

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 August 12, 2025.

ATTEST:



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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - AUGUST 12, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 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: _____
Calvin Bowers, Sean O'Brien, Tom Shockome and Rose & Peter Rakowitz

6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Closing, abandoning, and vacating portions of Adam Lorenz Bridge Road and County Road 381 (a.k.a. North Second Street) because said portions of said roads sought to be closed, abandoned, and vacated have not been used by anyone for an unknown period of time, at least in excess of three (3) years. A copy of the Notice of Petition to Close, Abandon, and Vacate Portions of Adam Lorenz Bridge Road and County Road 381 (a.k.a. North Second Street) is attached hereto.

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

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

7. Acknowledge: Updating Karnes County Sheriff's office wrecker service agreement.
8. Acknowledge: Updated Mutual assistance agreement between Karnes County Detention Facility and Sheriff's Office.
9. Acknowledge: Updated MOU between Karnes Detention Facility and Sheriff's departments for the purpose of providing a sexual assault/abuse hotline.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Bank Depository extension agreement with Falls City National Bank from August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2027.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve agenda item with change to eliminate the First Amendment A.

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

11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Order of Election for the November 4, 2025, Constitutional Amendment Election.

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

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

12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Guaranteed maximum price (GMP) proposal from construction manager-at-risk (CMAR) Weaver & Jacobs Constructors for EMS Administration & Training Center project and allow the County Judge to enter into negotiations for the final contract proposal.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Approve agenda item as presented.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Lyssy), Abstained 0.

13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by County Clerk for a budget amendment to move \$15,000 from GL=100-403-1050 (Chief Deputy) to GL=100-403-1040 (Deputy Clerks).

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

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

14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Consignment agreement between Karnes County and Alamo Auctioneers and designate County Judge as authorized signer.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Kenedy ISD Memorandum of Understanding for two (2) School Resource Officers.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve agenda item as presented.

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

16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Declare unused electronic equipment as surplus property and authorize its sale at public auction.

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

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

17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Putting a Chevy 2013 White Silverado maintenance truck VIN# 3GCPKSE76DG274654 to surplus to sell.

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

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

18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Adoption of 2025 Karnes County Investment Policy & Strategies, Investment Committee and Appointment of Investment Officer.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the agenda item as presented and appoint our County Auditor as the investment officer.

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

19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Declaring seven (7) center consoles from EMS units as surplus and authorize their sale at public auction.

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

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

20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Declaring one (1) Speed Queen commercial dryer from EMS facility as surplus and authorize its sale at public auction.

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

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

21. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Declaring three (3) Motorola radios, miscellaneous wires and antennas from the Sheriff's office, as surplus and authorize their sale at public auction.

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

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

22. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Reinstating "Burn Ban" for Karnes County.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve agenda item as presented.

Motion failed.

No action.

23. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: The fees for a Infrared Survey and Visual Survey area of plenum and gaps to provide a proposal for A-Lert and Karnes county.

A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Disapprove the agenda item as presented.

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

24. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Amendments to proposed fiscal budget year 2025-2026 discussed in budget workshop held 8-5-25.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to Approve the agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Lyssy), Abstained 0.
25. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales 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 #1
 - 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #2
 - 3) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
 - 4) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
 - 5) Elections Dept.
 - 6) Maintenance Dept.
 - 7) Sheriff's Dept.
 - 8) VSO
 - 9) TxDMV
- B. **Budget Amendments: BA 2025-13**
26. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
27. Updates From:
- A. Commissioner Pct. #1
 - B. Commissioner Pct. #2
 - C. Commissioner Pct. #3
 - D. Commissioner Pct. #4
28. Reports From:
- A. Tax Assessor/Collector
 - B. Auditor
 - C. Treasurer
29. Discuss/Action regarding Treasurer's Report
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the Treasurers report as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
30. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
31. 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.

32. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **August 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Multi-Purpose room, located at 210 W. Calvert, Suite 150, Karnes City, Texas 78118.

33. 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.