



**Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 9, 2022**

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

Members Absent: 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: Andy White, OPREX Construction; Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for Lamesa Press Reporter; Jaylayne Birkelbach, resident of Dawson County; Julie Frizzell, resident of Dawson County; Kaylene Davis, resident of Dawson County; and Carter Schildknecht, 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; Bryant Busby, Medical Arts Hospital EMS Director and Emergency Medical Technician-Licensed Paramedic; and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Old Business:

A. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action Determining the 2022 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson announced to the board Colby Reeves to present to the board the tax rate calculations for 2022. Colby Reeves presented to the board a combination of an education session on the tax rate and tax rate discussion. Colby Reeves presented to the board a power point presentation regarding the initial 2022 tax rate discussion of the maintenance and operations rate, interest and sinking, general obligation bond, key tax rates, and tax comparison worksheet. Colby Reeves presented to the board the 2022 no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.316915 per \$100 valuation that provides the same amount of dollars as last year's levy as provided by the Dawson County Central Appraisal District. Colby Reeves presented to the board the 2022 voter-approval tax rate of 0.332645 per \$100 valuation that provides a tax rate increase without the hospital district having to hold an election. Colby Reeves presented to the board the tax rates presented include both the maintenance and operations tax rate and debt service tax rate. The board had the opportunity to ask questions. Colby Reeves facilitated discussion with the Board of Directors regarding the general obligation bond, change in voter-approval tax rate, hospital business projections, calculation of tax rates in relation to valuations, tax rate increase on a residential home, and no availability of future COVID relief funds. David Sanderson presented to the board to consider for possible action for determining the 2022 preliminary tax rate provided that the action is not the actual vote on the final tax rate. David Sanderson presented to the board the tax rate could change at a future date when the board takes action on the final tax rate. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary, to propose the board set the 2022 preliminary tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District to the voter approval tax rate of 0.332644 per \$100 valuation (33.2644 cents), (a 0.015729 cents increase above the no-new-revenue tax rate; 0.100174 per \$100 valuation, 10.0174 cents, for the 2022 debt preliminary rate; and 0.232470 per \$100 valuation, 23.2470 cents, for the 2022 preliminary maintenance and operations rate); and seconded by Mike Johnson, Board Member. The motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the proposed tax rate of 0.332644 per \$100 valuation (a 1.5729 cents increase above the no-new-revenue tax rate): David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; Mike Johnson, Board Member; Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. No board members present voted against the proposed tax rate of 0.332644 per \$100 valuation (33.2644 cents), (a 1.5729 cents increase above the no-new-revenue tax rate). No board members were absent from the meeting.

6. New 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 proposal to approve a contract between OPREX Construction “Contractor” and Dawson County Hospital District for design build services for the construction of an EMS station. David Sanderson presented to the board legal counsel, Craig Carter, has reviewed the contract with recommended changes. David Sanderson presented an opportunity for the board to provide a request for changes to the contract. David Sanderson presented to the board a deferment to approve the contract with OPREX Construction at the next board meeting when a final version is available for approval.

7. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to 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 August 9, 2022 and the time is 5:48 p.m.
- B.** Enter into Executive Session pursuant to the above cited authorities:
- 1. Personnel Matters** – 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 9, 2022 and the time is 6:10 p.m.

8. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 6:10 p.m.