



A Special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 1, 2022 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: Terri Laurence, District & County Clerk; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; Nancy Wallace, Tax Assessor-Collector; Terry Morgan, Sheriff and Ted Weems, County Attorney. Also present: Carol Williams, Administrative Assistant; Angela Massey, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2; Gordon Terry, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1; David Graves, Constable; Danya Peterson, AgriLife Extension Agent; Steven Merlak, Management Training Corporation; Chris Atkinson, Community Recovery Center; Rodney Tidwell, Post EMS; Miriam O'Neal and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

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

Order 1: Prayer

Order 2: Pledge to Flags

Order 3: Public Comment
None presented.

Order 4: Minutes from July 25th, 2022 regular meetings 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 5: Came on for consideration was accounts payable from July 28 2022 through August 1, 2022. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris 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.
See attachment.

Order 6: Reports from county offices - The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written and/or a verbal report:

Sheriff Morgan: Jail Inmate Count; Total 75, 30 are County Inmates and 45 out of County. Gave report on July 2022 Calls for Service Report and County Billing.

Danya Peterson, AgriLife Extension Agent: Gave reports on activities.

Steve Merlak, Management Training Corporation: Gave reports on Dalby Unit. Interviewed and hired individuals. Have a new Warden already selected and also have made a selection for a Deputy Warden.

Chris Atkinson, Community Recovery Center: Gave reports on Community Recovery Center and Post City Garza County Airport. See attachment.

Judge Norman: Still doing repairs at the Dalby Unit. The City has been helpful.

Motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to accept the reports as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion Carried and so ordered.

The meeting recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:02 a.m.

Order 7: Presentation to Garza County Museum for 2021 Distinguished Service Award from Texas Historical Commission. Presentation passed.

Order 8: Came on for consideration to approve Imposition of Road and Bridge Optional Fees. The County will charge the same fees in CY 2023. A motion was made by Commissioner Benham and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the fees. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. See attachment.

- Order 9: Came on for consideration to approve Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated Operations and Management Services Agreement between MTC and Garza County. A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve agreement that MTC agrees to extend the Termination Date through 11:59 p.m. CST on August 31, 2022. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. See attachment.
- Order 10: Consider to approve First Amendment to SAVNS Grant Contract Between Office of the Attorney General and Garza County. A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve Contract. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. See attachment.
- Order 11: Consider to approve Cooperative Agreement between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Garza County. A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Benham to approve the agreement. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. See attachment.
- Order 12: Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers.
None Presented.
- Order13: Consider to approve the Tax Assessor/Collector's submitted Appraisal Tax Roll for 2022-2023 Budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve Appraisal Tax Roll for 2022-2023 Budget. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. See attachment.
- Order 14: Treasurer submitted Proposed Budget to all Elected Officials.
- Order 15: Budget Official has submitted the Proposed Budget to the County Clerk and posted on the Garza County Website.

Order 16: Budget Workshop

The judge led the court through the budget.

County Attorney, Ted Weems discussed with the court to consider having the Courthouse closed on Friday afternoons. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to leave the hours closed to each individual office and will begin on October 1, 2022. With a majority of the court members voting aye, and Commissioner Williams voting no the motion carried and so ordered.

Discussion to raise Sheriff's Office Jail Staff \$3.00 per hour. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Benham to give Sheriff's Department Jail Staff a raise of \$3.00 an hour. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Probation Department's Budget has been amended on Item 312 Building Maintenance from \$10,000 to \$30,000 due to the building needing repairs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Regular meeting is set for Monday, August 8, 2022.

Approved and signed this 8th day of August, 2022.

Lee Norman

LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

Jeff Williams

JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

Charles Morris

CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

Ted Brannon

TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

Jerry Benham

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TERRI LAURENCE
 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: August 1, 2022

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Chris Atkinson	CRE/Airport	Yes	Yes
2	Miriam Ornel	Post Disp.	-	-
3	DANMIA PETERSON	EXTENSION	YES	-
4	JULIA CHILDS	POST DISPATCH	NO	NO
5	Rodney Tidwell	Post EMS	Yes	NO
6	Steven Merlak	MTC	yes	NO
7	David Graves	consistible	No	No
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