

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
300 WEST MAIN , POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, June 8, 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. Discuss to Approve Health & Human Services Upgrades on Office Spaces at Multi-Service Building
5. Discuss to Approve to Sponsor and Fund Firemen for A&M Fire School
6. Discuss Law Enforcement Contract with City of Post
7. Discuss to Approve Bid on 310 Henry Street, Post, Texas
8. Discuss to Approve Bid on 314 Henry Street, Post, Texas
9. Discuss assistance for VOCA Grant
10. Discuss Current Status of Westlaw Contract
11. Discuss Garza County Burn Ban Changes
12. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
13. Inspect Progress for New Office Annex

FILED

6-4-09 11:40 a.m.

JIM PLUMMER

BY

Jim Plummer
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

DEPUTY



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE III OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, WE INVITE ALL ATTENDEES TO ADVISE US OF ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITY. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE, OF THE MEETING YOU WISH TO ATTEND BY CONTACTING MEG NELSON AT 806-495-4405.

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, June 8, 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; Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Eric Cravy, Constable 2.

Also present were Billie Williams, Secretary to the Judge; Jayta Cravy, Victim's Assistance Advocate; and Jarod Standlee, Yellowhouse Machinery Company.

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

Note: Jerrod Standlee of Yellowhouse Machinery Company invited the court to their open house on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Order 1: Minutes from the May 26, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner McDaniel 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. Treasurer
- b. County Budget Analysis
- c. Judge Norman informed the court that he, Attorney Munk and Commissioner McDaniel have been involved in developing criteria and guidelines for a reinvestment zone for the Southland wind energy project (or Red Hollow) that will be brought to the court in the next few meetings.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez 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 May 27, 2009 through June 8, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel 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 for consideration was Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) upgrades on office spaces at the multi-service building (or county barn).

Judge Norman explained that the group operates out of a county building and presented a letter from the HHSC Regional Business Officer, Larry DeLeon.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to make improvements, contract the work out, manage the project, pay the contractor and bill the State for full reimbursement for \$5515. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Email message is attached.)

Order 5: Came on for consideration was to sponsor and fund firemen to attend the A&M fire school. Judge Norman explained that two firemen want to attend the school July 19-24, 2009 at a cost of \$1200 each.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel that the county fund \$2400 to send two firemen to the Texas A&M firemen's school. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 6: Came on for discussion was a law enforcement contract with the City of Post. Judge Norman explained that he met with the mayor and city manager and they expressed that they want to work together and plan to meet again this week. Attorney Munk shared the previous agreement sent to the city to cover the current fiscal year was not signed by the mayor in time according to the Local Government Code. He suggested that to comply with the code, the county should send a letter.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to send a letter of confirmation that the county is entering into the contract according to the Local Government Code. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 7: Came on for consideration was a bid for property: Lots 8 & 9, Block 2 [310 Henry (May) Street] in the original town site of Post. Paul Perez offered \$300. The taxes owed are \$454 and the property (no structures) currently appraises for \$1840.

A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the offer as presented pending the approval of the other taxing entities.

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

Order 8: Came on for consideration was a bid for property: Lots 10 & 11, Block 2 [314 Henry (May) Street] in the original town site of Post. Paul Perez offered \$300. The taxes owed are \$1078.12 and the property (no structures) currently appraised for \$1840.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to accept the offer as presented pending the approval of the other taxing entities.

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

Order 9: Came on for discussion was assistance for the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant. Victims assistance advocate Jayta Cravy requested office help to assist her in maintaining the effectiveness of the program. Judge Norman added that most of her current budget is covered by a grant. The judge added that the additional position is not covered in the budget. Attorney Munk has offered the services of his secretary for the interim period (pending her approval) until the next fiscal year or until a person is found to fill the position. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to consider funding the position in the future and to utilize the County Attorney's secretary until further notice. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Court recessed at 10:07 A.M.

Court resumed at 10:25 A.M.

Order 10: Came on for discussion was the current status of the Westlaw contract. Attorney Munk explained that he has nothing new since the last communication. Judge Norman added that the court addressed this issue in a previous meeting. The court confirmed that the attorney may and use the funds for continuing legal education. No action taken.

Order 11: Came on for consideration was changes to the current 90 day burn ban: Order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning ordered by the court on May 11, 2009. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to repeal (lift) the current Order for Garza County Prohibition of Outdoor Burning taking effect immediately. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Repeal of Order is attached.)

Order 12: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests. Three (3) line item transfers were submitted.
a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the line item transfer presented for the Emergency Management Coordinator's office for \$300. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

b. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the line item transfer presented for the AgriLife/Jones office from AgriLife/McDonald's office for \$380. With at least three 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 Road & Bridge 2 office for \$3000. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 13: Came on before the court was the inspection of the new office annex (old sheriff's office/jail).
The court decided not to tour the facility.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3



MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST: 

JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK