

KARNES COUNTY TAX OFFICE:

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APPROX. 1 MILE SOUTH OF COURTHOUSE

**VISIT OUR HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE WHERE THE
COUNTY JUDGE, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND DISTRICT CLERK
ARE LOCATED.**



WELCOME TO KARNES COUNTY



CAROL SWIZE, COUNTY CLERK

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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00pm- 1:00 pm

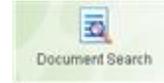
HELPFUL INFORMATION

- The North half of the county was Bexar County until Karnes County was formed in 1854
- The South half of the county was Goliad.
- What was once the town of Riddleville is now Gillett.
- What was once the town of Brackenridge is now Falls City.
- What was once St.Joe is now Cestohowa.
- The County Seat was moved from Helena to Karnes City in 1894-Vol. 2 Pg.220 of Commissioners Court.
- The current courthouse was completed in October of 1894.
- Affidavit of History on the fire-Vol.160 Pg.507
- Probate Indexes 1 thru 5 and Probate books 1 thru 126 are located in section 5 of the rolling files.
- Unit designations are listed in the back of the **L to Z** reverse index 1992-1997 and 1998-2003.
- Survey books- 5 volumes and real estate books 1 thru 5 are located in the counter nearest the rolling shelves.
- Official Records start with Vol.637 in 1993.
- Deed Of Trust Indexes up to 1966 and Deed Of Trust are located on the book shelf along the front wall.
- Deed Of Trust Vol.1 is also the Federal Loan book.
- Beginning in 1967 Deed of Trust, Federal and State Tax Liens, M& M Liens, Judgment, Lis Pendens, Real Estate, Bill of Sale, ect are indexed in regular indexes.
- Beginning in 1993 all documents are recorded in Official Record.
- Death indexes are in the counter with Deed Indexes.
- Commissioners Court Minutes are in Section 6 of the rolling files.
- Marriage Records start in 1865.
- Birth Records start in 1890.
- Probate Records start in March 1856.
- Some Patents may be found in Surveyors Field Notes.
- No food or drinks please.
- No books outside the office.
- No cell phones. If you need to use your cell phone please step outside the office to do so.
- Records are online at www.countygovernmentrecords.com, these records are from June 13, 2003 to current date unless you have the volume & page.

TIPS FOR USING THE PUBLIC COMPUTER:

LOGIN: PUBLIC
PASSWORD: PUBLIC

- Document Search Tab on the right-hand side to search records



- Home Screen will show a PROOF DATE where documents are indexed through.... Change the date to current date to search for documents recorded after proof date.

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Please feel free to make your own copies from the record books. We just ask that you not feed the pages through the automatic feeder of the copy machine.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OUR BOOKS!

If you need a copy of a black page, we can help you reverse the pages. If a public station is not available, please ask one of the clerks and we will be happy to print it for you.

We are pleased to have you visit our court house square and trust that you will find what you are looking for. If at any time you need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone. We are happy to help.