



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
May 28, 2024**

Members Present: David Sanderson, Board President Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary
Mike Johnson, Board Member Leslie Hawkins, Board Member

Members Absent: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President (voting)

Guests Present: Craig Carter, Attorney of Jackson & Carter, PLLC (by phone)

Staff Present: Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer; Jo Beth Smith, Chief Operating Officer; Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer; Diane Sherrill, Director of Nursing and Registered Nurse; Julie Arredondo, Staff Accountant; Cynthia Maria Vasquez, Human Resources Director; 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 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 5:02 p.m.
 - A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
 - B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 5:02 p.m.

5. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Section: 161.032/compliance reports; and Texas Government Code Sections: 551.074 personnel matters; 551.071/ consultation with attorney regarding legal issues related to personnel.

A. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now convenes in Closed Session the date is May 28, 2024 and the time is 5:02 p.m.

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

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

C. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now adjourns its Closed Session and will return to Open Session. The date is May 28, 2024 and the time is 6:07 p.m.

6. New Business:

A. Receive and Take Action on Issuing Certificate of Election for Board of Directors Elected Uncontested to Office for the 2024 General Election to have been held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board issuing a certificate of election for Board of Directors elected uncontested to office for the 2024 general election held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. David Sanderson presented to the board elected uncontested to office for precinct two is Leslie Hawkins and for precinct four is Steven Hatchett. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to certify to accept the uncontested certificates of election, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Administration of Oath of Office to New Board Members – Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary and Notary Public of the State of Texas.

1. Oath of Office for Leslie Hawkins, Precinct 2

2. Oath of Office for Steven Hatchett, Precinct 4 – Defer.

Sara Del Busto presented the Statement of Appointed Officer form for execution by Leslie Hawkins. Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary and Notary Public of the State of Texas, administered the Oath of Office to Leslie Hawkins, Precinct 2.

7. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes: Action will be taken to approve the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held April 30, 2024.

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 April 2024 Accounts Payable – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

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

8. Administrative Report:

A. Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer presented to the board the following:

1. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts volunteered at the Lamesa Chicken Fried Steak Festival on Friday, April 25, 2024 and Saturday, April 26, 2024;
2. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the hospital celebrated hospital week the week of May 13, 2024 in appreciation of employees. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the hospital senior leaders cooked hamburgers for employees. Freddy Olivarez announced to he board several events were held for employees throughout the week;
3. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board the 2024 Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT) Healthcare Governance Conference is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2024 to Saturday, July 27, 2024;
4. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Cybersecurity Risk Assessment report as provided in the administrative report packet;
5. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts Hospital has received several positive Google reviews with a current 4.3 rating;
6. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board the hospital district recognized EMS week the week of May 19, 2024 to May 25, 2024 with a social media post in appreciation and recognition of EMS staff;
7. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the advertisement of Memorial Day Clinic Closure as provided in the administrative report packet;
8. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the graduation advertisement as provided in the administrative report packet. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board t graduation advertisement informs of Medical Arts scholarship opportunities available to students pursuing careers in healthcare for Nursing, Ultrasound (US) Technologist, Radiology Technologist, Respiratory Therapist, Medical Technologist, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic. Freddy Olivarez informed the board the graduation advertisement was published in the local Lamesa Press Reporter newspaper and social media platforms;
9. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board the hospital district will hold a Movie Night Summer Party at Lamesa Movieland Theatre for families of hospital district employees;
10. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board attendance at the twenty-fifth annual Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) memorial ceremony held at the Preston Smith Unit to honor fallen correctional Officers.

9. Report of Officers and Committees:

A. Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of April 2024 –
Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Colby Reeves presented the April 2024 financial reports and chargemaster update to the board. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion with Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer, and the Board of Directors on the chargemaster update impact to monthly collections and payor classes. After discussion was held a motion made by Leslie Hawkins to approve the financial reports for April 2024, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business: None

11. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Section: 161.032/compliance reports; and Texas Government Code Section: 551.074 personnel matters.

A. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now convenes in Closed Session the date is May 28, 2024 and the time is 6:38 p.m.

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

1. Personnel Matters – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.

C. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now adjourns its Closed Session and will return to Open Session. The date is May 28, 2024 and the time is 7:12 p.m.

12. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 7:12 p.m.