

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 May 13, 2025.

ATTEST:

Carol Swize By: *Jamela, Clerk*
Carol Swize, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners Court of
Karnes County, Texas



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - MAY 13, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, in the city of Karnes City, Texas, with the following members present:

County Judge Wade Hedtke
Commissioner Prct.#2 Benny Lyssy
Commissioner Prct.#3 James Rosales
Commissioner Prct.#4 Wes Gisler
Commissioner Pct. #1 David Wiatrek

1. Welcome.
Judge Hedtke opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Quorum Present. ☐ Yes ☐ No Absent: _____
☒ Yes ☐ No Absent: _____
3. Opening Prayer.
Judge Hedtke gave the opening prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
Names: _____
none
6. Acknowledge: The County Library Board approved Mandy Schueneman as a new County Library Board Member to represent the Runge Public Library. She replaced Sylvia Davila.
7. Acknowledge: Proclamation recognizing Karnes County "Mental Health Awareness Month" in May 2025.
8. Acknowledge: Proclamation recognizing May as "Brain Awareness Month and May 7th as Brain Donation Awareness Day" in Karnes County.

9. Acknowledge: Receipt of donation made to Karnes County EMS in the amount of \$500 from Jane Brimble Tennant. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief.
10. Acknowledge: Receipt of FY25 County "911" Funds from Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) in the amount of \$8,594.00. Funds are to be used on eligible projects/expenses prior to 08/31/2025.
11. Acknowledge: Proclamation recognizing the week of May 18-24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Lifting/Removing current "Burn Ban" in effect for Karnes County.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Approve the above agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Negotiating a 2-year extension with Falls City National Bank for bank depository bid.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the above agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Going out for bids for bank depository contract effective August 1, 2025.
NO ACTION.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Auctioning KCSO vehicles beyond reasonable repair.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the above agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Line item transfer in the amount of \$20,000 from GL 100-560-5711 (Vehicles) to GL 100-560-5712 (Vehicle Equipment) to purchase needed vehicle and install cost.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the above agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Appointing Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate the no-new tax rate and the voter approval tax rate for the 2025 tax year.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the above agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: To approve Annual fee for Tax Collection Software Contract with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. (P & A) for October 2025-September 2027. It has been reviewed by the County Attorney. Contract contains all Tax Collection Software, Official county tax office website, tax statement software & license fees & hardware. Annual fee for 2025-2026 is \$55,935.00 and 2026-2027 is \$58,935.00. No bid is required since this is professional services.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve the above agenda item as presented.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Appointing a county representative to fill the vacancy on the "Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board".

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the appointment of Commissioner Wiatrek to fill the vacancy on the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by KCRB Engineer to obtain permit from TxDOT to install culvert at the intersection of CR 175 and FM 626 in Precinct 1.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Approve the above agenda item as presented.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

21. Consent Agenda

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the above agenda item as presented.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

A. Reports:

- 1) Justice of the Peace Pct #1
- 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #2
- 3) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
- 4) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
- 5) I.T. Dept.
- 6) KCRB/SPE.PRJ/LANDFILL
- 7) Maintenance Dept.
- 8) Constable Pct #1
- 9) Constable Pct #3
- 10) TxDMV
- 11) County Library

22. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.

23. Updates From:

- A. Commissioner Pct. #1
- B. Commissioner Pct. #2
- C. Commissioner Pct. #3
- D. Commissioner Pct. #4

24. Reports From:

- A. Tax Assessor/Collector

- B. Auditor
- C. Treasurer
- 25. Discuss/Action regarding Treasurer's Report
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
- 26. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
- 27. Payment of bills.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve to pay the bills as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
- 28. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **May 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.
- 29. Adjourn.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Adjourn.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.