

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 24, 2026.

ATTEST:



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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - FEBRUARY 24, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 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: _____
Kathy Patton

6. Acknowledge: Receipt of donation to Karnes County EMS by Panna Maria Mens Club in the amount of \$500.00. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief(s).
The agenda item is acknowledged.

7. Acknowledge: The 2025 Racial Profile report for the Precinct Four Constable Office. (This report was turned into state)
The agenda item is acknowledged.
8. Discuss: Presentation from the City of Kenedy to discuss a financial assistance request for the installation of a traffic signal on US 181 and Freeny Drive in Kenedy.
Discussion was held regarding the agenda item. No action was taken.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Authorizing County Attorney to draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) with The City of Kenedy to assist financially with the capital road improvements on US 181, near Freeny Drive in Kenedy.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek for Ms.Tapia to review the interlocal agreement provided by the City of Kenedy and provide her feedback.
The motion was subsequently withdrawn following agreement between County Judge Hedtke and County Attorney Jennifer Tapia.
No action was taken.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Deed from Kanres County to Kelly Roberts-Cooper for 2.85 acres associated with the former Falls City to Riddleville road.
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.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation of the Selection Review committee to award by resolution the negotiation of a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation. If awarded, the County's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Glock Grant Community Development Fund (TxCDBG-CD) under application number # CDV25-0352 from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and authorizing the execution of a contract.
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.
12. Discuss/Take possible action: To open and accept proposals in response to Precinct 2 Service Center RFP.
Discussion was held regarding the agenda item. No action was taken.
13. Acknowledge: Presentation by Ford,Powell & Carson regarding schematic design project for Historical Courthouse Restoration.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by Ford, Powell & Carson to initiate procurement of services for Construction Manager at Risk to complete design of improvements for the Courthouse Restoration Project.

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.

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request from Ford, Powell & Carson Architects & Planners, Inc. to procure geotechnical services necessary to complete the design of improvements for the Courthouse Restoration Project.
No action was taken.
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Approval for Karnes County Judge to sign Resolution for Operation Lone Star FY 2027. This is a continuation grant from 2025. No Match required. This is a force multiplier to enhance safety in Karnes County and further Governor Abbott's Border initiative.
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. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Presentation of FY25 Karnes County Sheriff's Jail Commissary Audit as required by LGC 351.0415.
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.
18. 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) District Clerk
 - 2) Sheriff's Dept.
 - 3) Constable Pct #3
 - 4) TxDMV
 - 5) EMS
 - 6) Constable Pct.#4
 - 7) AES
- B. **Budget Amendments: BA 2026-11**
19. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
20. Updates From:
 - 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.
- 23. Payment of bills.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the amended payment of bills as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
- 24. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **March 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Multi-Purpose room, located at 210 W. Calvert, Suite 150, 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.