

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 December 31, 2019.

ATTEST:

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



## KARNES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

SPECIAL SESSION – December 31, 2019

Commissioners Court met in special session on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Historic Courtroom located at 101 N. Panna Maria, in the city of Karnes City, Texas, with the following members present:

Wade Hedtke	County Judge	
Shelby Dupnik	Commissioner, Precinct #1	
Benny Lyssy	Commissioner, Precinct #2	absent
Sean O'Brien	Commissioner, Precinct #3	
Sharon Chesser	Commissioner, Precinct #4	absent
Carol Swize	County Clerk	

1. Welcome.  
Judge Hedtke opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Quorum Present X Yes    No Absent: Commissioners Lyssy and Chesser
3. Opening Prayer.  
Commissioner Dupnik gave the opening prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove VetraSpec contract for the Karnes County Veterans Services Department. Authorize the Karnes County Judge to sign. Authors Judge Hedtke/Don Scee

**No action taken on the above agenda item.**

7. Discussion/Acknowledgement of Change of Polling Place(s) for the March Primary Elections. Author Sarah Perez

**The Court acknowledged that the polling location for Gillett will now be at the fire station in Gillett.**

8. Discuss/Approve the transfer of \$1,672.58 from the General Fund to the Interest & Sinking Fund for the payment of court ordered refunds and attorney fees. Interest & Sinking Delinquent Collections during fiscal year 2019 were transferred to General Fund to facilitate the payoff of the Series 2013 Bonds (total collections transferred during fiscal year 2019 \$6,209.17). Author Lajuana Kasprzyk

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

9. Discuss/Approve the payment of Interest & Sinking Fund's monies, \$1,672.58, to the Karnes County Tax Assessor/Collector to fund the payment of court ordered refunds and attorney fees. Author Lajuana Kasprzyk

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

10. Discuss/Authorize the direct payment (formerly known as out of cycle payment) of \$1,672.58 from the Interest & Sinking Fund to the Karnes County Tax Assessor/Collector to fund the payment of court ordered refunds and attorney fees. Author Lajuana Kasprzyk

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove extension of time for utilization of 2019 Gold Status day earned by Michelle Salais until January 31, 2020. Author Lajuana Kasprzyk

**A motion by Commissioner Dupnik and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

12. Discuss/Acknowledge receipt of a \$10,000.00 donation to Karnes County EMS from Encana Oil & Gas Inc. The funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS

Administrator. Author Dennis Kelley.

13. Discuss/Acknowledge the significant change to the drug supply chain processing for pharmaceuticals and how it relates to the fiscal impact that will be placed on Karnes County EMS now and in the future. Author Casey Ebrom

14. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove:

1. Purchase a Query plan through FMCSA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association) Clearinghouse for all drivers.
2. Require FMCSA employees sign Policy Addendum & Clearinghouse Consent Form.
3. Beginning January 6, 2020 do full Queries on all new hires.
4. Conduct Limited Queries on all active FMCSA employees.
5. Name Vi Swierc – Karnes County Treasurer – as user for Clearinghouse Registration.

Author Vi Swierc

**A motion by Commissioner Dupnik and seconded by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove recommendation by County Road & Bridge Engineer to extend existing bulk material contracts with CEMEX and Colorado Materials through January 31, 2019. Author Wayne Gisler

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner Dupnik to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove recommendation by County Road & Bridge Engineer to award a contract for the construction of drainage improvements at the Karnes County Jail to Tierra Lease Services, LLC for an amount of \$235,495.00. Author Wayne Gisler

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner Dupnik to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**

**Motion carried 3 – 0**

17. Acknowledge receipt of donation from ConocoPhillips for \$5,000.00 for Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Author Shelby Dupnik

18. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Hyper Reach Emergency Notification System agreement for the Karnes County Emergency Management department. Authorize the Karnes County Judge to sign. Author Shelby Dupnik

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner Dupnik to approve the above agenda item as presented.**

**All voted aye.**  
**Motion carried 3 – 0**

19. Updates from:

Commissioner Pct. #1  
Commissioner Pct. #2  
Commissioner Pct. #3  
Commissioner Pct. #4

20. Discussion/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes – reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments

21. Payment of bills.

**A motion by Judge Hedtke and seconded by Commissioner Dupnik to approve the payment of bills as presented.**

**All voted aye.**  
**Motion carried 3 – 0**

22. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118 on January 14, 2020, at 9:00am in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom.

23. Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Dupnik.**

**All voted aye.**  
**Motion carried 3 - 0**