

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 September 9, 2025.

ATTEST:

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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 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: _____
3. Opening Prayer.
Judge Hedtke gave the opening prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
Names: _____
Pat Dziuk
6. Acknowledge: Accept and open bids submitted for TDHCA Home Grant Reconstruction Assistance of (5) homes in Karnes County.
Judge Hedtke noted that although the item was posted as an acknowledgment, the Court wished to take action. Judge Hedtke made an oral amendment to the agenda item to allow for discussion and possible action.

**Bid from RM Quality Construction LLC
5 residential homes, 3 bedroom dwellings
212 E. Wall Street- \$160,000**

302 W. Crockett, 420 S. 5th Street, 1311 Nueces and 417 E. Buchel- \$169,000
Total bid: \$836,000

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the bid to RM Quality Construction LLC.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7. Acknowledge: Present Proclamation declaring September as "Suicide Awareness Month".
8. Acknowledge: Bond Continuation Received for Casey Ebrom - EMS Chief, Wayne Gisler, Road & Bridge Engineer, and Beth Montalvo - Elections Administrator.
9. Acknowledge: Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the cost sharing of Legislative Consulting Services between the County of Karnes and County of DeWitt.
Judge Hedtke noted that although the item was posted as an acknowledgment, the Court wished to take action. Judge Hedtke made an oral amendment to the agenda item to allow for discussion and possible action.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Proposal to combine polling locations for the November 4,2025 Constitutional Amendments Special Election.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Blood Service Agreement between South Texas Blood & Tissue and Karnes County EMS. If approved, allow County Judge to execute agreement.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Selection of DRG Architects LLC, San Antonio, Texas to provide Design and Construction Administration Services for a new Karnes County Precinct 4 Service Center Building to be located in Runge, Texas, based on demonstrated competence and experience pursuant to Government Code Chapter 2254 and to authorize Commissioner Precinct 4 to initiate contract negotiations.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

13. Discuss/Take possible action: Proposal by Precinct 4 Commissioner to issue request for qualifications (RFQ) to provide services for the design and construction of a new Karnes County Precinct 4 EMS Station to be located in Runge, Texas.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve agenda item.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: To retain attorney Jeff Chapman and the Chapman Law Firm as outside counsel for the purpose of construction related contract review and negotiation; legal advice; risk assessment; and document preparation in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
After discussion, no action was taken by the court.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by KCRB Engineer to extend the existing contracts listed below through FY 25-26:
*FY 23-24 Term contract for roadside herbicide application with Antex Integrated, LLC
*FY 24-25 Term contract for turn-key roadway construction with ABN Construction, LLC
*FY 24-25 Term contract for turn-key roadway construction with CK Newberry, LLC
*FY 24-25 Term contract for turn-key roadway construction with BRM Trucking & Construction, LLC
*FY 24-25 term contract for drainage construction with S & D Reyes Brothers Trucking, Inc.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Gov. Code Section 551.071; to consult with County Attorney concerning roof installation on County offices located at 210 W. Calvert, Karnes City, Tx. 78118.
The court entered into closed session at 9:53 a.m.
The court reconvened into open session at 10:17 a.m.
17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Convene into executive session pursuant to Texas Gov. Code Section 551.071 to consult with County Attorney concerning property, parcel #70542.
The court entered into closed session at 10:17 a.m.
The court reconvened into open session at 10:32 a.m.

No action was taken by the court.
18. Acknowledge: Reinstating "Burn Ban" for Karnes County.
Judge Hedtke noted that although the item was posted as an acknowledgment, the Court wished to take action. Judge Hedtke made an oral amendment to the agenda item to allow for discussion and possible action.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to reinstate the "Burn Ban" for Karnes County.
Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek), Abstain 0.
19. Discuss/Take possible action: To reinstate from the General Fund, Department 465- Judicial, Line item # 100-465-4602 Dist. Atty. Salary in compliance with Government Code Seciton 46.003.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve to reinstate from the General fund department 465- supplement for the District Attorney's salary at \$4,800.00.
Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1(Commissioner Pct.# 2 Lyssy)
20. 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) Elections Dept.

B. Budget Amendments: 2025-14

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

22. Updates From:

A. Commissioner Pct. #1

B. Commissioner Pct. #2

C. Commissioner Pct. #3

D. Commissioner Pct. #4

23. Reports From:

A. Tax Assessor/Collector

B. Treasurer

24. Discuss/Action regarding Treasurer's Report

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by None to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

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

25. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.

26. 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.

27. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will hold a **Public Hearing/Public Meeting/Special Meeting on September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM**, in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.

28. 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.