



**Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 10, 2023**

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: Jo Beth Smith, Chief Operating Officer (non-voting)

Guests Present: Craig Carter, Attorney of Jackson & Carter, PLLC (by phone); and Alesha Freitag, resident of Dawson County

Staff Present: Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer Colby Reeves, Chief Financial 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 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 5:01 p.m.
 - A. The Board of Directors received public comments from the following citizen regarding a compliment to Dr. Gipson, nursing department, and hospital for the care received in the Emergency Room: Alesha Freitag.
 - B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 5:04 p.m.

5. Old Business:

A. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action Determining the 2023 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 2023. Colby Reeves presented to the board a power point presentation regarding the 2023 tax rate calculations for maintenance and operations rate and interest and sinking, general obligation bond, key tax rates for the upcoming tax year, tax comparison worksheets, tax categories, and impact on average household. Colby Reeves presented to the board the 2023 no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.285536 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 2023 voter-approval tax rate of 0.300923 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, Freddy Olivarez, and Craig Carter, hospital attorney, regarding the general obligation bond, options for setting the preliminary tax rate; hospital business projections, calculation of tax rates in relation to valuations, tax rate increase on a residential home, homestead exemptions, and no availability of future COVID relief funds. David Sanderson presented to the board to consider for possible action for determining the 2023 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 set the 2023 preliminary tax rate (for Dawson County Hospital District) to 7.99 percent above the no-new-revenue tax rate, which is 30.0922 cents per \$100 valuation (0.300922), (a 1.5386 cents increase above the no-new-revenue tax rate; 0.085453 per \$100 valuation, 8.5453 cents, for the 2023 debt preliminary rate; and 0.215469 per \$100 valuation, 21.5469 cents, for the 2023 preliminary maintenance and operations rate); and seconded by Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President. The motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the proposed tax rate of 0.300922 per \$100 valuation (a 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; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. No board members present voted against the proposed tax rate of 0.300922 per \$100 valuation (30.0922 cents), (a 1.5386 cents increase above the no-new-revenue tax rate). No board members were absent from the meeting.

B. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action for Setting Dates for Public Hearings on the 2023 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board for action to set the date for a public hearing and date to possibly adopt the 2023 tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District at the August Regular Scheduled Board Meeting. After discussion, motion was made by

Mike Johnson to set the hearing for the tax rate at the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action for Setting Date to Adopt the 2023 Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board for action to set the date to possibly adopt the 2023 tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District at the August Regular Scheduled Board Meeting. After discussion, motion was made by Steven Hatchett to set the date to adopt the tax rate at the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 5:57 p.m.