

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 October 14, 2025.

ATTEST:

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



## KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

### REGULAR SESSION - OCTOBER 14, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 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 Pct. #1 David Wiatrek  
Commissioner Pct.#2 Benny Lyssy  
Commissioner Pct.#3 James Rosales  
Commissioner Pct.#4 Wes Gisler

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vi Swierc  
Kathy Patton  
Josh Cortez**
6. Acknowledge: Present Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.  
**The agenda item as acknowledged.**

7. Acknowledge: Presentation of life-saving Phoenix Award to Karnes County EMS Paramedics David Valenzuela & Nathaniel Goce-Reyes for their timely and effective resuscitative efforts that resulted in the neurologically intact survival of a patient that suffered a cardiac arrest.  
**The agenda item as acknowledged.**
8. Acknowledge: Official Bond and Oath received for Thomas Dupnick-County Auditor; and Bond Rider for Wade J. Hedtke-County Judge.  
**The agenda item as acknowledged.**
9. Acknowledge: Commissioner Pct. 1 has met the continuing education requirements of Local Government Code Section 81.0025 for 2025.  
**The agenda item as acknowledged.**
10. Acknowledge: Donation in the amount of \$1000 made to Karnes County EMS in loving memory of Anzelma Drees. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief(s).  
**The agenda item as acknowledged.**
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Update Karnes County Purchasing Policy revised 9-23-25 for further changes due to FY 26 budget departmental purchasing changes as discussed in Commissioners Court on the same day and any other changes deemed by the Court. (pages 9 & 10)  
**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 5, No 0, Abstained 0.**
12. Discuss/Take possible action: Amending the Karnes County Purchasing Policy  
**No action.**
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Amending the pay rates for regular variable hour (a.k.a. PRN) employees within the EMS department. If approved, this would not require a budgetary amendment.  
**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve agenda as presented.**  
**Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and Commissioner Prct.#3 voted aye.**  
**Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek, Commissioner Prct.2 Lyssy and Judge Wade Hedtke voted no.**  
**Motion Failed. Yes 2(Gisler, Rosales), No 3 (Wiatrek, Lyssy, Judge Hedtke), Abstained 0.**
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Proposed utility easement to be provided to the City of Kenedy granting access to a relocated sewer utility on county property near the EMS Administration/Training Center/EOC.  
**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.**
15. Discuss/approve/Disapprove: Sheriff's recommendation awarding a three (3) year contract to Correct Commissary LLC., for inmate commissary services at the Karnes County Sheriff's office and Jail at 500 E. Wall Street, Karnes City, Tx. 78118.



**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.**

16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Karnes County Sheriff's office contract with "Correct Commissary" for inmate commissary services and banking software.  
**No discussion. Submitted in error.**
17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Entering into a contractual agreement with CentralSquare Solutions for Computer-Aided Dispatch(C.A.D.), Mobile Computer Terminal (MCT), Records Management System (RMS) , and Jail Management System (JMS).  
**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.**
18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: ECS Southwest, LLP-Subsurface Exploration and Geotechnical Engineering Services for the Karnes County Sheriff's office and Jail. ECS Proposal No. 20:3283-GP sent by The Chapman Firm, PLLC (for ongoing jail repairs).  
**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve agenda item as presented and include the \$1,200 to hire a private utility locator.**  
**All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.**
19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Sending RFQ's for replacing air conditioning units for the Karnes County Sheriff's Office and Jail. Reference capitol outlay budget for Jail Facility Equipment line item 500-500-5731.  
**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.**
20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Sheriff's recommendation to expand the jail not to exceed 144 bed capacity, based on facility needs report from Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Recommending adding 94 beds to the current jail. Contingent on discussion and approval move forward with RFQ for architectural design.  
**A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve agenda item as presented.**  
**All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.**
21. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by KCRB Engineer to modify starting salaries of Maintenance Tech I, Equipment Operator I, Equipment Operator 2, Construction Inspector, Service Manager and Foreman.  
**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented.**  
**Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales, Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler voted aye.**  
**Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek and Judge Wade Hedkte voted no.**  
**Motion carried Yes 3 (Rosales, Lyssy and Gisler), No 2 (Wiatrek and Hedtke), Abstained 0.**
22. 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 #1
  - 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
  - 3) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
  - 4) KCRB/SPE.PRJ/LANDFILL
  - 5) Constable Pct #1
  - 6) Constable Pct #3
  - 7) VSO
  - 8) TxDMV
23. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.

24. Updates From:

- A. Commissioner Pct. #1
- B. Commissioner Pct. #2
- C. Commissioner Pct. #3
- D. Commissioner Pct. #4

25. Reports From:

- A. Tax Assessor/Collector

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

27. Payment of bills.

**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve payment of bills leaving out Casey's bill with the grand total being \$3,009.922.07.**

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

28. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **October 28,2025 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Jail Courtroom, located at 500 E. Wall Street, Karnes City, Texas 78118.  
**The agenda item as acknowledged.**

29. Adjourn.

**A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to adjourn.**

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