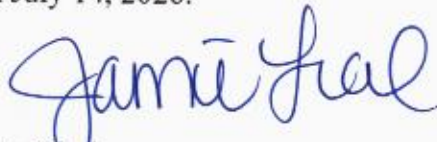


I, Jamie Leal, County Clerk of Karnes County, Texas, do hereby certify that the following Commissioners Court Minutes are a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting on July 14, 2026.

ATTEST:



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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - JULY 14, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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 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: _____
None.

6. Acknowledge: Constables office allowing Texas Game Warden assigned to Karnes County to also utilize secured office space.

The agenda item is acknowledged.

7. Acknowledge: Kenedy Public Library acknowledges receipt of donation from Wal-Mart in the amount of a \$80 gift card to be used towards Summer Reading Program prizes & supplies.

The agenda item is acknowledged.

8. Acknowledge: Kenedy Public Library acknowledges receipt of donation from HEB in the amount of a \$500 gift card to be used towards Summer Reading Program prizes & supplies.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
9. Acknowledge: Kenedy Public Library acknowledges receipt of donation from Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) in the amount of \$330 to be used towards Summer Reading Program puppet performer show.
The agenda item is acknowledged.
10. Acknowledge: Appointing Judge Wade J. Hedtke to represent Karnes County on the South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee (SCTWAC).
The agenda item is acknowledged.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Approve and Appointment of "Raymond Dziuk" to the Karnes County Emergency Services District #1 board of directors.
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.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: 2026 Annual Audit services provided by Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C.
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.
13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Intergovernmental Agreement between Live Oak County and Karnes County for Environmental Health -Environmental Inspections for childcare facilities.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek to approve as amended agenda item by county attorney orally.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
14. Discuss/Take possible action: Participation in the TAC CIRA Annual Artificial Intelligence Awareness Training (certified by Texas DIR) to satisfy the annual training requirements of Texas Government Code 2054.5191 for applicable county officials and employees.
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.
15. Discuss/Take possible action: Regarding the assessment and upgrade of the County's audio/video infrastructure to improve the quality, reliability, recording capabilities, and accessibility of audiovisual services for Commissioners Court meetings, County and District Court proceedings and other County operations.
Discussion only.
16. Discuss/Take Possible Action: Declare the faulty light bar from Constable Pct.4 patrol vehicle as Salvage and authorize disposal. Whelen SR2BBRR, Serial # 217578.

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.

17. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Establish a GL Line item for Voter Recount Revenue GL 100-333-1003 and a GL Line Item Voter Recount Expenses 100-407-4602 for funds after start of fiscal 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.
18. Discuss Approve/Disapprove: Consider and take possible action to transfer \$1,000 from GL code 100-403-4270 (conference expense) to GL Code 100-403-4260 (mileage reimbursement).
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve the agenda item as presented.
Motion carried Yes 5, No 1 (Commissioner Prct. #1), Abstained 0.
19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Consider and 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).
No action.
20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Landowner request to remove tree close to the fenceline on CR 220 in Hobson, Texas.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve agenda item as presented.
Motions failed for lack of second.
21. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Line item transfers of \$28,000.00 from GL 100-540-1095 (EMT/AEMT HOLIDAY/PTO/VACATION) and \$39,000.00 from GL 100-540-1097 (ADMIN/TRAINING/CLINICAL PAYROLL) to GL 100-540-1094 (EMS EMT's HOURLY). These line item transfers are anticipated and are needed to cover payroll costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.
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.
22. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Ratify 06/23/2026 approved transfer of \$75,000.00 from GL 100-561-2020 Health and Insurance and establish and approve 2026 line item budget account GL 100-561-5729 Jail Equipment Repairs and Maintenance.
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.
23. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Interlocal Agreement between Karnes County and Bee County for Jail Services (Incarceration-Jail Capacity). This Agreement has been approved by Bee County Commissioners Court on 06/02/2026.

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.

24. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: 2027 Sheriff's and Constables' Fees Reporting Period beginning July 15, 2026. Civil Process fees; under Writ of Possession, the fee will remain \$ 200.00 but Sheriff's Department is requesting to add **"Plus \$50.00 per hour, per Deputy after the first hour plus .72 cents per mile.**
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.
25. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: To approve removal of steel framing of the Karnes County Archive Building and to authorize an on going reposting not requiring Commissioner Court Approval subject to no bids received.
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.
26. Discuss/Take possible action: Open bids received for RFQ for Forensic Roof Evaluation.
No action. Discussion only.
27. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by the Road & Bridge Engineer to award a contract to CINTAS to supply uniforms for the Road & Bridge Department and to authorize County Judge to execute the contract.
No action.
28. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by KCRB Engineer to authorize County Auditor to make journal entries from GL 200-680-3545 (Supplies Field & Safety) to GL 200-680-4540 (Parts), GL 200-680-3352 (Office Supplies) and GL 200-680-4380 (General Maintenance) in amounts totaling \$8,359.50, \$201.76, and \$199.11. respectively.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented with an amendment from GL code 200-680-4380 General Maintenance to reflect Local Capital.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0.
29. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request by the KCRB Road Engineer for a budget amendment to transfer \$140,000 from GL# 200-680-4380 (Local Capital) to GL# 200-680-4510 (Heavy Equipment Repairs) due to unexpected equipment repairs needed for four pieces of equipment.
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.
30. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by the KCRB Road Engineer to work the County Auditor and County Attorney to proceed with bidding on-call unit price term service contracts for the construction of roadway drainage and turnkey roadway improvements for FY

27-28 and to develop recommendations for the award of contracts in accordance with the Karnes County Purchasing Policy.

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.

31. Consent Agenda

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.

A. Reports:

- 1) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
- 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #4
- 3) District Clerk
- 4) Sheriff's Dept.
- 5) Constable Pct #1
- 6) TxDMV
- 7) EMS

B. Budget Amendments: BA 2026-19, 2026-20, 2026-21, 2026-22, 2026-23

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

33. Updates From:

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

34. Reports From:

- A. Tax Assessor/Collector
- B. Auditor
- C. Treasurer

35. 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.

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

37. 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.

38. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **July 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.

Item acknowledged.

39. 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.