

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, November 09, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

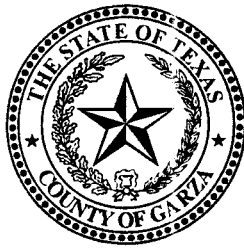
1. Minutes from Prior Meetings
2. Receive Reports from County Offices
3. Accounts Payable
4. Sheriff Cliff Laws - Discuss and Approve Grant Money for Video Equipment
5. Discuss to Approve Bid on Property at Lot 7, Block 64, (204 N. Ave H), Post, Texas
6. Discuss to Approve Proclamation/Resolution – November 2009 Official Home Care & Hospice Month
7. Discuss to Approve TxDot-State Surplus Materials for Fiscal Year 2010
8. Discuss to Approve to Appoint Board for the Criminal Justice Information Center Data Improvement Plan
9. Discuss to Approve Permitting for the City of Lubbock / Lake Alan Henry Pipeline Project
 - a. Permit Fee for Crossing County Right-of-Way (16 Proposed Crossings.)
10. Discuss to Approve Establishing Guidelines and Criteria for Reinvestment Zone
11. Discuss to Approve Resolution for Justice Assistance Grant
12. Discuss to Approve Garza County General Assistance Manual of Services
- 13 ~~11~~. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
- 14 ~~12~~. Inspect Progress for New Office Annex
- 15 ~~13~~. Public Comment

FILED 11/5/2009 9:25 A.M.
BY JIM PLUMMER DEPUTY
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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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: Nov. 9, 2009

ADDRESSING COURT? LEAVING MATERIAL?

	Name (please print)	ORGANIZATION Address	Commissioners Court Precinct	Election Precinct (Voting Box)
1	Rosa Latimer	Post Dispatch		
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A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, November 9, 2009 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; Pct. 3-Ted Brannon; Pct. 4 Mike Sanchez.

County officials present were: Jim Plummer, Clerk; Mike Munk, Attorney; Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Cliff Laws, Sheriff.

Also present: Randy Sowell, of Freemantle Energy and Rosa Latimer-Bell, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Order 1: Minutes from the October 26, 2009 regular meeting were approved as amended with a motion by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon. 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. District/County Clerk
- b. Treasurer
- c. Budget Analysis
- d. Senior Transportation
- e. Justice of the Peace-2
- f. Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008
- g. Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005
- h. Judge Norman and Clerk Plummer informed the court that the election equipment will be moved to the county barn from the old health care clinic with-in the next 30 days.
- i. Judge Norman updated the court on his discussions with the engineers concerning the possible courthouse restoration project. It could cost \$6500 to revise the master plan from the late 1990s. The historic commission would do complete restoration and not partial. The block energy grant offered by the state, would not be enough to install central heat & air but may be used to replace old boiler.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:12 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 9:16 A.M.

- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for October 27, 2009 through November 9, 2009.
Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are allowed and 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 before the court was Sheriff Cliff Laws with a presentation of grant money for video equipment. The sheriff was not available.
Judge Norman informed the court that the county will have to come up with the 25% match which is not in the budget now but was when the grant was introduced a couple of years ago.
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to TABLE the issue.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Printout is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was a bid for county property located at 204 N. Ave. H: Lot 7 Block 64 in the original town site of Post. The taxes and arrearages owed are about \$4000.
A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the bid from Amber Hernandez for \$500 pending the approval of the other taxing entities. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The bid is attached.)
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was a proclamation/resolution for November 2009 Official Home Care & Hospice Month.
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the resolution.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Resolution is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the TxDot State surplus road materials for fiscal year 2010.
Judge Norman explained that this is the first step in obtaining the materials.
A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to submit a request for \$12,021.00 of State surplus material.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was the appointment of the advisory board for the Criminal Justice Information Center Data Improvement Plan.

Clerk Plummer informed the court that new legislation requires the county to form the board to formulate and submit a plan to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) on how the county plans to improve the reporting of disposition rates of adult and juvenile criminal cases. The plan needs to be submitted to the DPS by June 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to appoint Sheriff Cliff Laws (or his designee), District Attorney Brian Kingston, County Attorney Michael Munk, District Clerk Jim Plummer, County Clerk designee Terri Laurence, and representatives from case management software providers, if necessary. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The information and statute is attached.)

- Order 9: Came on for consideration was the permit fee for crossing a Garza County right-of-way for the City of Lubbock/Lake Alan Henry water pipeline project. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to NOT set a fee at this time. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was a Resolution for the Justice Assistant Grant for indigent defense. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the signing of the Justice Assistant Resolution (for indigent defense). With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Resolution is attached.)
- Order 12: Came on for consideration was the Garza County General Assistance Agency Manual of Services. County Attorney assistant Joy Creech presented the proposed changes to the manual for the general guidelines. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approval the revised manual as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The information letter is attached.)
- Order 13: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests. None were submitted.
- Order 14: Came on before the court was the inspection of the new office annex (old sheriff's office/jail). The court did not tour the facility.
- Order 15: Public Comment
No Comments were presented.

The court recessed at 9:55 A.M.

The court resumed at 10:16 A.M.

Order 10: Came on for consideration was establishing guidelines and criteria for a reinvestment zone.
Judge Norman welcomed Randy Sowell, Manager of Field Operations for Freemantle Energy. The zone is named Red Hollow and is located in the north west corner of Garza County or the Southland area. He explained that Garza County resident Ronnie Dunn has been instrumental in organizing county landowners in forming a wind cooperative and helping Sowell with planning. He is asking for the court to declare the area a reinvestment zone, therefore, asking for tax abatements and making the wind energy project more of a reality. He provided the court with a map of the proposed reinvestment zone.

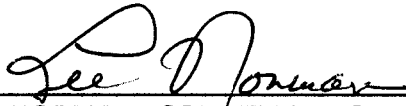
The court recessed at 10:50 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 10:55 A.M.

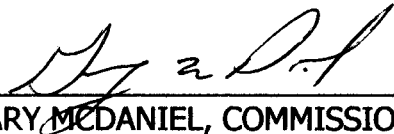
Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to continued dialog with Freemantle Energy on establishing guidelines and criteria for the reinvestment zone. Commissioner McDaniel abstained from voting.

With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The map and info are attached.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



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:

Jim Plummer

JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK