

I, Carol Swize, 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 21, 2024.

ATTEST:

Carol Swize
Carol Swize, County Clerk
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners Court of
Karnes County, Texas



KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

REGULAR SESSION - JUNE 21, 2024

Commissioners Court met in regular session on Friday, June 21, 2024 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 Prct.#2 Benny Lyssy
Commissioner Prct.#3 James Rosales
Commissioner Prct.#4 Wes Gisler

1. Welcome.
Judge Hedtke opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Quorum Present. ☐ Yes ☐ No Absent: _____
X Yes ☐ No Absent: Commissioner Prct.#1 Dupnik
3. Opening Prayer.
Judge Hedtke gave the opening prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
Names: _____
None.
6. Acknowledge: The retirement of KCSO Canine. The dog has reached retirement age of 9 years and will be placed out of service. The dog was purchased with discretionary donation funds. The dog will be donated to the former handler Jonathan Kurtz.
7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Appointment of Judge Stella Saxon to the **AAAPDO** board, she will be replacing Judge Donna Rayes.

A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the above agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Recommendation by KCRB Engineer to award a contract to Antex Integrated, LLC for the application of herbicide to County roadways and various County facilities.
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 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Appointing Tammy Braudaway, Karnes County Tax Assessor-Collector, to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter-approval Tax Rate for the 2024 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 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

10. Discuss /Approve/Disapprove: Reinstating Burn Ban based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Disapprove the agenda item as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 0, No 4, Abstained 0.

11. Discuss /Approve/Disapprove: Karnes County Annex foundation Investigation proposal for engineering services phase 3 -Repair Design and site inspection located at 210 W. Calvert. Jeff Chapman, Commissioner Benny Lyssy and Commissioner Shelby Dupnik
Discussion only.

12. Discuss / Approve /Disapprove extending contracts with Thorton Tomasetti and ECS Southwest and ECS Southwest for repair design services and continued monitoring services for groundwater. Thorton Tomasetti has prepared its Phase 3 Repair Design and Site inspection proposal for additional design and engineering services to facilitate repairs to the building for a total authorized expenditure of \$141,512 at the present time with an additional \$35,000 authorized expenditure expenses. ECS Southwest seeks an additional \$32,600 for monitoring existing piezometer in accordance with Thorton Tomasetti recommendations for Phase 3 Proposal. Jeff Chapman outside counsel, Commissioner Benny Lyssy, Commissioner Shelby Dupnik.
Discussion only.

13. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: The STEP program policy that will allow the administration of the program that was previously approved on 28-May-2024.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the agenda item as presented.

County Judge Hedtke, Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales, Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler voted aye.

**Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy voted no.
Motion carried Yes 3, No 1, Abstained 0.**

14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Establishing a Salary Grievance Committee pursuant to **Local Government Code 152.014** and determination of the composition of the Salary Grievance Committee.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Selection of members of the Salary Grievance Committee, public members, alternate members and/or elected officials pursuant to **Local Government Code 152.015.**
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Approve the agenda item as presented and to select a Grand Jury.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.
16. Consent Agenda
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.
- A. **Reports:**
 - 1) County Clerk
 - 2) District Clerk
 - 3) EMS
 - 4) Constable Pct #4
 - 5) TxDMV
17. Discuss any item(s) from consent agenda to be considered and acted upon.
18. Updates From:
 - A. Commissioner Pct. #1
 - B. Commissioner Pct. #2
 - C. Commissioner Pct. #3
 - D. Commissioner Pct. #4
19. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
Acknowledgment Only.
20. Payment of bills.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#4 Gisler to Approve the payment of bills.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.

21. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **July 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Multi-Purpose room, located at 210 West Calvert, Suite 150, Karnes City, Texas 78118.
22. Adjourn.
A motion by Commissioner Prct.#2 Lyssy and seconded by Commissioner Prct.#3 Rosales to Adjourn.
All voted aye. Motion carried Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0.