



A Special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, July 31, 2023 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-Kim Wilks; Pct. 3-Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Giles W. Dalby. County officials present: Terri Laurence, District & County Clerk; Terry Morgan, Sheriff; LuAnne Terry, Treasurer; Nancy Wallace, Tax-Assessor Collector and Ted Weems, County Attorney. Also present: Angela Massey, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2; Gordon Terry, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1; David Graves, Constable and Julia Childs, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the Special Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Order 1: Prayer

Order 2: Pledge to Flags

Order 3: Public Comment

Luanne Terry thanked the court for her early leave of absence in Commissioners Court last week.

Julia Childs reported that the Post Dispatch will be under new ownership, Paragraph Ranch L.L.C.

Order 4: Minutes from the July 24, 2023 special meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Wilks. 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 24, 2023 through July 31, 2023. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Brannon 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 verbal report:

Sheriff Morgan: Jail Inmate Count; 81, 31 are county inmates and 50 out of county. Seven contracts have been received back for the housing of prisoners at the jail.

Judge Norman: Dalby Unit will be full this week with the beds allowed by Jail Standards. Beginning negotiations with a contract between Garza County and MTC for operations. Have begun working on plans for Open House for the Courthouse.

David Graves, Constable: Attended a Courtroom Security Class last week with Michael Isbell.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dalby 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.

Order 7: Consider to approve Sheriff and Constable Fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Wilks that Sheriff and Constable Fees remain the same. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 8: Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfer.
None presented.



Order 9: Discuss Budget

Judge Norman reported that the County Judge and the County Attorney both receive state supplements to their salary. The Sheriff's salary was increased to be eligible for a state grant. This increase will be from the grant and not the county budget.

Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 & 2 both are receiving a \$5,000.00 raise. Elected Officials are receiving a 5% percent raise and it was questioned if both the Justice of the Peace should receive the 5%. Judge called a roll called vote for the Justice of the Peace to also receive the 5%. Commissioners Williams and Brannon voted yes and Commissioners Wilks and Dalby voting no. Judge Norman broke the tie with a yes.

Reviewed page 33. Trailblazers made a request for an increase from 3,000.00 to 5,000.00.

Tax Assessor/Collector presented a handout of the Garza County 2023 Tax Rates. No new Revenue Rate is .6353. Voter Approval Rate .6579 and the De Minimis Rate is .7183. The Proposed rate will be set at the De Minimis Rate of .7183.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:05 am.

Reviewed page 49, Probation Department.

Reviewed page 23. LAH Fire Station.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

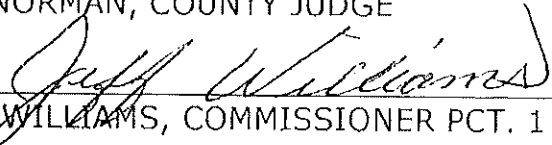


A Regular Meeting is set for Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved and signed this 14th day of August, 2023.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

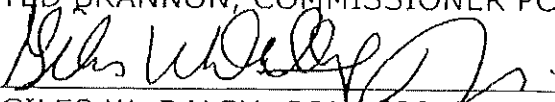


JEFF WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



KIM WILKS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



GILES W. DALBY, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST: 

TERRI LAURENCE, COUNTY CLERK