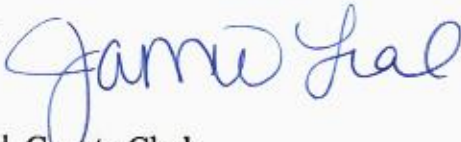


I, Jamie Leal, County Clerk of Karnes County, Texas, do hereby certify that the following Commissioners Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting on January 27, 2026.

ATTEST:



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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - JANUARY 27, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 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 Prct.#2 Benny Lyssy
Commissioner Prct.#3 James Rosales
Commissioner Prct.#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: _____
Roy Dobson, Kelly Roberts-Cooper, Vi Swierc, Tommy Shockome

6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Presentation and approval of FY25 Annual Audit by Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.

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.

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request to have Elections Clerk Rosalinda Gonzales usage of her birthday day in June 2026 instead of May 2026.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve Elections Clerk Rosalinda Gonzales usage of her birthday day in June 2026 instead of May 2026.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
8. Discuss/Take possible action: On Karnes County's management of private road signs.
This item was tabled to the next meeting.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by Karnes County Tax Assessor to approve part-time position to a permanent full time position, when next payroll period starts. HR assisted/reviewed numbers and budget can accommodate for this request.
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 4, No 1 (Judge Wade Hedtke), Abstained 0.
10. Acknowledge: 2024-2025 statistics for Karnes County Sheriff's Office & Jail.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
11. Acknowledge: Donations for "Adopt a Teacher", County Christmas Party, Holiday goodies from businesses. Donations of lunch provided for the Annual DA Law Enforcement Luncheon, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: 2026-2027 Grant Resolution for the Criminal Justice Grant through the Karnes County Sheriff's Office.
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: Jail construction committee's recommendation for jail expansion architect.
Burns Architecture and DRG Architecture will be invited for presentations/interviews with the committee to further evaluate the company.
No Action.
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Payment to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for overpayment of sales taxes paid to Karnes County in the amount of \$ 296,749.96 with a one time payment by ACH. County will receive a 2% discount for one time payment. (\$290,814.96)
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented. .
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 0, No 0, Abstained 0.

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: 2026-2027 Grant Resolution for the Victims Assistance Grant Application.
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.
16. Discuss/Take possible action: Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code 551.071 (Executive Session) consultation with Attorney regarding pending notice of claim submitted by Law Office of David Rodriguez, RE: C & C Construction.
9:31 a.m. the court convened into executive session
9:54 a.m. reconvene into regular session
No action.
17. Discuss/Take possible action: Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code 551.071 (Executive Session) consultation with Attorney regarding deeding of land on the former Falls City to Riddleville Road (CR 263 and FM 887 area).
9:55 a.m. convene into executive session
10:06 a.m. reconvene into regular session
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve deeding of land on the former Falls City to Riddle Road to Kelly Roberts-Cooper.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
18. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve the consent agenda.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
- A. **Reports:**
 - 1) Justice of the Peace Pct #2
 - 2) District Clerk
 - 3) I.T. Dept.
 - 4) EMS
 - 5) Constable Pct #4
 - 6) TxDMV
- B. **Budget Amendments: BA 2026-06, 2026-07**
19. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
20. Updates From:
Judge Wade Hedtke
 - A. Commissioner Pct. #1
 - B. Commissioner Pct. #2
 - C. Commissioner Pct. #3

- D. Commissioner Pct. #4
- 21. Reports From:
 - A. Tax Assessor/Collector
- 22. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
- 23. 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.
- 24. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **February 10, 2026 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.
- 25. 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.