

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, 215 WEST MAIN  
POST, TEXAS 79356

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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, August 9, 2010 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. Resolution Supporting Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services
5. Approve SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract Between The Office of the Attorney General and Garza County
6. Discuss to Approve to Consider Contracting for the Records Retention, Evaluation & Organization Of the District & County Clerk's Records
7. South Plains Community Action Presentation
8. Garza County Drug and Alcohol Annual Report & Budget Request
9. Garza Wildlife Damage Association Report and Budget Request
10. Monthly Water Usage Fee at the Justiceburg Fire Station
11. Annual Road Reports
12. Counsel for Wind Energy Project
13. 2011 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees
14. Sheriff Cliff Laws - Extended Employee Sick Leave  
Annual Contract with Dr. Edwards
15. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
16. 2010-2011 Budget
17. Public Comment

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JIM PLUMMER  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By Jim Plummer Deputy

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at the AgriLife Extension office, 215 W. Main St., Post, TX with the following members present: Lee Norman, Judge; Commissioners: Pct. 1-Gary McDaniel, Pct. 2-Charles Morris, Pct. 4 Commissioner Mike Sanchez. Not present was Pct. 3 Commissioner Ted Brannon.

County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor; Eric Cravy, Constable 2; and Cliff Laws, Sheriff.

Also present: Billie Williams, Secretary to the Judge; Robert English, Complete Records Management, Inc.; Chuck Nattinger Records Consultants, Inc. (RCI); Chris Atkinson, Community Recovery Center; Jerry Benham, candidate; Rosa Latimer, Post Dispatch; Harry Record, PACC and candidate; Tom Middleton and Drew Kirkpatrick, Garza Wildlife Damage Association; Jimmy Bird and Giles Dalby, Jr., ranchers; Bill Powell and Luis Perez, South Plains Community Action; Shug Thomas, SWCD; and Greg Jones, AgriLife Extension Service.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

- Order 9: Came on before the court was a report and budget request from the Garza Wildlife Damage Association.  
Tom Middleton spoke for the group to promote the management and coordinated control of the feral hog population. He explained the loss of resources the hogs have caused and may cause in the future. County associations are formed with the guidance of state and federal programs are to manage the program. The group is asking the county to cover the cost of \$28,800 a year or \$2400/month to maintain a program in Garza County.  
Judge informed the group that their request will be considered during budget hearings.
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the contracting for the Records Retention, Evaluation and Organization of the District and County Clerk's records.  
Presentations were made by Robert English of Complete Records Management, Inc. and by Chuck Nattinger of Records Consultants Management, Inc. (RCI).  
Court members and Clerk Plummer asked questions of the presenters.  
*(After lunch break.)*  
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to engage RCI for record retention services for the District and County Clerk's records.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The project acceptance form and the two presentations are attached.)

- Order 7: Came on before the court was a presentation by South Plains Community Action (SPCAA).  
Bill Powell presented to the court the 2009 annual report. He added that SPCAA recently merged with Caprock Community Action and now covers 14 rural counties to cover. SPCAA now administers a housing program. The county would have to contract for the service. Powell informed the court that there is a vacancy on the local housing board.  
No action taken.

The meeting recessed at 9:52 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 10:04 A.M.

- Order 8: Came on before the court was Christopher Atkinson with the annual report and budget request from the Community Recovery Center. Atkinson reviewed the center's operation and services and explained his plans for expansion of services. The budget request for 2010-2011 is the same as the current year.  
The request will be considered at budget hearings.  
No action taken. (Presentation packet is attached.)
- Order 1: Minutes from the July 22, 2010 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Sanchez seconded by Commissioner McDaniel. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 2: The following items of information were brought before the Court as a written report or for discussion:
- a. Treasurer
  - b. Budget Usage Analysis
  - c. Senior Transportation
  - d. District/County Clerk (June and July)
  - e. Justice of the Peace, No. 2
  - f. AgriLife Extension, Jones
  - g. AgriLife Extension, McDonald
  - h. Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008
  - i. Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005

- j. The sheriff informed the court about proposed federal legislation regarding collective bargaining requirements with public safety employees.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the reports as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Reports are attached.)

