

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 February 10, 2026.

ATTEST:

Jamie Leal by Mary E. Rios, Deputy Clerk

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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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

Agenda

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: _____
James Wood, Jr.(Jim), Travis Culpepper, Vi Swierc, Ben Reed and Melissa Gonzalez
6. Acknowledge: A \$15,000.00 donation was gifted to the Runge Public Library. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.
The agenda item is acknowledged.

7. Acknowledge: Receipt of donation to Karnes County EMS by Jane Brimble Tennant in the amount of \$1,000.00. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief(s).
The agenda item is acknowledged.
8. Discuss/Take possible action: On Karnes County's management of private road signs.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales 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.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: RFP for removal of steel framing Karnes County Archive Building.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve the RFP for removal of steel framing Karnes County Archive Building with the changes of adding of #3 minimum contractor qualification for the bonds, removing the bullet point have successfully completed at least two to three similar metal structure removal for demolition projects within the last three to five years and also the typo #4 RFP schedule tentative from bullet point three from February 6 to February 26 adding those two.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Deed from Karnes County to Kelly Roberts-Cooper for 1.08 acres associated with the former Falls City to Riddleville Road.
No action.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Budget amendment for Karnes City, Kenedy & Runge Public libraries to budget the remaining unused "Fund 251-Donations "balances" from FY 25 in order for it to be used in the current budget FY 26 if needed.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler 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.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Adding money to GL# 100-510-4204 from GL# 100-510-4500 in the amount of \$3500 to cover all County Fire Extinguishers & Elevator Inspections.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales 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.
13. Acknowledge: Opening of Karnes County Sheriff's Office & Jail HVAC Proposals.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
14. Acknowledge: Establishment of Karnes County Sheriff's Office drone program for public safety operations using Senate Bill 22 funds.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Karnes County Resolution supporting the Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant FY 2027. (#5787901)

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.

16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Awarding the Karnes County Sheriff's Office & Jail addition architectural contract to Burns Architecture, LLC., following the recommendation of the architectural committee.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales 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.

17. 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) Maintenance Dept.
- 6) Constable Pct #1

B. Budget Amendments: BA 2026-08;2026-09; 2026-10

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

19. Updates From:

Judge Wade Hedtke

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

20. Reports From:

- A. Auditor
- B. Treasurer

21. 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.

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

23. Payment of bills.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve the payment of bills as presented.

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

- 24.** Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **February 24th, 2026 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Multi-Purpose Room, located at 210 W. Calvert, Suite 150, Karnes City, Texas 78118.

Change of venue: County Jail Courtroom located at 500 E. Wall St., Karnes City, TX.

- 25.** Adjourn.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to adjourn.