

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
300 WEST MAIN, POST, TEXAS 79356

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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, April 27, 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. Michael Isbell, EMC - Garza County Safety Award
5. Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District Proclamation
6. Discuss to Approve the Stimulus Package Garza County will be receiving from the State of Texas for Criminal Justice Funding
7. Discuss to Approve to Retain the firm of Allison, Bass & Associates for the 2011 Redistricting Project
8. Discuss to Approve the Changes to the 2009-2010 West Texas Food Services Contract
9. Discuss to Approve the Alternative Site Framework for Federal Trade Zone Operation
10. Discuss to Approve Application for Public Assistance #1  
Discuss to Approve Application for Public Assistance #2  
Discuss to Approve Application for Public Assistance #3
11. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
12. Inspect Progress fo New Office Annex

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JIM PLUMMER  
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
By [Signature] 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, April 27, 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; and Pct. 4-Mike Sanchez.

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

Also present were Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator; and Rosa Latimer, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

Order 1: Minutes from the April 13, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris. With at least three 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. AgriLife Extension Office/Jones
- b. AgriLife Extension Office/McDonald
- c. Garza County Juvenile Board
- d. Judge Norman explained that at the recent West Texas Judges' and Commissioners' conference that many issues were discussed concerning the current legislative session. One particular item of concern is the formula used by the state comptroller for determining the market factor value of oil which affects ad valorem taxation rates. The market factor value being discussed for the next fiscal year is \$35 per barrel which is down from \$96 per barrel used in the current year. The judge encouraged home owners to contact their state representatives to address this issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to accept the reports as presented. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Reports are attached.)

- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for April 14, 2009 through April 27, 2009.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are allowed and ordered paid and presented to the Treasurer for payment.  
With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Printout is attached.)
- Order 4: Came on before the court was the presentation of the county safety award. Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell explained that the county qualified for the 2008 Texas Association of Counties' Safety Award because there was no lost time due to accidents.  
No action necessary.  
*Judge Norman added that he and other local and state officials were involved in a conference call with the state's Homeland Security division concerning the Swine Flu. The theme of the discussion was to be concerned, safe and aware of the situation.*
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the proclamation of the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Order 6: Came on for discussion was the Stimulus Package funds Garza County will receive from the State of Texas for Criminal Justice Funding.  
Judge Norman explained that Garza County qualifies for \$33,000 in stimulus funding and will be handled through the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG).  
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the Stimulus Package grant of \$33,000 offered to Garza County from the State of Texas through SPAG.  
With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was whether to retain the law firm of Allison, Bass & Associates (ABA) for the 2011 Redistricting Project.

Judge Norman pointed out that the redistricting of precincts are required by law after the release of the 2010 census. ABA is the firm that handled the previous redistricting in 2001. Two options were offered: a flat fee/fixed rate and an hourly fee plan. The cost of the project will be absorbed over the next three budget cycles. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to engage Allison, Bass & Associates for Professional Services for the redistricting project at the flat rate/fixed fee plan. The maximum cost will be \$13,500.

With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The contract is attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was changes to the 2009-2010 West Texas Food Service Cooperative contract. Judge Norman explained that the county generally contracts for food service for the juvenile center. This is an opportunity to go through the Region 19 Service Center system that the school districts use and reduce the food costs. Treasurer Young added that this group provides the detailed food nutrition information that is required by the state.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to enter into a contract with West Texas Food Services for the year 2009-2010 beginning in June 2009.

With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The letter and agreement are attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was the Alternative Site Framework for Federal Trade Zone Operation. Judge Norman explained that this was brought to his attention by Market Lubbock, Inc. This addresses the inventory taxes on products stored in the trade zone. The county would not collect taxes on the inventory until the finished product leaves the trade zone.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to designate Garza County as a Foreign Trade Zone in the State of Texas. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The letter is attached.)

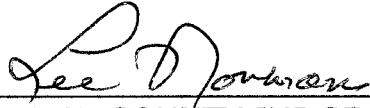
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Meeting resumed at 9:42 A.M.

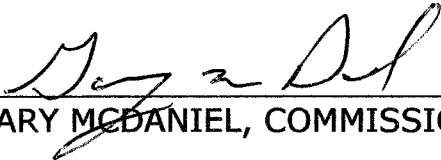
- Order 10: Came on for consideration were three public assistance applications.
- a. I. G. requested funding for rent, electricity and gas for a total of \$191.82.  
A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to deny the request unless the applicant can comply with certain application stipulations and then approved by Attorney Munk. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The request is attached.)
  - b. B.C. requested funding for electricity and gas for a total of \$101.54. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to deny the request because the applicant did not qualify. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The application is attached.)
  - c. C. C. requested funding for water and electricity for a total of \$178.25.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the request of \$80 of assistance. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The application is attached.)
- Order 11: Came on for consideration were line item transfers and budget amendment requests.  
One (1) line item transfer was submitted.
- a. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the line item transfer presented for the Emergency Management Coordinator's office for \$400.  
With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 12: Came on before the court was the inspection of the new office annex (old sheriff's office/jail).  
Clerk Plummer announced that he is investigating the possible use of HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds in

assisting with the rehabilitation of the part of the building that will be used to store the election equipment. The court toured the facility.

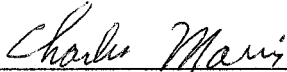
The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.



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LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



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GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



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CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



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TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



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MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:



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JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK