

NOTICE OF MEETING  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.  
GARZA COUNTY TRAILBLAZERS  
205 EAST 10TH, POST, TEXAS 79356

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COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Friday, September 4, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**9:00 a.m. Public Hearing**

APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT RECORD ARCHIVE FEE  
AND SET THE FEE

1. VOTE ON THE PLAN FOR USE OF THE DISTRICT COURT RECORD ARCHIVE FUND
2. VOTE ON THE PLAN FOR USE OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION FUND
3. VOTE ON THE PLAN FOR USE OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S ARCHIVAL FUND
4. VOTE ON THE PLAN FOR USE OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND
5. VOTE ON THE PLAN FOR USE OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY FUND
6. APPROVE THE SHERIFF AND CONSTABLES FEES
7. APPROVE A FEE FOR CIVIL CASES FILED IN GARZA COUNTY
8. APPROVE FEE SCHEDULES FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY FILINGS AND RECORDINGS
9. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH GAINES COUNTY FOR JAIL SERVICES

**9:15A.M. Public Hearing**

2009-2010 GARZA COUNTY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

FILED 8-31-09 8:55 a. M.  
JIM BUMMER  
BY Lee Norman DEPUTY  
CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,  
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

  
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Lee Norman - Garza County Judge



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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: SEPT. 4, 2009

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
1	Jeff & Susan Hunt	Jim & Gerry's Antiques	?	NO
2	Rosa Latimer	Rosa Latimer	no	no
3	Mildred	Garza Co. S.O.	no	no
4	Marcus Lively	Garza Co. S.O.	no	no
5	RONALD GILBERT	GARZA CO. S.O.	no	no
6	Mitch Day		no	no
7	Bobby Dean			
8	JANEL DEAN			
9	Michael C. Broyen	Sheriff's Dept	no	no
10	Joyce Taylor	sheriff Dept		
11	Chris Speegle	Sheriff Dept	no	no
12	Tommy Binford	" "	no	no
13	Merika Strivens	Community Recovery Center	no	no
14	Melinda Smith			
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A special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Friday, September 4, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens' Center, 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 Collector/Assessor; and Cliff Laws, Sheriff.

Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant; Billie Williams, Secretary to the Judge; Sheriff's Deputies and employees: Tommy Binford (Chief), Michael Taylor, Marcus Lively, Ronald Gilbert, Chris Speegle, Michael O'Bryan (Jail Marketing Director), and Joyce Taylor.

Also present were Jim and Gerry Hunt, Bobby and Janet Dean, Mitch Day, Marika Strivens, Melvin Britton and Rosa Latimer of the Post Dispatch.

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

#### 9:00 A.M. Public Hearing:

Came on before the court was a public hearing about the adoption and setting of the District Court Record Archive Fee.

Clerk Plummer explained that the fee came out of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature in Senate Bill 1685 (Local Government Code: 118.0216.) Also, if the court adopts the fee, the court must then set the fee at no more than \$5. The funds must be dedicated to support the preservation and restoration of district court records. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to Order the adoption of the District Court Record Archive Fee and to set the fee at \$5. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 1: Came on for consideration was the Plan for use of the District Court Record Archive Fund.  
The funds must be dedicated to support its specific purposes. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars.  
Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel to approve the Plan for use of the District Court Record Archive Fund. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Plan is attached.)

Order 2: Came on for consideration was the Plan for use of the County Clerk's Records Management and Preservation Fund (RMF).

The funds must be dedicated to support its specific purposes. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars. Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the Plan for use of the County Clerk's Records Management and Preservation Fund. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Plan is attached.)

- Order 3: Came on for consideration was the Plan for use of the County Clerk's Archival Fund.  
The funds must be dedicated to support its specific purposes. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the Plan for use of the County Clerk's Archival Fund. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Plan is attached.)
- Order 4: Came on for consideration was the Plan for use of the County and District Court Technology Fund (Criminal).  
The fee is new, passed by the 81<sup>st</sup> legislature. The funds must be dedicated to support its specific purposes. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars. Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the Plan for use of the County and District Court Technology Fund (Criminal). With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Plan is attached.)
- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the Plan for use of the County and District Court Technology Fund (Civil).  
The fee is new, passed by the 81<sup>st</sup> legislature. The court must set the fee at no more than \$10. The funds must be dedicated to support its specific purposes. The funds are derived from user fees and are not tax dollars. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to set the fee at \$10 and to approve the Plan for use of the County and District Court Technology Fund (Civil). With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Plan is attached.)
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the Sheriff and Constable service fees. No action was taken.
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was a resolution establishing a fee in support of the Seventh Court of Appeals District.

The fee is new, passed by the 81<sup>st</sup> legislature. According to Senate Bill 1259 (Government Code: 22.2081) the commissioners' court must adopt the \$5 fee to be assessed in civil suit cases filed in county and district courts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the Appeals Court Fee. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Resolution is attached.)

Order 8: Came on for consideration was the 2009-2011 District and County Clerk's fee schedules.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the schedule of fees as presented pending the approval of the Sheriff and Constable fees at a later date. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The Fee Schedules are attached.)

Order 9: Came on for consideration was contract with Gaines County for jail services.

Sheriff Laws presented the contract already signed by the Gaines County Commissioners' Court. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the contract as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The contract is attached.)

*Note: Sheriff Laws added that the jail is now under contract with six counties and the U.S. Marshall's Service. Today's jail population is 86 and 72 of them are out-of-county inmates.*

The meeting recessed at 9:30 A.M.

The meeting resumed at 9:41 A.M.

9:15 A.M. Public Budget Hearing  
(Started at 9:41 A.M.)

Came on before the court was the first of two public hearings concerning the proposed 2009-2010 budget.

Judge Norman welcomed the attendees. The proposed budget will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$149,494 or by 5.17% and that \$10,804 is tax revenue to be raised from new

property added to the tax roll. The county valuation is \$752,000,000 which is a drop of \$113,000,000 in valuations from last year. The decrease is due to lower mineral values. The mineral interests will provide for 73.5% of the tax revenue in the proposed budget. The proposed tax rate is .375 per \$100 valuation. That's up from the current .309 tax rate. The increase will affect property owners because of devaluation of minerals.

The judge explained why the increase in revenue is needed:

\$44,000 for health insurance, \$10,000 Museum, \$107,000 to the elevator (ADA fund).

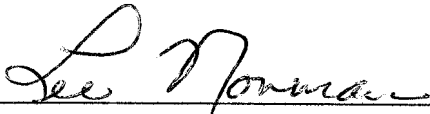
The new law enforcement center's debt will be paid by moneys borrowed, revenues generated from out of county inmates, ~~the Dalby Unit and the inmate phone system.~~ The center's debt payments will be paid over the next twenty years. *JP*

The Dalby Unit has seven years left on the bond payment.

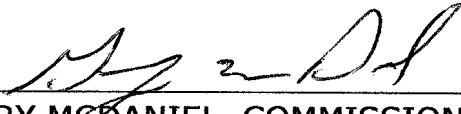
The elevator and law enforcement issues were introduced and discussed at length.

The second and final public budget hearing is set for Wednesday, September 9, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens' Center.

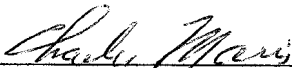
The meeting adjourned at 10:22 A.M.




LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

*Mike Sanchez*

MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:

*Jim Plummer*

JIM PLUMMER, COUNTY CLERK