

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.**  
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
POST, TEXAS 79356

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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, July 13, 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. Public Comment.
5. Report by Community Recovery Center Personnel-Cris Atkinson and Alex Langohr
6. Discuss to Approve Contract Agreement for Medical Services for Jail
7. Discuss to Accept Purchase of Transportation Vehicle for Jail
8. Discuss to Approve Law Enforcement Contract With The City of Post
9. Discuss to Approve Extending Leave Time for Meg Nelson
10. Discuss to Approve Renewal Health and Employee Insurance Benefits
11. Discuss to Approve Bid on Lot 8 Block 13, N. Ave G, Post, Texas
12. Discuss to Approve Bid on 609 N. Ave L., Post, Texas
13. Discuss to Approve Request to Comptroller for Refund Under the Texas Property Code, Section 74.602
14. Discuss to Approve Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year 2010
15. Discuss to Approve Texas SAVNS/Vine Maintenance Contracts, Fiscal Year 2010
16. Discuss to Approve Negotiations with John Cox, Attorney, as a Representative for County Interests in Proposed Easement Agreements with Lake Allen Henry Water Line to be Built by the City of Lubbock
17. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
18. Inspect Progress for New Office Annex

FILED 7-9-09 10:45 a.m.  
JIM PLUMMER  
BY Lena Roden DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, July 13, 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 Cliff Laws, Sheriff.

Also present: Billie Williams, Secretary to the Judge; Stephanie Hataway, County Jail Employee; Michael O'Bryan, Jail Marketing Director; Chris Atkinson and Alex Langohr of the Community Recovery Center; Jim Overby, Bledsoe Insurance Agency, Inc.; Chris Faught, Texas Association of Counties; and Rosa Latimer, Post Dispatch.

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

Order 1: Minutes from the June 22, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel. 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. District/County Clerk
- b. Tax Assessor/Collector
- c. Treasurer
- d. County Budget Analysis
- e. Senior Transportation
- f. Justice of the Peace-1
- g. Justice of the Peace-2
- h. AgriLife Extension Service/Jones
- i. AgriLife Extension Service/McDorald
- j. Stephanie Hataway explained that the jail has ~~signed a~~ contract with the United States Marshall's service. She also introduced Michael O'Bryan as her replacement as the jail's new marketing director.
- k. Sheriff Laws informed the court that the county jail population is now at 91: 63 from Lubbock County, 6 from Scurry County, 1 from Crosby County and 21 Garza County inmates.

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Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 June 23, 2009 through July 13, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon 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 5: Came on for presentation was a report of the Community Recovery Center. Chris Atkinson gave an overview of the center's services. He also introduced Alex Langohr, who will focus on working with the youth. Both Atkinson and Langohr are licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors. The center's new website, [www.garzacrc.com](http://www.garzacrc.com), is up and running. No action was necessary.

Order 4: Public Comment  
Judge Norman explained that since there has been a request from a private company to compete for the county's various insurance needs, the county has submitted a Request for Proposals.  
a. Jim Overby of Bledsoe Insurance explained how his plans operate in comparison to the plan of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). He explained that his agency can save the county money.  
b. Chris Faught of TAC had no comment.  
No action was necessary.

Order 6: Came on for consideration was a contract agreement for medical services for the county jail.  
Stephanie Hataway, jail employee, explained that the group that contracts with the Dalby Unit, Physicians Network Association (PNA), would not to be able to service the Garza County Jail under the same contract. There would need to be a separate contract and a separate doctor assigned to the jail. PNA can guarantee that their fee would be less than \$6000 per month.  
Dr. Ben Edwards' (of the Garza County Health Clinic) contract fee is \$2500 per month. Judge Norman added that in order to secure a contract for federal inmates, the jail must have a doctor's contract in place.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to accept the proposal as presented for a six month contract with Dr. Ben Edwards. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Contract is attached.)

