

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 December 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 - DECEMBER 9, 2025

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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 Pct. #1 David Wiatrek
Commissioner Prct.#2 Benny Lyssy
Commissioner Prct.#3 James Rosales
Commissioner Prct.#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: _____
Caroline Korzekwa JP#2, Vi Swierc, Kathy Patton, Cook Patton and Tommy Shockome.
6. Acknowledge: Official Bond and Oath Received for Vida Swierc, County Treasurer
The agenda item is acknowledged.
7. Acknowledge: Anonymous donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 made to the Karnes County Veteran Services office to assist in reaching and helping the Veterans of Karnes County, received on 11-10-25.

The agenda item is acknowledged.

8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: San Antonio River Authority (SARA) access to place a galvanized pole for flood data tracking equipment on County right of way on CR 344 near the low water crossing. Part of the flood gauge project S.A.R.A..
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve the agenda item as presented. .
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Rental Service Agreement with new vendor "Southpoint Rentals" for (2) locations (DPS Weigh Station & Food Bank Distribution served at Karnes County Showbarn).
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek 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.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: List of names to be added to the list of election workers for the remaining 2024-2026 term.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler 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.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: List of Polling locations for the March 3, 2026 Republican and Democratic Primary.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the list of proposed voting locations with the Mill in Kenedy as long as the City of Kenedy approves it.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: List of county departments to have 4 county employees work on election day for the March 3, 2026 Republican and Democratic Primary, who is a Karnes County registered voter and is not related to any candidate by the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. Karnes Co. Auditor, Karnes County Attorney, 911/Address/Permit and Maintenance.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve the agenda item as presented. .
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Rate of pay for the county employees who work the March 3, 2026 Republican and Democratic Primary Election. How to pay out the amount of pay that is worked over 8 hours on election day.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve whomever out of the departments that works that day gets paid their regular rate of pay and anything at the end over 40 hours gets paid for the overtime, not comp time.
All payments coming out of an election worker GL account, if those workers are needed.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request to purchase 14 Duo Standalone ballot marking devices and 14 barcode scanner kits to be paid out of the contingency fund in the amount of \$ 70,510.00.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

15. Acknowledge: Opening of Karnes County Sheriff's office & Jail HVAC proposals received as stated in Request for Proposals.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
 16. Acknowledge: Recognize AACOG for their Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) supply donation for dispatch in the amount of \$1,798.48.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
 17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Budget amendment for Fund 197, Operation Lone Star.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve agenda item as presented.
Motion retracted by Commissioner Pct.#1 Wiatrek
This item was tabled to the next meeting.
 18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove:
 - a) Pending litigation regarding payment of services for installation of the standing seam metal roof at the Offices on the Square.
 - b) Payment of A-Lert Roofing Invoice.**A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to not pay the bill.**
Yes 3 (Commissioner Prct.#1, Commissioner Prct.#3 and Judge Hedtke)
No 2 (Commissioner Prct.#2 and Commissioner Prct.#4)
Abstained 0
Motion carried
 19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by DRG Architects and Commissioner Precinct 2 Benny Lyssy to approve final construction documents for the Precinct 2 Service Center and J.P. Office Building Project and authorize DRG Architects to take all actions necessary to issue construction documents for competitive sealed proposals for construction.
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.
 20. Discuss: To convene in executive session pursuant to Texas Government code 551.071 to discuss Karnes County Archives Building.
The court did not convene into executive session, as no matters discussed required closed session under the Texas Open Meetings Act.
 21. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the consent agenda under Letter A, 1-7 only.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
- A. Reports:**
- 1) Justice of the Peace Pct #3

- 2) I.T. Dept.
- 3) Maintenance Dept.
- 4) Sheriff's Dept.
- 5) Constable Pct #1
- 6) Constable Pct #3
- 7) VSO

B. Budget Amendments: BA2026-03

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

23. Updates From:

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

24. Reports From:

- A. Auditor
- B. 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 Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the payment of bills as presented.

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

28. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **December 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.

The agenda item is acknowledged.

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.