

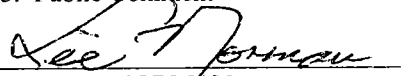
NOTICE OF MEETING
GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, August 12, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.
GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
300 WEST MAIN
POST, TEXAS 79356


COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order Monday, August 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Minutes from Prior Meeting
2. Receive Reports from County Offices
3. Accounts Payable
4. Consolidation of election boxes for Constitutional Amendment election
5. Interlocal Agreement between Garza County and Lubbock County - Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases
6. Agreement between West Texas Centers and Garza County Commissioners' Court - Mental Health & Intellectual & Developmental Disability Services
7. Certification of Appraisal Roll
8. DMV - Imposition of Optional Fees for 2020
9. Requests for Tax Refund
10. Interlocal Agreement between Garza Co and SPAG - Public Safety
11. Submittal of Effective Roll Back Rate
12. Budget
13. Proposed salaries, expenses, and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers
14. Budget Amendments and Line Items Transfers
15. Public Comment


JUDGE LEE NORMAN
GARZA COUNTY

FILED FOR RECORD
7th day of August 20 19
at 3:32 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 12, 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; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; Nancy Wallace, Tax Assessor/Collector; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; Angela Massey, Justice of the Peace, Pct 2; and Gordon Terry, Justice of the Peace, Pct 1.

Also present: Carol Williams, Administrative Assistant; Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC); Terry Bartlett, Post Economic Development Corporation (PEDC); and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

- Order 1: Minutes from the July 22, 2019 regular meeting and the August 6, 2019 special 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 count is at 89, 32 are county inmates. Billing report was submitted. The only incident concerning the rodeo was that Sheriff's vehicle was damaged over the weekend.
 - b. EMC Isbell: Thanked the commissioners for their help in fighting fires over the weekend.
 - c. Commissioner Brannon: expecting a proposal soon for the parking lot work at the Dalby prison.
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Budget Analysis and Usage
 - f. Tax Assessor/Collector
 - g. Justice of the Peace - Pct. 1
 - h. Justice of the Peace - Pct. 2
 - i. EMC Activity Log
 - j. Appointed Attorneys and Fees Reports (OCA)
 - k. Mental Health - Guardianship (DPS)
 - l. Letter from Garza County Jail inmates concerning the District Court Public Defender
 - m. 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 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 7, 2019 through August 12, 2019. 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 an Order to Consolidate election precincts for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election. The proposed Order is to consolidate all precinct boxes, or voter precincts, into one polling place and ballot style. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the Order for Consolidation. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Attached is the Order in English and Spanish.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was an Interlocal Agreement for fiscal year 2019-20 with Lubbock County for the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases program \$1184. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon 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 an agreement between West Texas Centers and the Commissioner's Court for mental health and intellectual and developmental disability services. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the agreement as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Agreement is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the certification of the appraisal roll.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to certify the roll. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Certification is attached.)

- Order 8: Came on for consideration was the imposition of optional DMV fees for calendar year 2020.
Judge Norman confirmed that that the current rate is \$10.
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Williams to keep the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle fee at \$10 in Garza County for the calendar year 2020. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Attachment.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was a request for a tax refund.
Tax A/C Wallace endorsed refunding the taxes to the requester.
Requesting the refund is Jonathan R. Davis.
Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the refund. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Attachment.)
- Order 10: 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 Brannon 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 11: Came on for consideration was the submittal of the effective tax rollback rate.
The roll back rate is 66.32.
Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to submit the effective tax rollback rate at 66.32. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 12: Budget (workshop)
Judge Norman mentioned that at the last meeting, August 9, 2019, the court reviewed the budget page by page.

Clerk Plummer informed the court about the Democratic Party State Chair's email about extended hours for early voting for the 2020 Primary Elections and the General Election.
Commissioner Morris inquired about the four 20+ year employees.
Judge Norman suggests bringing up the JP clerks and Treasurer's clerk (Jodi) to \$30,536 + \$500. Commissioner Benham wanted to increase them to the Clerk's Chief Deputy's salary.
Commissioner Williams requests that the four 20+ year employees be given a \$1200 raise.

The court recessed at 10:06 a.m.

The court resumed at 10:22 a.m.

Clerk Plummer requested increasing the two Deputy Clerks salary to be set at \$31,000 to match the Tax office's Deputy since both Clerk's office employees have been here longer. There was no support for the request.

Order 13: Came on for consideration was the proposed salaries, expenses, and other allowances of all elected county and precinct officers.
Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve and set the salaries and other allowances to allow a 3% raise to all elected officials that will accept the increase.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Attachment.)
NOTE: Judge Norman and Commissioners Brannon and Williams declared that they will not be accepting an increase in salary.

Order 12: Budget (continued)
Commissioner Brannon suggested giving a 3% increase to all employees. For the four targeted 20+ year employees, the increase would be on top of what they were raised to.
Attorney Weems thanked the court for the process they are undertaking by trying to equalize salaries where needed.
Judge Norman recited the tax deadline schedule.

Order 14: Came on for consideration was line item corrections and budget amendment requests.
None presented.

Order 15: Public Comment
Terry Bartlett of PEDC appreciated how the court is handling the process.
Julia Childs, as a tax payer, questioned why the county budgeted \$5000 for PEDC. Judge Norman explained that it is a private entity which is different than most EDCs.
Childs also questioned the funding of the summer recreation program and explained that there are grant funds available in lieu of county tax funds. Treasurer Terry added that the recreation program budget is shared with the city and school and by a grant and.
Attorney Weems thanked Julia for her time with the Post Dispatch. This week will be her last issue.
Childs added that raises are important meanwhile looking at other expenses to possibly cut.
Judge Norman announced that he is asking the City to share in the raise proposal for the Sheriff.

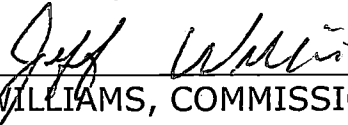
The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, August 26, 2019.

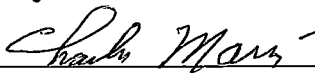
Approved and signed this 26th day of August, 2019.



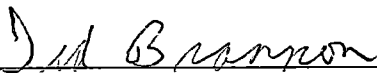
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



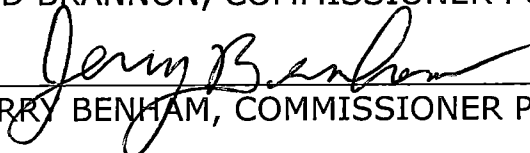
JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



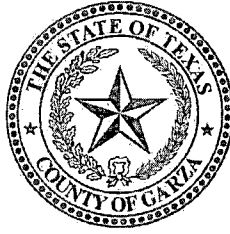
TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



JERRY BENHAM, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:  _____
JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK

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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: 8/12/2019

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Michael D. Isbell	EMC	Yes	No
2	Angela Massey	JP2	No	No
3	Gordon Terry	JPI	No	No
4	TERRY BERRATT	PEDC	No	No
5	JULIA CHUDS	D.SPATCH	No	No
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