Order 7: Came on for consideration was the purchase of a transportation vehicle for the county jail.  
Sheriff Laws presented three quotes:  
a. Smith Ford cargo van, \$28,811  
b. Robert Hall Chevrolet cargo van, \$23,425

c. Robert Hall Chevrolet passenger van, \$26,816  
The required cage is not included. It should cost another \$8600.  
Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to purchase the passenger van in quote c. from Robert Hall Chevrolet for \$26,816. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Quotes are attached.)

Court recessed at 9:50 A.M.

Court resumed at 10:08 A.M.

- Order 8: Came on for discussion was the law enforcement contract with the City of Post. Judge Norman presented an official contract for the current fiscal year. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the Law Enforcement Cooperation Interlocal Agreement between Garza County and the City of Post as presented. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Contract is attached.)
- Order 9: Came on for consideration was the extension of leave time for Meg Nelson. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to extend leave time for 30 days for Meg Nelson. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 10: Came on for consideration was the health insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for Garza County through the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Health and Employee Benefits Pool (HEBP). Treasurer Young informed the court that the increase is approximately 6.1% (or \$51.10 per employee/elected official per month), no change in benefits, no change in co-pay for office visits and prescriptions and that the county will receive a renewal credit of \$13,005 to be prorated over the next fiscal year. The county's cost per employee/elected official per month is \$693.95. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the renewal of Health/Life insurance with TAC HEBP for the fiscal year 2009-2010. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Details are attached.)
- Order 11: Came on for consideration was a bid for county property: Lot 8, Block 13 (N. Ave G) in the original town site of Post. Ramon Villa offered \$300. The taxes and arrearages owed are \$1394 and the property currently appraises for \$1250. Tax A/C Bush emphasized that it is a vacant lot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the bid from Ramon Villa 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 12: Came on for consideration was a bid for county property located at 609 N. Ave. L: south half of Lot 7, south half of Lot 8 and the south half of the east ten feet of Lot 6, Block 7 in the original town site of Post. Mike Gomez offered \$4000. The taxes and arrearages owed are \$7795.21 and the property currently appraises for \$13,270.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris to accept the bid pending the approval of the other taxing entities with the payment to be received at the end of the process.

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

Order 13: Came on for consideration was a request to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for a refund under Texas Property Code, Section 74.602. Judge Norman explained that the county can request \$1072.15 of unclaimed funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to submit a request for \$1072.15 to the Comptroller.

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

Order 14: Came on for consideration was the 2010 Annual Imposition of Optional Fees in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code.

Tax Collector/Assessor Bush recommended that the court increase the County Road and Bridge Fee from \$7.50 to \$10.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to increase the County Road and Bridge Fee to \$10.00 with \$5.00 of that fee dedicated to the repair of the bridge on County Road 386, located west of Justiceburg in Commissioner Precinct 4. Also, starting today, the Treasurer should take \$6000 out of current funds from this fee and create a separate dedicated line item for the usage of this fee. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

Order 15: Came on for consideration was the renewal of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) Program agreement.

Judge Norman explained that this is a service that helps victims of crime and other involved individuals track perpetrators. The county is reimbursed by the Attorney General's office for the cost of the service.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner

Sanchez to approve the VINE Program agreement. With all four commissioners voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- Order 16: Came on for discussion was negotiations with John Cox, Attorney, as a representative for Garza County in proposed easements agreements with the Lake Allen Henry water pipeline to be built by the City of Lubbock. Judge Norman explained that Cox has been working in other areas of this project. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to negotiate an agreement for services provided by attorney John Cox. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 17: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests. Four (4) line item transfers were submitted.
- a. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the line item transfer presented for the Road & Bridge 2 office for \$2000. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
  - b. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Constable 1 office for \$1500. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
  - c. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the line item transfer presented for the Constable 2 office for \$800. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
  - d. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the line item transfer presented for the Emergency Management Coordinator office for \$300. With at least three court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- Order 18: Came on before the court was the inspection of the new office annex (old sheriff's office/jail). The court decided to tour the facility.

*Note: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009.*

The court recessed at 11:10 A.M.

The court resumed at 11:25 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 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