

David Wiatrek
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Bernard Lyssy
Commissioner, Precinct 2



James Rosales
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Wade J. Hedtke
Karnes County Judge

Wesley Gisler
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**NOTICE OF MEETING
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF KARNES COUNTY TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that the governing body of **Karnes County Commissioners Court** will hold a **Regular Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 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 to discuss the following items of Karnes County business in accordance with Local Government Code 551*:

1. Welcome.
2. Quorum Present. ___ Yes ___ No Absent: _____
3. Opening Prayer.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Citizens to be heard.
Names: _____
6. Acknowledge: April as National Child Abuse Prevention month in Karnes County; on behalf of the Karnes County Child Welfare Board. **Author: Bonnie Ramirez-Karnes Co.Child Welfare Board Chair President/Sponsored by Judge Wade J. Hedtke**
7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Resolution authorizing the approval of the building contractor award for the HOME program through Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. **Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke**
8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Lifting current Burn Ban in effect for Karnes County. **Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke**

9. Acknowledge: Resolution regarding the establishment of additional Data Centers in the State of Texas. **Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke**
10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Review updated proposed Lease offer from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company L.P. (i.e. Conoco Phillips Company). Lease offer has been reviewed/approved by Co. Attorney Ms. Tapia to present before Court. **Author: David Wiatrek-Comm. Prct.#1**
11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Encroachment Consent Agreement with City of Karnes City. **Author: Judge Wade J. Hedtke**
12. Discuss/Take possible action: To file for a Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program grant for repairs to the Karnes County Courthouse. **Author: David Wiatrek-Comm. Prct.#1**
13. Discuss/Take possible action: To authorize the Karnes County Child Welfare Board to utilize office/storage space at 115 N Market St in Karnes City. **Author: David Wiatrek-Comm. Prct.#1**
14. Discuss/Take possible action: To open and accept statements of qualifications for providing construction manager at risk (CMAR) services to Karnes County for restoration of the historic courthouse. **Author: Benny Lyssy-Comm. Prct.#2**
15. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Asset transfer of Kenwood NX5700 VHF Transceiver (SN: C4360489 / Asset Tag: 11839) from Sheriff's Department inventory to EMS inventory. **Author: Casey Ebrom-EMS Chief**
16. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Declaring a 2022 Ford F450 ambulance chassis (VIN: 1FDUF4GT9LDA01146) as surplus and allowing the trade-in of the asset to Frazer Ltd. as part of a credit on an upcoming remount. **Author: Casey Ebrom-EMS Chief**
17. Acknowledge: Receipt of donation to Karnes County EMS in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Karnes Electric Cooperative. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the EMS Chief(s). **Author: Casey Ebrom-EMS Chief**
18. Acknowledge: OLS Donations and Easter Donations. **Author: Sheriff Steve Bailey**
19. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Certify receipt and acceptance of grant funds from the NRA Foundation Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 by the KCSO and establish a budget for it's use. Funds will be used in accordance with the grant items for the purchase of duty weapons (shotguns). **Author: Sheriff Steve Bailey/Tom Dupnick-Auditor**
20. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Clarifying starting rate of pay for the position of Dispatch Administrator \$60,000, Jail Administrator \$65,000, Assistant Jail Administrator

\$55,000; and Medical Administrator \$65,000; with these positions being added to the STEP Program starting next fiscal year. **Author: Sheriff Steve Bailey**

21. Discuss/Take possible action: To open and accept proposals in response to RFP for removal of steel framing of Karnes County Archive Building. **Author: Jennifer Tapia-Co.Attorney**
22. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove: Payment to American Arbitration Association \$4,062.50 to cover anticipated compensation in this matter as follows: Pre -hearing study time (Arbitrator Compensation Deposit 1) in the amount of \$2,031.25 due upon receipt. Hearing and Post Hearing study time (Arbitrator Compensation Deposit 2) in the amount of \$2,031.25 due August 7, 2026. **Author: Jennifer Tapia-Co. Attorney**

23. **Consent Agenda**

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT TO BE ROUTINE IN NATURE AND, AS SUCH, WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL NOT BE SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM or ITEMS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE "CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON" SEPARATELY.

A. Reports:

- 1) I.T. Dept.
- 2) Constable Pct #3
- 3) AES
- 4) EMS Dept.

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

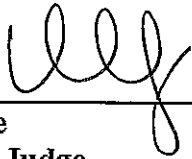
25. Updates From:

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

26. Reports From:

- A. Tax Assessor/Collector

27. Discuss/Acknowledgement of Personnel Changes - reporting by all departments on any changes in respective departments.
28. Payment of bills.
29. Acknowledge the Commissioners Court will meet on **May 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM**, in the Karnes County Historic Courtroom, located at 101 North Panna Maria Avenue, Suite 200, Karnes City, Texas 78118.
30. Acknowledge: Dedication of the oak tree and placement of the plaque to recognize the pivotal role Judge Alger Kendall had in restoration of the Karnes County Courthouse.
Author: Sue Butler Carter/Sponsored by Judge Wade J. Hedtke
31. Adjourn.



Wade J. Hedtke
Karnes County Judge

***Karnes County Commissioners Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during a regular or special called meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by Texas Government Code 551.**

CERTIFICATE: I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was duly posted by me on the Legal Notices Board and the Front Glass (East Entrance) at the Karnes County Offices on the Square located at 210 West Calvert, Karnes City, Texas on the 21 day of April, 2026, at 1:06 pm, which is at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled meeting.




Jamie Leal, County Clerk

By Deputy: 

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At 1:06 o'clock P M

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JAMIE LEAL, COUNTY CLERK
KARNES COUNTY, TEXAS
 Deputy