

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 June 23, 2026.

ATTEST:

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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - JUNE 23, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, June 23, 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: _____

Dr. Lisa Castaneda

6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Authorizing the County Judge to execute a contract with Traylor & Associates, Inc., as previously awarded on November 26, 2024, for grant administration and environmental services related to Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Contract No. CDV25-0352.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve item #6 subject to the finalizing between County Attorney and Traylor &

Associates.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Authorizing the County Judge to execute a contract with Cope Engineering, as previously awarded on February 24, 2026 for engineering services related to Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Contract NO. CDV25-0352.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve the agenda item as presented subject to final approval of County Attorney. Motion carried Yes 4, No 1(Commissioner Prct. #2 Lyssy) , Abstained 0.
8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Establishing a Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to Local Government Code 152.014 and determination of the Salary Grievance Committee.
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: Proposal and Renewal for FY 2027 employee health insurance benefits with TAC HEBP and authorizing the County Judge to sign contract.
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.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: County specific incentive program for employee health benefits for FY 2027.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler 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/Take possible action: Re-establish GL Code 100-403-4260 for mileage reimbursement purposes for the Karnes County Clerk's Office.
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 3, No 2(Commissioner Prct.1 Wiatrek and Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy), Abstained 0.
12. Discuss/Take possible action: To transfer \$1,000 from GL code 100-403-4270 (Conference Expense) into GL code 100-403-4260 (Mileage Reimbursement).
Motion made by Commissioner Prct #3 Rosales to approve agenda item as presented. The court discussed the item. No second was received. This item was tabled to the next meeting.
13. Discuss/Take possible action: To approve reimbursement to Griselda Cantu for mileage expenses incurred from the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 through the current date, to be paid from GL code 100-403-4260 (Mileage Reimbursement).
This item was tabled to the next meeting.
14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by DRG Architects and Commissioner Precinct 4-Wes Gisler to approve final construction documents for the Precinct 4 EMS Satellite Building

Project and authorize DRG Architects to take all actions necessary to issue construction documents for competitive sealed proposals for construction.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented pending approved items with corrections being made from 7-14-2026 to 7-28-2026.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Prct. 1 Wiatrek), Abstained 0.

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by DRG Architects and Commissioner Precinct 4-Wes Gisler to approve final construction documents for the Precinct 4 Service Center and J.P. Office Building Project and authorize DRG Architects to take all actions necessary to issue construction documents for competitive sealed proposals for construction.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler 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: Request by Precinct 4 Commissioner to authorize Karnes County Road & Bridge to shred the property in Runge owned by Karnes County in preparation for planned construction of the Precinct 4 Service Center and EMS Station.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler 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/Take Possible Action: declaring an Osaki massage chair as salvage, serial # 385P218060117, and authorizing disposal by the Sheriff's Office.
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.
18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Approve creation of a new General Ledger Account "Fuel" within Lonestar Grant #5371101 transferring \$20,000.00 of the \$100,000.00 received from Salaries GL 197-197-1210. This transfer has been confirmed as allowed per the grant provisions by the State.
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. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Emergency underfloor repairs of plumbing due to massive swelling & heaving of the underfloor concrete mud slab at the County Jail (Phase I). Expense of \$55,736.00 to come from Jail Facility settlement line item GL 100-500-5742.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve item #19 this section Emergency underfloor repairs of plumbing due to massive swelling and heaving of the underfloor concrete mud slab at the County Jail (Phase 1) but nothing to do with the expense of \$55,736.00 jail facility line item.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
20. Discuss/Take possible action: Public resale of trust properties pursuant to Chapter 34 of the Texas Property Tax Code.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item #20 as presented subject to removing 10 and 12 also, item #11

opening bid at 25%.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

21. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Appointing Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate the no new benchmark tax rates and the voter approval benchmark tax rates for the county for the 2026 tax year.

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.

22. 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 #3
- 3) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
- 4) Elections Dept.
- 5) I.T. Dept.
- 6) Maintenance Dept.
- 7) Sheriff's Dept.
- 8) Constable Pct #1
- 9) Constable Pct #4
- 10) Constable Pct #3
- 11) AES

23. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.

24. Updates From:

- A. County Judge
- B. Commissioner Pct. #1
- C. Commissioner Pct. #2
- D. Commissioner Pct. #3
- E. Commissioner Pct. #4

25. Reports From:

- A. Tax Assessor/Collector

26. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.

27. Payment of bills.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the payment of bills.

All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.

28. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **July 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.

29. 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.