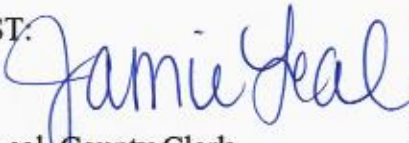


I, Jamie Leal, County Clerk of Karnes County, Texas, do hereby certify that the following Commissioners Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting on April 28, 2026.

ATTEST:



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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - APRIL 28, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 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: _____
Lisa Castaneda (Coastal Bend College Updates) and John Lujan (State Representative)

6. Acknowledge: April as National Child Abuse Prevention month in Karnes County; on behalf of the Karnes County Child Welfare Board.

The agenda item is acknowledged.

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Resolution authorizing the approval of the building contractor award for the HOME program through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Lifting current Burn Ban in effect for Karnes County.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek 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. Acknowledge: Resolution regarding the establishment of additional Data Centers in the State of Texas.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Review updated proposed Lease offer from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company L.P. (i.e. Conoco Phillips Company). Lease offer has been reviewed/approved by Co. Attorney Ms. Tapia to present before Court.
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.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Encroachment Consent Agreement with City of Karnes City.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
12. Discuss/Take possible action: To file for a Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant for repairs to the Karnes County Courthouse.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve to file for a Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant for repairs to the Karnes County Courthouse.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
13. Discuss/Take possible action: To authorize the Karnes County Child Welfare Board to utilize office/storage space at 115 N Market St in Karnes City.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve to authorize the Karnes County Child Welfare Board to utilize office/storage space at 115 N. Market St. in Karnes City.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
14. Discuss/Take possible action: To open and accept statements of qualifications for providing construction manager at risk (CMAR) services to Karnes County for restoration of the historic courthouse.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve and accept statements for qualifications for providing construction manager risk (CMAR) services to Karnes County for restoration of the historic courthouse.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

**Stoddard General Contractors
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Pugh Constructions, Inc.
Wells Construction
Triun LLC
Phoenix I Restoration & Const. LLC**

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Asset transfer of Kenwood NX5700 VHF Transceiver (SN: C4360489 / Asset Tag: 11839) from Sheriff's Department inventory to EMS inventory.
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.
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Declaring a 2022 Ford F450 ambulance chassis (VIN: 1FDUF4GT9LDA01146) as surplus and allowing the trade-in of the asset to Frazer Ltd. as part of a credit on an upcoming remount.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the agenda item as presented. .
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
17. Acknowledge: Receipt of donation to Karnes County EMS in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Karnes Electric Cooperative. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief(s).
The agenda item is acknowledged.
18. Acknowledge: OLS Donations and Easter Donations.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Certify receipt and acceptance of grant funds from the NRA Foundation Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 by the KCSO and establish a budget for it's use. Funds will be used in accordance with the grant items for the purchase of duty weapons (shotguns).
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.
20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Clarifying starting rate of pay for the position of Dispatch Administrator \$60,000, Jail Administrator \$65,000, Assistant Jail Administrator \$55,000; and Medical Administrator \$65,000; with these positions being added to the STEP Program starting next fiscal year.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the agenda item as presented with the effective date of today, April 28, 2026.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
21. Discuss/Take possible action: To open and accept proposals in response to RFP for removal of steel framing of Karnes County Archive Building.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve to accept proposals.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

Liska Construction
M.Foster Construction Co.

22. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Payment to American Arbitration Association \$4,062.50 to cover anticipated compensation in this matter as follows: Pre -hearing study time (Arbitrator Compensation Deposit 1) in the amount of \$2,031.25 due upon receipt. Hearing and Post Hearing study time (Arbitrator Compensation Deposit 2) in the amount of \$2,031.25 due August 7, 2026.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy 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.
23. 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) I.T. Dept.
- 2) Constable Pct #3
- 3) AES
- 4) EMS Dept.
24. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
25. Updates From:
- A. County Judge
- B. Commissioner Pct. #1
- C. Commissioner Pct. #2
- D. Commissioner Pct. #3
- E. Commissioner Pct. #4
26. Reports From:
- A. Tax Assessor/Collector
27. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
28. 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.
29. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **May 12, 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.

30. Acknowledge: Dedication of the oak tree and placement of the plaque to recognize the pivotal role Judge Alger Kendall had in restoration of the Karnes County Courthouse.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
31. 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.