



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 30, 2022**

Members Present: David Sanderson, Board President Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President
Leslie Hawkins, Board Member

Members Absent: Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary (voting); Mike Johnson, Board Member (voting); Letha Stokes, Chief Executive Officer (non-voting); Dr. Michael Sprys, DO, Chief of Staff and Family Practice Physician (non-voting); Dr. Mark Key, MD, Vice Chief of Medical Staff/Secretary and Family Practice Physician (non-voting)

Guests Present: Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for Lamesa Press Reporter; Carter Schildknecht, resident of Dawson County; Jaylayne Birkelbach, resident of Dawson County; and Julie Frizzell, resident of Dawson County

Staff Present: Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer; Jo Beth Smith, Chief Operating Officer; Traci Brown, Human Resources Director; Diane Sherrill, Director of Nursing and Registered Nurse; Clint Lambert, Facilities Management Director and Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician; and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., with the above-mentioned members, staff and guest present.
2. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by David Sanderson, Board President.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was given by David Sanderson, Board President.
4. **Public Hearing on 2022 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District:**
The Board of Directors commenced the public hearing on the 2022 preliminary tax rate of 0.332644 per \$100 valuation for Dawson County Hospital District at 5:02 p.m.
 - A. David Sanderson, Board President, presented Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, to present historical data prior to receiving public comment. Colby Reeves presented a power point presentation regarding the topics from the initial 2022 tax rate discussion, tax calculations for the 2022 tax year, tax rate comparison and net taxable value

comparison for 2021 versus 2022, and comparison of average household impact. Colby Reeves presented in response to the board's question, the 2022 preliminary tax rate of 0.332644 per \$100 valuation provides a tax rate increase without triggering an election or petition. The board had the opportunity to ask questions.

- B. David Sanderson, Board President, presented an opportunity for public comment.
- C. The Board of Directors received public comments from the following citizen: Carter Schildknecht.
- D. The Board of Directors received no additional public comments.
- E. The following board members responded: David Sanderson and Steven Hatchett.
- F. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to adjourn the public hearing on the 2022 preliminary tax rate, , and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the public hearing on the 2022 preliminary tax rate at 5:26 p.m.

5. New Business:

- A. **Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2022 Tax Rate for Debt Service for Dawson County Hospital District** – David Sanderson, President of the Board.
David Sanderson presented to the board for board action to adopt the 2022 tax rates for maintenance and operation and interest and sinking in a separate motion to adopt the tax rate for the two combined as presented during the public hearing presentation. At the request of the board, Colby Reeves facilitated discussion with the Board of Directors and the public regarding the tax calculations for the 2022 tax year, 2021 tax rate comparison to 2022, and comparison of average household impact. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to approve the 2022 tax rate of 10.0174 cents per \$100 valuation for the interest and sinking portion of the debt service for Dawson County Hospital District, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2022 tax rate of 10.0174 cents per \$100 valuation for debt service: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Mike Johnson, Board Member.
- B. **Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2022 Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations for Dawson County Hospital District** – David Sanderson, President of the Board.
David Sanderson presented to the board for approval the 2022 tax rate for maintenance and operations for Dawson County Hospital District. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to move to approve the 2022 tax rate of 23.2470 cents per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations for Dawson County Hospital District, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2022 tax rate of 23.2470 cents per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Mike Johnson, Board Member.

C. Receive and Take Action on Order to Adopt the 2022 Total Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson read and presented to the board the resolution as provided in the board packet for adoption of the total tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to accept this Order to adopt a tax rate at 33.2644 cents (0.332644) per \$100 valuation, as read and presented, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2022 tax rate of 33.2644 cents per \$100 valuation: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Mike Johnson, Board Member.

6. Public Comment Session: The Board of Directors entered Public Comment Session pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code Section 551.001(4)(B) at 5:26 p.m.

- A. The Board of Directors received public comments from the following citizen regarding the candidate for Chief Executive Officer position: Carter Schildknecht.
- B. The Board of Directors received no additional public comments.
- C. David Sanderson provided a response to the public comment regarding the candidate for Chief Executive Officer position.
- D. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 5:28 p.m.

7. Consent Agenda:

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** Action will be taken to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held July 26, 2022, Special Called Board Meeting held August 9, 2022, and Special Called Board Meeting held August 23, 2022
- B. **Medical Staff Report:**
 - 1. **Receive report from Medical Staff Representative.**
 - 2. **Take Action on any credentialing recommendations**
- C. **Report of Officers and Committees:**
 - 1. **Receive and take action on the payments for the month of July 2022 Accounts Payable** – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Motion made by Steven Hatchett to accept the Consent Agenda, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Administrative Report:

- A. **Letha Stokes, Chief Executive Officer** – Jo Beth Smith, Chief Operating Officer presented to the board the following:
 - 1. Jo Beth Smith presented to the board on behalf of Letha Stokes the Medical Arts Hospital will be hosting a Health Fair on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the hospital campus from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jo Beth Smith presented to the board the Health Fair is for all age groups and will provide things that the

community is interested in. Jo Beth Smith presented to the board the variety of screenings provided at the last Health Fair.

9. Report of Officers and Committees:

A. Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of July 2022 – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Colby Reeves presented the July 2022 financial reports to the board. After discussion was held a motion made by Steven Hatchett to accept the financial reports for July 2022, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business:

A. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action a Proposal to Approve Contract between OPREX Commercial Construction “Contractor” and Dawson County Hospital District for Design Build Services for the Construction of EMS Station and if necessary to Authorize Letha Stokes, Chief Executive Officer, to Negotiate, Finalize and Execute the Contract – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board a deferment to approve the contract with OPREX Construction at the next board meeting.

11. New Business:

A. Receive and Approve Changes to First United Bank Signature Cards – Letha Stokes, Chief Executive Officer.

Jo Beth Smith presented to the board updates to the bank signature cards with First United Bank. David Sanderson presented to the board the updates to the signature cards with First United Bank are for the addition of Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President, and the removal of Joe Cope. A motion was made by Leslie Hawkins to approve the changes to the First United Bank cards, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections: 551.071/consultation with attorney, and 551.074/personnel matters.

A. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now convenes in Closed Session the date is August 30, 2022 and the time is 5:55 p.m.

B. Enter into Executive Session pursuant to the above cited authorities:

1. Consultation with Attorney – Craig Carter, Attorney of Jackson & Carter, PLLC.

2. Personnel Matters Regarding Hiring for Chief Executive Officer Position – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

C. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now adjourns its Closed Session and will return to Open Session. The date is August 30, 2022 and the time is 7:38 p.m.

13. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 7:40 p.m.