

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
300 WEST MAIN,
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

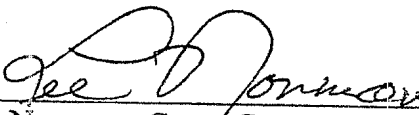
Call to Order- Friday, August 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

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 a New Services and Pricing Package Regarding the County's CIRA Account
5. Discuss to Approve the Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees
6. Discuss to Approve the Order for the Consolidation of Election Precinct Boxes to One Polling Place for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election
7. Approve Early Voting Poll Workers for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election
8. Approve the Judge and Alternate Judge for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election
9. Approve the Judge and Alternate Judge for the Early Voting Ballot Board for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election
10. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
11. 2009-2010 Budget Workshop
12.

A. Take Record Vote	B. Schedule Public Hearings
Inspect Progress for New Office Annex	

FILED 8-17-09 4:17 P. M.
JIM PLUMMER
BY Jim Plummer DEPUTY
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

(Note: The meeting was moved from August 24, 2009 due to a scheduling conflict.)

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Friday, August 21, 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; Judy Bush, Tax Assessor/Collector; and Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer; and Cliff Laws, Sheriff. Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Michael O'Bryan, Jail Marketing Director; Brandt Taylor, Chief Probation Officer; and Rosa Latimer, Post Dispatch.

Judge Norman called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

- Order 1: Minutes from the August 10, 2009 regular meeting were approved as amended with a motion by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel. 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:
No reports presented. No action taken.
- Order 3: Came on to be considered were the precinct and countywide accounts payable for August 11, 2009 through August 21, 2009. Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are allowed and ordered paid pending the signing of the affidavit by at least three commissioners next week and then 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 a new services and pricing package regarding the county's County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) account. CIRA hosts most of the county's email accounts. No action taken.
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the Sheriff's' and Constables' Fees. No action taken.
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the Order for the Consolidation of Election Precinct Boxes to One Polling Place for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Clerk Plummer explained that it is customary for Garza County to consolidate the voting precincts to one location due to the historically low voter turnout for the Constitutional Amendment elections. He's expecting about 200 voters. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to Order the consolidation of the six regular polling places into one location for Election Day, November 3, 2009. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Order is attached.)

Order 7: Came on for consideration was the appointment of the Early Voting Poll Workers for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to appoint the Early Voting Poll workers as presented: Terri Laurence, clerk; Rebecca Quintana, Deputy Clerk; and Lina Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was to appoint the Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to appoint Travis Sweet as the Presiding Judge and Billie Jean Cross as the Alternate Judge for the November 3, 2009. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (Information is attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was the appointment of the Judge and Alternate Judge for the Early Voting Ballot Board (EVBB) for the November 3, 2009 Constitutional Amendment Election. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to appoint Kathy Beach as the EVBB Presiding Judge and Jessie Raben as the Alternate Judge. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 10: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests. None were submitted. No action taken.

Meeting recessed at 9:14 A.M.

Meeting resumed at 9:16 A.M.

Order 11: 2009-2010 Budget Workshop

Judge Norman explained that at the beginning of this workshop the budget is at a \$144,635 deficit using the .375 tax rate.

Discussion started on page 25 with the Sheriff's department budgets.

Sheriff Laws explained his budget and answered questions. Judge Norman added that Winkler County has seven deputies and they do not patrol the three cities in the county. Garza County has eight deputies and patrols the City of Post.

As of this morning the jail had 69 out-of-county prisoners.

Judge Norman addressed a rumor referring to deputies losing their jobs. He added that the signing of an employee affidavit is a condition (requirement) of employment with Garza County and is not connected to the talk of cutting jobs.

Sheriff Laws said that the county can't force employees to sign the affidavit. He expressed that it will cause problems with sheriff's employees. Claimed no one "on list" will sign the affidavit. Judge Norman suggested that the sheriff or a representative from his department be present at commissioners' court meetings so that communication can improve.

Meeting recessed at 10:29 A.M.

Meeting resumed at 10:47 A.M.

Brandt Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, presented his budget to the court.

Pay raise percentages were discussed.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 P.M.

Meeting resumed at 1:34 P.M.

The judge reported that the latest figure mentioned by the City of Post for its contribution to law enforcement is \$275,000.

Cuts in other parts of the budget were discussed and made.

Meeting recessed at 1:08 P.M.

Meeting resumed at 1:17 P.M.

Tax Assessor/Collector Judy Bush discussed preliminary ad valorem tax figures:
The effective tax rates are:
Maintenance & Operation (M&O), .36972.
The Interest & Sinking (I&S) debt rate is .00528.

The total roll back rate is .38441.

Order 12: A. A motion to approve the proposed total tax rate of .375 cents per \$100 property valuation was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. The rate does not exceed the roll back rate. With the vote being called for and all five court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

B. A motion to schedule two proposed tax rate public hearings and the date for the adoption of the budget and setting of the tax rate as follows:
Friday, September 4, 2009, 9:15 A.M. at Trailblazers (Public Hearing) and
Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 5:00 P.M. at Trailblazers (Public Hearing).
Monday, September 21, 2009, 9:00 A.M to adopt the budget and then set the tax rate.

was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. With a majority of the 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 2:35 P.M.



LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

Charles Morris

CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

Jed Brannon

TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

Mike Sanchez

MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

Jim Plummer

JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK



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**Welcome to the
Commissioners Court
of Garza County**

*Please leave any printed
material you presented
with the Clerk.
Thank You!*

Date: Aug. 21, 2009

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Cliff Lewis	Sheriff	Yes	Yes
2	Michael O'Brien	Sheriff	No	No
3	Brenda Taylor	Probation	Yes	Yes
4	Rosa Latimer	Post Dispatch	no	no
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