

I, Jamie Leal, 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 June 10, 2025.

ATTEST:

Jamie Leal

Jamie Leal, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners Court of
Karnes County, Texas



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - JUNE 10, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 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.
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: _____
Travis Culpepper
6. Acknowledge: TCOLE policies mandated to be integrated for all law enforcement entities with a deadline of 6-1-25. Constable Precinct #1 has completed all policies and submitted to TCOLE Agency.
7. Acknowledge: Acceptance/Award of 2025 NRA Grant application for Constable Precinct #1. Grant funds total of \$579.00 will be used to purchase a shotgun for Constable #1 office.
8. Acknowledge: TCOLE policies mandated to be integrated for all law enforcement entities with a deadline of 6-1-25. Constable Precinct #2 has completed all policies and submitted to TCOLE Agency.

9. Acknowledge: Acceptance/Award of 2025 NRA Grant application for Constable Precinct #2. Grant funds total of \$579.00 will be used to purchase a shotgun for Constable #2 office.
10. Acknowledge: TCOLE policies mandated to be integrated for all law enforcement entities with a deadline of 6-1-25. Constable Precinct #3 has completed all policies and submitted to TCOLE Agency.
11. Acknowledge: Acceptance/Award of 2025 NRA Grant application for Constable Precinct #3. Grant funds total of \$579.00 will be used to purchase a shotgun for Constable #3 use.
12. Acknowledge: Receipt of \$500.00 donation to Karnes County EMS from the Panna Maria Men's Club. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Approve county owned properties to be sold at public auction pursuant to Section 263.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Pct.#4 Gisler to Approve that the 12 properties be sold at auction for a minimum acceptable price of 25% of the 2025 appraised value with the county retaining mineral rights.

**County Judge Hedtke, Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek, Commissioner Pct. #2 Lyssy, Commissioner Pct. #4 Gisler voted aye.
Commissioner Pct.#3 Rosales voted no.
Motion carried Yes 4, No 1, Abstained 0.**

14. Discuss/Take possible action: Appoint sitting Commissioner to take all steps necessary to sell county-owned properties at public auction pursuant to Section 263.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.
**A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Pct.#4 Gisler to Approve to appoint Commissioner David Wiatrek as appointing commissioner to take all steps necessary to sell 12 county-owned properties at public auction pursuant to Section 263.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.**
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Obtaining outside legal council regarding environmental concerns relating to Conquista Project.
A motion by Commissioner Pct #2 requested to go to a close session regarding the environmental concerns regarding the Conquista Project and obtaining legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code 551 seconded by Commissioner Pct #3 Rosales.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

16. Acknowledge: Transfer of 2014 Brown Chevy Pick Up, VIN# 1GCRCEC6EZ219697 from the Sheriff's Office to the county maintenance department.
17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Emergency replacement in county jail facility consisting of replacing one 8.5 ton RTU (\$29,767.00). Purchasing new Unit system versus repairing 10 year old unit is more cost effective. Costs totaling \$ 29,767.00, to be expensed from Contingency funds line item 100-409-4997.

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: Payment to BEARCOM in the amount of \$15,263.08. for past due invoice 5790943 from FY24 that have remained unpaid. Products were ordered and received by previous administration on/after March 28, 2024 (PO 56000463). If approved, payment will be made out of GL: 100-409-4997 (Contingency).

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the payment to BEARCOM in the amount of \$13,163.08.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Excuting contract to purchase property in Gillett total of \$55,000 for EMS expansion project in Gillett, Texas. If item is approved, payment would be expensed from GL # 100-500-4604 (Property Acquisitions).

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve.

County Judge Hedtke, Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy, Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales, Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler voted aye.

None voted no.

Commissioner Pct #1 Wiatrek abstained.

Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1.

20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Proposal and Renewal for FY 2026 Employee Benefits.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

- A. **Reports:**
This item was tabled to the next meeting.

- 1) Justice of the Peace Pct #2
- 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
- 3) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
- 4) I.T. Dept.
- 5) Sheriff's Dept.
- 6) Constable Pct #1
- 7) TxDMV

21. **Consent Agenda**
This item was tabled to the next meeting.

22. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
This item was tabled to the next meeting.

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 Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the amended bill list excluding the bill on page 3 for \$183.40 until documentation is provided.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
28. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **June 24, 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 Prct.#3 Rosales to adjourn.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.