

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 24, 2026.

ATTEST:

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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - MARCH 24, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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: _____
None.
6. Acknowledge: Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Proclamation for the month of April presented on behalf of Children's Alliance of South Texas.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
7. Acknowledge: Proclamation declaring April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness month.

The agenda item is acknowledged. The agenda item is acknowledged.

8. Acknowledge: 2026 Soil & Water Stewardship Week Proclamation declaring April 25 to May 6, 2026 as "Texas Soil & Water Stewardship Week."
The agenda item is acknowledged.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Approve and Appoint "Matthew Oliver" to the Karnes County Emergency Services District #1 Board of Directors.
This item was tabled to the next meeting.
10. Discuss/Approve//Disapprove: Updated recommendation for Karnes County Welfare Board members. (Bonnie Ramirez-President, Melissa Padron- Vice President/Chair, Celeste Rodriguez, Tina Radicke-Jones, Ladonna Card-Treasurer, Joyce Homeyer-Secretary, Debbie Witte.)
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented pending background checks.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
11. Acknowledge: Receipt of annual County 911 Funds from Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) in the amount of \$8,510.00. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief on eligible items or projects per DSHS rules prior to 8/31/2026.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
12. Acknowledge: Receipt of donated asset to Karnes County EMS from San Antonio College EMS Training Program. A used Onan Commercial Generator (Model: 5.5 HGJAD / SN: B120307543) was generously donated for the benefit of the agency's fleet maintenance program.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Review proposed Lease offer from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company L P (i.e. Conoco Phillips Company). Lease offer has been reviewed by Co. Attorney Tapia and advised to present before Court.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Disapprove.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
14. 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.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented. .
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Entering into a contractual agreement with Motorola for 5 years for LPR/Vehicle Manager subscriptions, and Command Central Aware.
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(Commissioner Prct#1 Wiatrek), Abstained 0.
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Entering an inter-local agreement with the City of Kenedy for financial assistance, to install a traffic signal on US 181, near Freeny Drive, in Kenedy, Texas.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

17. 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 on the agenda item.
18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by Commissioner Precinct 2 to award a contract to Wells Construction to construct the Karnes County Precinct 2 Service Center.
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.
19. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the consent agenda item 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) District Clerk
 - 4) Constable Pct #3
 - 5) AES
 - 6) EMS
- B. **Budget Amendments: 2026-12, 2026-13**
20. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
21. Updates From:
 - A. County Judge
 - B. Commissioner Pct. #1
 - C. Commissioner Pct. #2
 - D. Commissioner Pct. #3
 - E. Commissioner Pct. #4
22. Reports From:
 - A. Tax Assessor/Collector
23. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
24. 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.

25. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **April 14, 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.
26. 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.