

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 March 10, 2026.

ATTEST:



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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 10, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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: _____
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6. Acknowledge: Proclamation declaring March as "Red Cross" Month in Karnes County.
The agenda item is acknowledged.

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: 2026-2027 Grant Resolution for the Truancy Prevention Program through the Karnes/Wilson Juvenile Probation Department.
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.
8. 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.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Entering an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Kenedy for financial assistance, to install a traffic signal on US 181, near Freeny Drive in Kenedy, Tx.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to enter an interlocal agreement with the City of Kenedy for financial assistance, to install a traffic signal on US 181, near Freeny Drive in Kenedy, TX, pending local TXDOT engineering approval.
The motion was subsequently withdrawn following recommendation from County Attorney Jennifer Tapia.
This item was tabled to the next meeting.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Utilizing contingency funds to complete repairs to the County's pool vehicle, 2014 Chevy Tahoe VIN# 1GNLC2E05ER200357.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the agenda item as presented with a \$4,000 budget coming from contingency.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Discuss and take action to ratify and approve a 3 year copier lease agreement between Karnes County and Dewitt Poth & Son executed by County Judge on January 30, 2026, and to authorize payment and performance under the lease.
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 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
12. Discuss/Take possible action: To open and accept proposals in response to RFP for removal of steel framing of Karnes County Archive Building.
The Court addressed the agenda item regarding the opening and acceptance of proposals for the RFP for removal of steel framing for the Karnes County archive building. County Attorney Jennifer Tapia reported that two proposals were received; however, one proposal was not submitted in a sealed envelope, and the second proposal was received after the 10:00 am deadline. Therefore, no valid proposals were received.
No action was taken. The court directed that the RFP be reissued and placed on a future agenda.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation to initiate contract negotiations with Contractor based on scoring of RFP's submitted for construction of the Precinct 2 Service Center

Construction Contract, in accordance with Karnes County procurement policy and applicable state laws.

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.

14. Acknowledge: Racial profiling report 2025 for Karnes County Sheriff's Office.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Contract with Burns Architecture, LLC for the Karnes County Sheriff's Office & Jail addition design subject to final revision and approval of County Attorney.
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: Jail construction committee's recommendation on entering into a contract with Victoria Air Conditioning LTD, for HVAC replacement for the Sheriff's Office & Jail consisting of 12 roof top units & 2 mini-splits for \$271,000.00; pending approval of County Attorney's review.
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 #3
 - 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
 - 3) Maintenance Dept.
 - 4) TxDMV
18. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
19. Updates From:
 - A. County Judge
 - B. Commissioner Pct. #1
 - C. Commissioner Pct. #2
 - D. Commissioner Pct. #3
 - E. 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.
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 **March 24, 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.