

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 August 11, 2026.

ATTEST:

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



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - AUGUST 11, 2026

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 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.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Citizens to be heard.

Names: _____

Travis Culpepper and Vi Swierc

6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Pay out all overtime to eligible employees. Any overtime should be used if possible by Sept. 12, 2026. Pay out will be on Sept. 25, 2026.

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.

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Kenedy Public Library is requesting to transfer funds (\$6000) from GL account # 250-653-4352 (Automation/Technology) to GL# 250-653-5900 (Books) to purchase additional books, which also includes ebooks.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to approve the agenda item as presented.
Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Prct.#1), Abstained 0.
8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Kenedy Public library is requesting to transfer funds (\$500) from GL account # 250-653-4352 (Automation/Technology) to GL # 250-653-4222 (Programming) to purchase supplies for upcoming craft programs.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to approve the agenda item as presented. .
Motion carried Yes 4, No 1 (Commissioner Prct. #1), Abstained 0.
9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation to initiate contract negotiations based on scoring of RFP submittals for the Construction of the Precinct 4 EMS Satellite, in accordance with Karnes County Procurement Policy and applicable State Laws.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve recommendation to initiate contract negotiations based on scoring of RFP submittals for the Construction of the Precinct 4 Service Center, in accordance with Karnes County Procurement Policy and applicable State Laws.
Motion carried Yes 3, No 2 (Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek and Judge Hedtke), Abstained 0.
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation to initiate contract negotiations based on scoring of RFP submittals for the Construction of the Precinct 4 Service Center, in accordance with Karnes County Procurement Policy and applicable State Laws.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to approve recommendation to initiate contract negotiations based on scoring of RFP submittals for the Construction of the Precinct 4 Service Center, in accordance with Karnes County Procurement Policy and applicable State Laws.
Motion carried Yes 3, No 2 (Commissioner Prct.#1 Wiatrek and Judge Hedtke), Abstained 0.
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Burns Architecture LLC, contract amendment to establish the fee for the design, bidding, and construction phase services for the Karnes County Jail Expansion.
A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by County Judge Hedtke to approve the agenda item as presented.
Motion carried Yes 3, No 2 (Commissioner Prct. #2 Lyssy and Commissioner Prct.# 4 Gisler), Abstained 0.
12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Request for Qualification for Construction Manager at Risk Services Karnes County Jail Expansion Services.
Oral Amendments by County Attorney Jennifer Tapia.
Submission date to September 7, 2026.
Open: September 8, 2026
Decision : September 22, 2026

A motion by Commissioner Pct. #1 Wiatrek and seconded by County Judge Hedtke to approve the agenda item as presented with County Attorney Jennifer Tapia oral amendments.

Motion carried Yes 3, No 2 (Commissioner Prct. #2 Lyssy and Commissioner Prct.# 4 Gisler), Abstained 0.

13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Construction Manage-at-Risk Contract for the Karnes County Courthouse Restoration Project, including any related contract documents, exhibits, amendments, or addenda; authorize the County Judge to execute the contract and related documents upon final review and approval by the County Attorney; and address any related matters.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Acceptance of settlement of \$ 34,028.71 from Northstar Energy Solutions for damage incurred at or near CR 326 and CR 333 Kenedy, Karnes County which occurred on or about November 24, 2025, Claim Number P949-424553 and execute Limited Property Damage Release.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Adoption of 2026 Karnes County Investment Policy & Strategies, Investment Committee and Appointment of Investment Officer.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by the Road & Bridge Engineer to award a cotract to CINTAS to supply unoforms for the Road & Bridge Department and to authorize County officials to take appropriate action to execute the Contract.

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.

17. Discuss: Construction industry trucking shortage and likely impact to Karnes County road construction and maintenance costs.

Discussion only.

18. Consent Agenda

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales 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 #2
- 2) Justice of the Peace Pct #3
- 3) Elections Dept.
- 4) Maintenance Dept.
- 5) Constable Pct #1
- 6) Constable Pct #3

- 7) TxDMV
- B. **Budget Amendments: BA 2026-25**
19. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
20. Updates From:
- A. County Judge
- B. Commissioner Pct. #1
- C. Commissioner Pct. #2
- D. Commissioner Pct. #3
- E. Commissioner Pct. #4
21. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
22. 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.
23. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will hold a **Special Meeting/Budget Workshop** on **August 13, 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.
24. 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.