligible retirees. Criteria for eligibility can be found in the Garza County Employee Policy Manual. The cost per employee for TAC HEBP BlueCross BlueShield Plan Year 2012-2013 is \$8968 per employee on an annual basis; included in that amount is \$10,000 life insurance and \$10,000 AD&D for the employee. The cost for FY 2012-2013 for health/life insurance for full-time employees and retirees will be approximately \$663,632, which is approximately 8% of the total budget.