

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
POST, TEXAS 79356


COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, June 14, 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. Discuss to Approve Two Engagement Letters for Joe Hays 2010 Audits
5. Sheriff- Cliff Laws – Budget Amendments for Garza County Jail
6. Discuss to Approve Contract to Maintain the Filters at The Law Enforcement
7. Insurance Proposals - County Property and Casualty Insurance
8. Discuss to Approve To Engage Underwood Attorneys and Counselors At Law Regarding LAVAs and Tax Abatement Agreements with Freemantle Energy
9. Discuss to Approve USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program
10. Discuss to Approve Property Bid on Lot 9, Block 39, 401 N. Ave F. Post, Texas
11. Discuss to Approve Request to Comptroller for Refund Under the Texas Property Code, Section 74.602
12. Discuss to Approve Extended Leave for Jana McCallister
13. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
14. Public Comment

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BY JIM PLUMMER DEPUTY
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at the Commissioners' Courtroom, 300 W. Main St., Post, TX with the following members present: Lee Norman, Judge; Commissioners: Pct. 1-Gary McDaniel, Pct. 2-Charles Morris and Pct. 3- Ted Brannon and Pct. 4-Mike Sanchez.

County officials present: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Mike Munk, Attorney; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor; and Cliff Laws, Sheriff. Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Harry Record, PACC; and Rosa Latimer, Post Dispatch.

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

- Order 1: Minutes from the May 24, 2010 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. 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
 - e. Tax Collector/Assessor
 - f. Justice of the Peace, No. 1
 - g. Justice of the Peace, No. 2
 - h. Data Reporting Improvement Plan (for DPS)
 - i. Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008
 - j. Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005
- Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez 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. (Reports are attached.)
- Order 3: Came on for consideration were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for May 25, 2010 through June 14, 2010. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel 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 4: Came on for consideration was two letters of engagement for the services of Joe F. Hays, CPA to audit the County of Garza (at \$21,650) and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Grant Fund Programs of Garza County (at \$1950).
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the letters of engagement with Joe F. Hays, CPA as an independent auditor.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Letters are attached.)

Order 5: Came on before the court was Sheriff Cliff Laws with budget amendments for the county jail.
Sheriff Laws explained that the current budget does not account for the 16.4% daily increase in inmate population. He is anticipating an increase in the current jail budget of \$171,000 assuming the current daily inmate population maintains throughout the fiscal year which translates into a 30% increase in the prisoner care line item. Cost-per-meal was not available. He explained that the population increase has affected the manpower needed to certify jail personnel.
Another unexpected factor influencing the budget increase was providing security for a hospitalized inmate costing about \$8000.

The court recessed at 10:03 A.M.

The court resumed at 10:40 A.M.

Judge Norman stated that with the increase in the inmate population, reflects an increase of revenue. It takes up to 60 days to receive payment from time of billing. He also recommended the possibility of Request for Proposals (RFP) for the food service.

No action was taken. (See attached information.)

Order 6: Came on for consideration was contract proposals to maintain the air conditioning filters at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center. The proposals were submitted from Advanced Environmental I.A.Q. of Lubbock and Tanner's Appliance Heating and Air of Post.
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. (Estimates are attached.)

Order 7: Came on for consideration was proposals for county property and casualty insurance.

Judge Norman said that Request for Proposals (RFPs) are required before accepting bids.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to advertise for RFPs for property and casualty insurance for the county.

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

- Order 8: Came on for consideration was engagement of Underwood Attorneys and Counselors at Law regarding Limited Assessed Value Agreement (LAVA) and tax abatement agreements with Fremantle Energy (concerning the wind energy project in the Southland School District). No action taken.
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program.
In a proposal for a West Texas Sustainability Sites Index, Dr. Louis V. Mills, Dept. of Landscape Architecture at Texas Tech University requested Garza County to participate as the applicant in the grant process.
A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to decline participating in the grant opportunity/study.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Letters are attached.)
- Order 10: Came on for consideration was a bid for county property located at 401 N. Ave. F (Lot 9, Block 39) in the original town site of Post. Tax Collector Bush said one sealed bid was submitted by Preston Leake for \$357. The property was struck-off to the county in 2004. Attorney Munk said taxes and arrearages owed are \$3042.69. Assessed value is \$830. Appraised value is \$1480.
A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to accept the bid for \$357 from Preston Leake on condition that all other involved taxing entities approve the bid.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was a request of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for a refund under the Texas Property Code, Section 74.602.
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to submit in writing a request for funds from the comptroller's office.

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

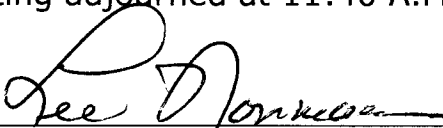
Order 12: Came on for consideration was extending leave time for Jana McCallister, Deputy Treasurer.
Treasurer Young requests administrative leave for McCallister who will not be released by her doctor to climb the stairs to her office until June 28, 2010. Also, that she has expended all vacation, sick leave, personal time and comp time.
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve administrative leave for Jana McCallister until June 28, 2010.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Request is attached.)

Order 13: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.
None were submitted.

Order 14: Public Comment
Judge Norman said this Thursday there will be a session with state reps in Plainview.
USDA will present seminar in Post for opportunities for low interest loans for new construction and remodels. The date is to be determined.

The next regular meeting of the court is set for June 28, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



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CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

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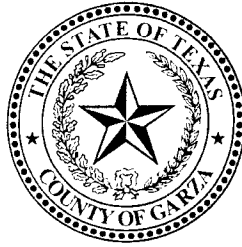
MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

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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: Mon. 6/14/2010

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Chiff Lewis	Sheriff	Yes	No
2	Rosa Latimer	Post Dispatch	no	no
3	Harry Record	PRCC	no	no
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