

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 March 11, 2025.

ATTEST:

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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 11, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 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: ____
X Yes ____ No Absent:
3. Opening Prayer.
Judge Hedtke gave the opening prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
Names: _____
There were none.
6. Discuss/Take possible action: Presentation on proposed Karnes County transportation route services offered by Alamo Regional Transit/Alamo Area Council of Governments.
Discussion only.
7. Acknowledge: Introduction from "Bluebonnet Fiber" offering broadband services to communities/businesses in rural areas.

8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: A-lert Roofing to go over the bid that was submitted for Roof overlay on 210 W. Calvert, Karnes City, Texas 78118.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve the bid of \$208,750.00 plus Option 1 \$5,525.00 for a total of \$214,275.00.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
9. Acknowledge: The following County Library Board Members were elected as officers on 2-4-25 as follows: Lisa Cumings elected Chairman, Dixie Mutz elected Vice Chair, Cathy Steger elected Secretary, Rose Funke elected Treasurer. The following are the current County Library Board Members: Brenda Ihrig, LaDonna Card, Lillian Lyssy, Diane Dziuk, Sylvia Davila, Sandy Villarreal, Cheryl Stone and Marilyn Nieschwietz.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Award Contractor bid for TDHCA Contract #1003578 (HOME Grant). (2) bids were previously submitted and opened on 2-25-25 meeting.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the above agenda item as presented to RM Quality Construction.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
11. Acknowledge: Receipt of Silesia for Silesian Texans book, The Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation book, Ethnic Identity of Decendants of the 19th Century Emigrants from the European Region of Upper Silesia to Texas book donated by Msgr. Frank Kurzaj to Karnes County.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Use of leftover gift cards.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Approve using the leftover gift cards for future Employee Appreciation events.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Payment of United Healthcare balance.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve paying the United Healthcare balance as follows: \$695.08 road and bridge employee health premium, \$43.06 over payment of refund to employee, collecting back from employee, and \$695.08 county funds (contingency).
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Resolution supporting and favoring the passage of HB3000/SB1377 related to the creation of a Rural Ambulance Service Grant Fund.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy 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.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Line-item transfer in the amount of \$5,681.79 from GL 100-500-4820 (EMS REMOUNT) to GL 100-540-4540 (VEHICLE MAINT. & REPAIRS) for the unforeseen purchase of a new Onan generator for the EMS department ambulance fleet.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek 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.
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Create Sheriff Medical provider position \$36,000.00 100-560-1215 to be funded from Sheriff Medical Director 100-560-1214. Budget amendment 2025-06.

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. Acknowledge: Official Bond and Oath received for Tammy Braudaway, Tax Assessor/Collector (County Bond).
18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Updated Employment Application for use by all county departments.
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.
19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Conducting pre-employment background checks and driving record inquiries on applicants prior to hiring for any county position.
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.
20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Use of "First Advantage" for Pre-employment background checks.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler 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. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by KCRB Engineer to extend the completion date for the CR 182 Drainage and Paving Construction Project to March 28, 2025.
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.
22. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by KCRB Engineer to obtain permits from TxDOT to work in TxDOT right-of-way to tie in County Drainage and Paving Project Improvements at the intersections of CR 254 and FM 2724 and at CR 264 and Fm 887.
No action taken.
23. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
- A. **Reports:**
 - 1) Justice of the Peace Pct #2
 - 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
 - 3) Maintenance Dept.
 - 4) Constable Pct #1
 - 5) TxDMV
- B. **Budget Amendments: BA2025-06; 2025-07**

24. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
25. Updates From:
- A. Commissioner Pct. #1
 - B. Commissioner Pct. #2
 - C. Commissioner Pct. #3
 - D. Commissioner Pct. #4
26. Reports From:
- A. Tax Assessor/Collector
 - B. Auditor
 - C. Treasurer
27. Discuss/Action regarding Treasurer's Report
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
28. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
29. Payment of bills.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve the payment of bills as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
30. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **March 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.
31. Adjourn.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Adjourn.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.