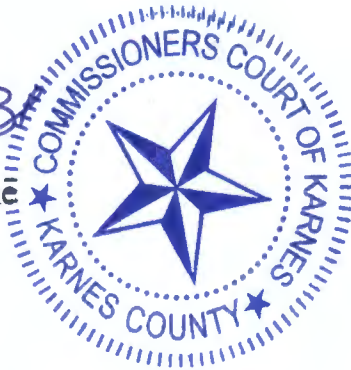


I, Carol Swize, County Clerk of Karnes County, Texas, do hereby certify that the following Commissioners Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting on August 8, 2024.

ATTEST:

Carol Swize
Carol Swize, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners Court of
Karnes County, Texas



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

SPECIAL SESSION/BUDGET WORKSHOP – August 8, 2024

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Karnes County Multipurpose Room located at 210 West Calvert Avenue, in the city of Karnes City, Texas, with the following members present:

Wade Hedtke	County Judge	
Shelby Dupnik	Commissioner, Precinct #1	absent
Benny Lyssy	Commissioner, Precinct #2	
James Rosales	Commissioner, Precinct #3	
Wes Gisler	Commissioner, Precinct #4	
Carol Swize	County Clerk	

1. Welcome.
Judge Hedtke opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Quorum Present X Yes No Absent: Commissioner Dupnik
3. Opening Prayer.
Judge Hedtke gave the opening prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
There were none.

6. Convene into Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2024-2025.
7. Discuss/**Approve**/Disapprove: Approve publication of proposed salaries, expenses or allowances for elected county or precinct officials and approve publication. Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke

A motion by Commissioner Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Lyssy to approve the above agenda item as presented with the following amendments:

County Judge	\$80,000.00
County Clerk	\$74,000.00
County Treasurer	\$74,000.00
County Commissioner	\$74,000.00
District Clerk	\$74,000.00
Tax Assessor-Collector	\$74,000.00
County Attorney	\$77,000.00
County Constable	\$55,000.00
Justice of the Peace	\$60,000.00
Sheriff	\$90,000.00

All voted aye.

Motion carried 4 - 0

8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Setting proposed tax Rate of Tax year 2024. (Tax 26.065 (b)) Authors: Judge Wade J. Hedtke/Tammy Braudaway-Tax Collector
- A motion by Commissioner Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Lyssy to approve setting the tax rate as:**

Maintenance and Operations	\$0.200323 per \$100 valuation
Road and Bridge Special	\$0.034176 per \$100 valuation

Total proposed Karnes County 2024 Tax Rate \$0.234499

All voted aye.

Motion carried 4 – 0

9. Discuss/Take action: On the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke

Proposed amendments:

Commissioner Rosales:

***Sheriff's office - increase Sheriff's conference expense from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and training expense from \$11,500 to \$15,000**

***Road & Bridge: increase Uniform/Boot allowance from \$26,000 to \$42,000**

***Road & Bridge – take out \$100,000 from R&B Building Repair and add it to Road & Bridge Capital Outlay with an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000**

Commissioner Lyssy:

***requests \$35,000 for a vehicle for the Veterans' Service Officer; \$2,500 for maintenance and \$2,500 for fuel; also revise the salary of the VSO to reflect \$41,200.00**
***request to pay the Medical Director – Dr. Saldana - \$48,000/annually (from \$20,000)**

Commissioner Gisler:

***requests to add one inspector position and one maintenance tech I position to Road & Bridge department.**

***In the Maintenance Department, Commissioner Rosales requested to increase the conference expense from \$1,200 to \$2,000. Also, increase uniform allowance from \$3,000 to \$3,500.**

***In the Elections department, \$500 for fuel will be added.**

A motion by Commissioner Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Gisler to approve the Proposed Budget for FY 2024 as amended and presented.

Commissioners Lyssy, Rosales and Gisler voted aye.

Judge Hedtke voted no.

Motion carried 3 - 1

10. **Acknowledge** the Commissioners Court will reconvene to hold a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop on August 9, 2024 at 1:30p.m. in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.

It was determined by the court that this meeting would not be necessary.

11. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Rosales.

All voted aye.

Motion carried 4 - 0