Order 3: Came on for consideration were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for July 23, 2010 through August 9, 2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are allowed, 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 14: Sheriff Cliff Laws came on before the court to:

- a. Discuss the annual contract with Dr. Edwards. A one year contract ending July 31, 2011. It's at the same rate as the current contract: \$2500 per month.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the 13 month contract at \$2500 per month. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Contract is attached.)

- b. Request additional sick leave for employees Henrietta Cruse and Joyce Taylor.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to extend sick leave for both employees for both employees for 30 days.

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

Order 4: Came on for consideration was a resolution supporting Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR) services.

The resolution is to proclaim that Garza County supports and recognizes the locally governed Community Center as the most effective and cost efficient means to manage and deliver services.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to adopt the Resolution.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Resolution is attached.)

- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract between the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and Garza County for the state fiscal year 2010-2011.  
The program is to maintain Texas counties in a statewide system that will provide relevant offender release information, court settings or events, promote public safety and support the rights of victims of crime.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve OAG Contract No. 1120898. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The contract is attached.)
- Order 10: Came on before the court was the water usage fee (agreement) at the Justiceburg Fire Station.  
Constable Yarbrow provided the court with options to continue water service at the facility.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to TABLE the item.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 11: Came on before the court was the Annual County Road Reports.  
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve reports from Precincts 1, 2 and 4.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Reports are attached.)
- Order 12: Came on for consideration was counsel for the Wind Energy Project: Red Hollow by Freemantle Energy.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to talk with Cal Huffaker about representing the county.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)
- Order 15: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.  
Seven (7) line item transfers were submitted.
- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the juvenile probation office for \$1694.36.  
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the Constable 1 office for \$400.

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

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the LAH firehouse office for \$600.

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

d. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the LAH firehouse office for \$600.

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

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the Sheriff's deputies office for \$1951.

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

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the sheriff's dispatcher office for \$1454.

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

g. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the county jail for \$36,440.

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

(Line item transfers are attached.)

Order 17: Public Comment

Judge Norman informed the court that about 25 USDA packets have been handed out from the county programs office for low interest housing loans.

The meeting recessed at 10:58 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 11:14 A.M.

Order 16: 2010-2011 Budget

Considering the budget requests, the expenses will surpass projected revenue at the effective rate (.34043).

The court started the session on page 21.

Elevator project has \$387,628. The judge will present three plans to the Texas Historical Commission later this month.

An across the board 5% salary increase would be \$135,300.  
A 1% salary increase would be \$27,060.

The meeting recessed at 11:58 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 2:08 P.M.

Order 13: Came on for consideration was the 2011 Sheriff's and Constables' fees. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to keep the fees the same as 2010 as recommended by the sheriff and the constables. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

*(The budget review continued.)*

Constable 2 Eric Cravy presented his proposed budget.

Sheriff Laws presented his proposed budgets for his office, the jail and dispatchers department.

The meeting recessed at 3:05 P.M.

The meeting resumed at 3:15 P.M.

The budget review finished on page 66.

No action taken.

A budget workshop is set for Tuesday, August 18, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.

The next regular meeting of the court is set for Monday, August 23, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

*Lee Norman*

LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE

*Gary McDaniel*

GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

*Charles Morris*

CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

*Ted Brannon*

TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

*Mike Sanchez*

MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

*Lina Rodriguez*  
~~JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK~~  
LINA RODRIGUEZ, DEPUTY

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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. 9, 2010

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Curt Lewis	Sheriff	Yes	
2	Robert English	Complete Records Management, Inc.	Yes	No
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4	Chuck Nattinber	Records Consultants	Yes	Yes
5	Chris Atkinson	Community Recovery Center	Yes	No
6	JERRY BENHAM		no	no
7	KOSA LATIMER	Lost Dispatch	no	no
8	Harry Record	PACC	No	No
9	Tom Middleton	Gonzalez Wildlife Mgmt	Yes	Yes
10	Bill Powell	South Plains Comm. Action	Yes	Yes
11	LUIS PEREZ	SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION	YES	YES
12	Sheep Thermo	SWCD	T	no
13	Don Kilpatrick	Garza Wildlife Damage Assoc	possibly	
14	Jimmey Bird	Bird ranch	✓ ✓	no
15	Big Jim	TX Agile Livestock	yes w/ Assn.	Assn. yes
16.	Eric Cravy	Constable	yes	yes