

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 Public/Special Meeting on September 9, 2025.

ATTEST:

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



**KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MEETING/SPECIAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

Commissioners Court met in a Public Hearing/Special Meeting session on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM 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.#1 David Wiatrek  
Commissioner Prct. #2 Benny Lyssy  
Commissioner Prct.#3 James Rosales  
Commissioner Prct.#4 Wes Gisler

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing to discuss proposed budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and hear Public comments. (LGC 111.007)
2. Citizens to be heard.  
Names: **Jordan Buehring**

**PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATES:**

1. Discuss Karnes County, Texas 2025 Proposed Tax Rates.
  - a. Discuss General Fund Maintenance & Operating Tax Rate
  - b. Acknowledge there is no General Fund Interest & Sinking Rate.
  - c. Discuss Road & Bridge special Maintenance and Operating Tax Rate.

**Special Meeting:**

1. Welcome.

**Judge Hedtke opened the meeting and welcomed all present.**

2. Quorum Present. **X Yes**    \_\_\_No    Absent: \_\_\_
3. Opening Prayer.

**Judge Hedtke gave opening prayer.**

4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard: **none**
6. Discuss Approve/Dissapprove: Setting base salaries for the elected officials for FY2025-2025. **Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke (LGC 152.013)**

- a) County Judge \$80,000.00
- b) County Clerk \$74,000.00
- c) District Clerk \$74,000.00
- d) Justice of Peace #1 \$60,000.000
- e) Justice of Peace #2 \$60,000.000
- f) Justice of Peace #3 \$60,000.000
- g) Justice of Peace #4 \$60,000.000
- h) County Attorney \$77,000.00
- i) County Treasurer \$74,000.00
- j) Tax Assessor-Collector \$74,000.00
- k) Constable #1 \$55,000.000
- l) Constable #2 \$55,000.000
- m) Constable #3 \$55,000.000
- n) Constable #4 \$55,000.000
- o) Sheriff \$90,000.00
- p) Commissioner Pct.#1 \$74,000.00
- q) Commissioner Pct.#2 \$74,000.00
- r) Commissioner Pct.#3 \$74,000.00
- s) Commissioner Pct.#4 \$74,000.00

**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.**

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Adoption of the FY2026 Budget for Karnes County, Texas. (LGC 111.008) **Authors: Judge Wade J. Hedtke/Tom Dupnick-Co.Auditor**

**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve budget with amendment for alamo region transport for \$108,380.**

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

8. Acknowledge: Adopt the 2025 Overall Tax Rate for Karnes County, Texas. (LGC 111.008 (b)) **Author: Tammy Braudaway-Tax Assessor/Collector**

**The agenda item was acknowledged.**

9. Discuss/Take possible action: The adoption of the 2025 General Fund Maintenance & Operating Tax Rate. **Author: Tammy Braudaway- Tax Assessor/Collector**

**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to adopt 2025 tax year General Fund M&O, Maintenance and Operations at 0.205903 per hundred-dollar valuation.**

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

10. Acknowledge: Karnes County has zero debt obligations for 2025; therefore, there is no General Fund & Interest Sinking Tax Rate. **Author: Tammy Braudaway-Tax Assessor/Collector**

**The agenda item was acknowledged.**

11. Public Hearing: to allow Public Comment regarding the Proposed Karnes County Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget  
Texas Government Code 551.043 (HBB 1522). Tax Payer Impact Statement Notice:

The fiscal year 2024/2025 (tax year 2024) adopted tax rate of \$0.234499 per \$100 of value on the median homestead taxable value of \$52,319 resulted in a \$122.68 tax on the median homestead. The proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 (tax year 2025) budget, based on a Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.241058 per \$100 of value on the median homestead taxable value of \$53,446, would result in a \$128.84 tax on the median homestead. The adoption of a balanced budget, if funded at the No New Revenue rate (NNR) of \$0.241058 per \$100 of value on the median homestead taxable value of \$53,446, would result in a \$128.84 tax on the median homestead.

The FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget has been filed with the County Clerk as prescribed by law and posted prominently on the Karnes County website at:

<https://www.co.karnes.tx.us/page/karnes.Proposed.Budgets>

12. Discuss and take possible action to adopt the Karnes County fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget

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13. Discuss/Take possible action: The adoption of the 2025 Road & Bridge Special Maintenance & Operating Tax Rate. **Author: Tammy Braudaway-Tax Assessor/Collector**

**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve to adopt the 2025 Road & Bridge Special Maintenance & Operating All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.**

14. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet at 101 north Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118 on September 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom.

**The agenda item was acknowledged.**

15. 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.**