

NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 2009 AT 9:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, GARZA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
POST, TEXAS 79356

COMPLETE AGENDA:

Call to Order- Monday, September 28, 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. EMC Update
5. Discuss to Approve 2010 Garza County Resolution- Indigent Defense Grant Program
6. Discuss to Approve SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract Between The Office of The Attorney General and Garza County For The State Fiscal Year 2010
7. Discuss to Approve Sheriff Office and Constables Fees
8. Discuss to Approve Change to Retiree Medical Program
9. Discuss to Approve Credit Card Payments for County Taxes Only
10. Discuss Historical Grant
11. Budget Amendments and Line Item Transfers
12. Inspect Progress for New Office Annex



Lee Norman - Garza County Judge

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CLERK OF COUNTY COURT,
GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

A regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Garza County, Texas was held on Monday, September 28, 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 and Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor. Also present: Meg Nelson, Administrative Assistant and Michael Isbell, Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

Order 1: Minutes from the September 9, 2009 special public budget tax hearing, the September 14, 2009 regular hearing and the September 21, 2009 special budget and tax rate adoption hearing were approved as presented with a motion by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Morris. 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:

- a. District/County Clerk
- b. Tax Assessor/Collector
- c. Senior Transportation
- d. Justice of the Peace-1
- e. Justice of the Peace-2
- f. AgriLife Extension Service/Jones
- g. AgriLife Extension Service/McDonald
- h. Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund, 2008
- i. Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Funds, 2005

Motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to accept the reports as presented. With a majority of the 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 September 15, 2009 through September 28, 2009. Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner McDaniel that all such accounts presented in the fund requirement print-out are allowed and ordered paid and 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 presentation was an update from the Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell.

Isbell wanted to clear up misinformation the court has heard concerning MRE (meals ready to eat) used during fires. He said that the MREs are not out of date as previously reported. Also, that they are free to the county. Sometimes a private business will donate food (hamburgers) to the cause. But that can't be expected each time. That's when the MREs are used. Some of the firefighters have expressed dissatisfaction with the MREs. Isbell says his responsibility is to provide food and MREs are available when other food is not.
No action taken.

- Order 5: Came on for consideration was the 2010 Garza County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.
The grant is offered to the county from the Task Force on Indigent Defense. It helps fund the payment of court appointed attorneys and witness fees. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Morris to approve the resolution.
With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The resolution is attached.)
- Order 6: Came on for consideration was the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract between the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and Garza County for the State Fiscal Year 2010.
The program is to maintain Texas counties in a statewide system that will provide relevant offender release information, court settings or events, promote public safety and support the rights of victims of crime.
Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve OAG Contract No. 1012178. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The contract is attached.)
- Order 7: Came on for consideration was the Sheriff and Constable fees.
The fee schedule was submitted with no changes from the previous submission. Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the fees as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered. (The fees are attached.)
- Order 8: Came on for consideration was a change to the retiree medical program. Judge Norman explained that the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) is changing plans from Aetna to Monumental Life Insurance beginning January 1, 2010 and that Employee Authorization forms are needed by TAC by November 1, 2009. He informed the court that 13 people are covered on the counties plan, two of which are spouses of retired county employees and those two pay their own premiums. The Monumental Life premiums are based on age and range from \$277.12 and \$373.46. There will be an increase in the county's annual

contribution from \$36,897.96 to \$43,196.76. The amount budgeted for this item for the 2009-2010 will cover the total cost.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brannon and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the change in the retiree medical program. 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 Credit Card payments for County Taxes only. Tax Collector/Assessor Bush said that new legislation requires her office to take credit card payments. She will not accept credit cards in the office, but will offer the service by way of the internet or by calling the vendor, Official Payments. The service should be available to the tax payer by the end of November. There is no cost to the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the contract with Official Payments as presented. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
(Contract is attached.)

Order 10: Came on for discussion was an historical grant. Judge Norman contacted an engineer at Parkhill, Smith and Cooper about the prospect of a grant for courthouse restoration. The county tried to obtain a grant twice before. A new grant opportunity may be available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to authorize Judge Norman to continue pursuing options with the engineer. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

Order 11: Came on for consideration was line item transfers and budget amendment requests. Sixteen (16) line item transfers and one (1) budget amendment were submitted.

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Extension Agents' office for \$110.37. With a majority of the 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 Extension Agents' office for \$260.52. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

c. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Constable #2 office for \$1285.10. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- d. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the R&B #2 office for \$180.76. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- e. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the MHMR office for \$779.41. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- f. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the budget amendment presented for the Clerk's office for \$1103. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- g. 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 \$437. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- h. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Judge's office for \$814.90. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- i. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the EMC office for \$400.63. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- j. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the EMC office for \$75.99. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- k. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Clerk's office for \$17.25. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- l. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Extension Agents' office for \$221.32. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- m. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the

R&B #2 office for \$22.33. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.

- n. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the R&B #4 office for \$102.57. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- o. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the county Attorney's office for \$4.00. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- p. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for the Jail Maintenance office for \$12,065. With a majority of the court members voting aye, the motion carried and so ordered.
- q. A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Brannon to approve the line item transfer presented for Group Health Insurance for \$5441.44. With a majority of the 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). The judge said there has not been much progress since the last tour. The court did not tour the facility.

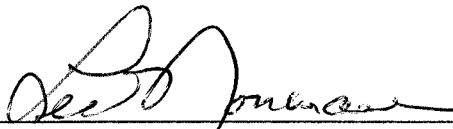
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The judge responded to the item in the Post Dispatch about no one present on the second floor on a Friday. He said that each office determines its own schedule and some officials and employees work after hours.

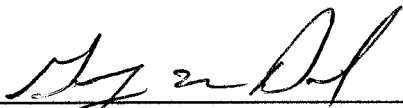
Tax collector/Assessor Judy Bush mentioned that there is a property up for bid at 609 N. Ave. L. A Lady who is working on the property said that an unknown man is charging her rent for a property. It is owned by the county. Bush requested locks to be put on the house until the sale of the house is formally approved by the commissioners.

Commissioner Sanchez inquired on behalf of David DelBosque of Old Gringo Lake Supply about on premise consumption of alcohol. His establishment already sells beer and wine for off premise consumption.

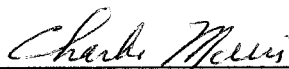
The meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.



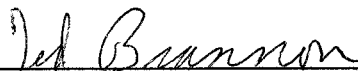
LEE NORMAN, COUNTY JUDGE



GARY MCDANIEL, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1



CHARLES MORRIS, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2



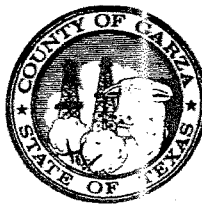
TED BRANNON, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

MIKE SANCHEZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 4

ATTEST:



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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. 28, 2009

	Name (please print)	Organization's Name	Addressing the Court "Yes" or "No"	Leaving Printed Material "Yes" or "No"
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