

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 14, 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 14, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 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: Receipt of GEO donation checks.

The agenda item is acknowledged.

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Accept and Open bids submitted for TDHCA HOME Grant Reconstruction/Assistance of (2) homes within Karnes County.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve item #7 with the one bid from RM Construction for \$138,000 per home. All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Extending current Burn Ban an additional 90 days.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve extending current Burn Ban an additional 90 days.. Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek), Abstained 0.
9. 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 and approved by Co. Attorney Tapia to present before Court.
This item was tabled to the next meeting.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: To approve Ms. Ashley Scribner for appointment as the new Karnes County Family and Community Health Agent effective May 1, 2026 presented by Donnie Montemayor, District Extension Administrator, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service.
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.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Granting of a standard utility easement to American Electric Power for the purpose of the new electric service to the Karnes County EMS Admin/training and Emergency Operations Center.
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.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Discussion on possible purchase offer for an empty lot right behind EMS building in Kenedy, Texas. Property is 0.384 acres, Lot 12 of Block 35, owned by Christopher Pena. (Parcel 66011)
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.
13. 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.
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.
14. Discuss: Thorton Tomasetti's structural condition assessment - phase 2 for the Karnes County Jail, Sheriff's Office & Courtroom.
This agenda item was discussed.

15. Discuss/Take possible action: To address, repair, or replace each recommended point of distress for the Karnes County Jail, Sheriff's Office & Courtroom as recommended in the attached detailed report consisting of 26 pages and an Appendix A. Photographs by Thornton Tomasetti. **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/Approve/Disapprove: Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize and approve mediation in pending litigation regarding Karnes County and Centurion Industries, LLC, A-Lert Roofing Systems Divisions and to designate representatives to attend and negotiate on behalf of the County, and to designate who shall attend. To authorize the approved representative to negotiate up to a determined amount and any non-monetary terms for full and final settlement and release or in the alternative to state the no final agreement is effective until approved by Commissioners Court.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve and take appropriate action to authorize and approve mediation in pending litigation regarding Karnes County and Centrurion Industries, LLC, A-Lert Roofing Systems Divisions and to designate representatives County Attorney, Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek to attend and negotiate on behalf of the County to negotiate up to a determined amount and any non-monetary terms for full an final settlement and release.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
17. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the consent agenda.
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) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
 - 4) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
 - 5) District Clerk
 - 6) I.T. Dept.
 - 7) Maintenance Dept.
 - 8) Sheriff's Dept.
 - 9) Constable Pct #1
 - 10) 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 payment of bills 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 **April 28, 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.