



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 29, 2023**

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

Members Absent: Mike Johnson, Board Member (voting)

Guests Present: Craig Carter, Attorney of Jackson & Carter, PLLC; Joe Hines, City Manager of the City of Lamesa, Texas; Brian Beck, City Inspector of the City of Lamesa, Texas; Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for Lamesa Press Reporter; and Carter Schildknecht, resident of Dawson County

Staff Present: Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer; Jo Beth Smith, Chief Operating Officer; Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer; Traci Brown, Human Resources Director; Diane Sherrill, Director of Nursing and Registered Nurse; Santos Rodriguez, Central Supply Director and Environmental Services Director; and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., with the above-mentioned members, staff and guest present.
2. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was given by Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President.
4. **Public Hearing on 2023 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District.**
The Board of Directors commenced the public hearing on the 2023 preliminary tax rate of 0.300922 per \$100 valuation for Dawson County Hospital District at 5:08 p.m.
 - A. Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President, presented an opportunity for public comment.
 - B. The Board of Directors received public comments from the following citizen: Carter Schildknecht.
 - C. The Board of Directors received no additional public comments.

- D. Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President, presented Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, to present the 2023 tax rate and historical data. Colby Reeves presented a power point presentation regarding the topics from the initial 2023 tax rate discussion, tax calculations for the 2023 tax year, tax rate comparison of 2022 versus 2023, changes to valuations by category, impact on average household, table of values and taxes imposed, and board discussion. Colby Reeves presented to the board the 2023 preliminary tax rate of 0.300922 per \$100 valuation provides a tax rate increase without triggering an election or petition. The board had the opportunity to ask questions. Colby Reeves facilitated discussion with the Board of Directors, Freddy Olivarez, Craig Carter, attorney of Jackson & Carter, public and guests present on the tax timeline document for the hospital district.
- E. Steven Hatchett , Board Vice-President, adjourned the public hearing on the 2023 preliminary tax rate at 5:22 p.m.

5. 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 5:22 p.m.

- A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
- B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 5:22 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes: Action will be taken to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held July 25, 2023 and Special Called Board Meeting held August 10, 2023.

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 2023 Accounts Payable** – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

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

7. 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 the Google reviews for Medical Arts Hospital and Medical Arts Health Clinic with a increase in ratings. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the district has received more reviews being left by patients sharing the excellent care they have received.
- 2. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board ten students completed the Medical Arts Hospital EMT Course with students waiting to take the national certification test.

- Freddy Olivarez presented students will have the opportunity to work for the district. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Paramedic course is to begin January 2024 through a partnership with Howard College for students to receive an Associate degree in Applied Science;
3. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the letter to the editor from Mr. Billy Low as published in the Lamesa Press Reporter. Mr. Billy Low compliments Medical Arts Hospital and the medical professionals at Medical Arts Clinic for the care he received;
 4. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board his good visit with Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange CEO Tess Frazier and Angie Merrill at Medical Arts Hospital;
 5. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Lamesa Economic Development Corporation held a great town hall meeting on August 21, 2023 with Representative Jodey Arrington. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board they had a good visit;
 6. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts hosted a blood drive today in the hospital community room with a good turnout;
 7. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Medical Arts Health Clinic was awarded a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) grant to conduct mobile vaccine clinics in Dawson County. The district has begun preparation in ordering supplies for the clinics and will be hosting the mobile clinics throughout the year at various locations in the county. Freddy Olivarez expressed appreciation to Jo Beth Smith for the work put into obtaining the grant and to departmental leaders for assisting with information for the grant application;
 8. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts will be volunteering at the Lamesa Movieland Theater on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 with board members welcomed to join;
 9. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts Clinic will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of the Labor day holiday. The clinic will reopen on Tuesday, September 5, 2023;
 10. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board senior leaders will be grilling hamburgers for Medical Arts employees to serve during the lunch hour on September 21, 2023 in appreciation. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board that board members are welcomed to join the event;
 11. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts is gearing up to host our annual Health Fair on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Medical Arts Campus. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Vitalant will be onsite for a blood drive. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Jo Beth Smith is the facilitator in organizing the community event;
 12. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the fifteen-second ad commercial production for the district.

8. Report of Officers and Committees:

A. Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of July 2023 – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Colby Reeves presented the July 2023 financial reports to the board. After discussion was held a motion made by Nicky Chapman to receive the financial reports, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business:

A. Receive and Approve Purchase of 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe Vehicle from Dawson County Sheriffs Department – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.

Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle from the Dawson County Sherriff’s Department for EMS to utilize for mass casualties. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board a recommendation to approve the purchase. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Hawkins to approve the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicle from the Dawson County Sherriff’s Department, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive Presentation and Discuss, Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lamesa and Dawson County Hospital District and on Letter of Approval to the City of Lamesa to Demolish and Clear Properties held in Trust by Dawson County Central Appraisal District – Joe Hines, City Manager of the City of Lamesa, Texas.

Steven Hatchett introduced Mr. Joe Hines, City Manager of the City of Lamesa, Texas and Brian Beck, City Inspector of the City of Lamesa, Texas to present the interlocal agreement between the City of Lamesa and Dawson County Hospital District and on letter of approval to the City of Lamesa to demolish and clear properties held in trust by Dawson County Central Appraisal District. Joe Hines presented to the board the authority of the City of Lamesa for properties held in trust by the Dawson County Central Appraisal District. Joe Hines introduced to the board Brian Beck, City Inspector of the City of Lamesa, to present the fiscal year 2023 demolition process of the code enforcement department. Joe Hines and Brian Beck facilitated discussion with the Board of Directors, public, and guests on the demolition process and possible collaboration with the Lamesa Economic Development Corporation for development of housing. No action was taken by the board.

C. Take Action Authorizing the Conveyance of Various Parcels of Real Property Held In Trust by the Hospital District and Delegating to Chief Executive Officer the Authority to Execute Tax Deeds and To Take Such Actions Required to Effect the Conveyance of Such Real Property – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board the conveyance of various parcels of real property held in trust by the hospital district and delegating to Chief Executive Officer Freddy Olivarez the authority to execute the tax deeds with board oversight on approval of the deeds. The board held open discussion of giving all authority to the Chief Executive Officer noting the funds for the delinquent property tax deed are processed through the appraisal district and go to a Sherriff’s sale with all deeds sold sent to every taxing entity in Dawson County for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to take action to delegate to Freddy Olivarez (Chief Executive Officer) to execute tax deeds, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business:

A. Receive Information and Take Action on Hospital Handgun Carry Policies – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.

David Sanderson presented to the board the hospital handgun carry policy as discussed at the last board meeting has been updated with minor edits. David Sanderson presented to the board that the policy has been reviewed by hospital legal counsel. Freddy Olivarez facilitated discussion with the Board of Directors and Craig Carter, attorney of Jackson & Carter on a summary of the policy language and individuals authorized to carry on hospital district properties. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to approve the Hospital Handgun Carry Policy, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

11. New Business:

A. Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2023 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 2023 tax rates for maintenance and operation and debt service in a separate motion to adopt the tax rate for the two combined as presented during the public hearing presentation. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman to approve the 2023 tax rate of 8.5453 cents per \$100 valuation for debt service for Dawson County Hospital District, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2023 tax rate of 8.5453 cents per \$100 valuation for debt service: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Mike Johnson, Board Member.

B. Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2023 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 2023 tax rate for maintenance and operations for Dawson County Hospital District. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman to move to approve the 2023 tax rate of 21.5469 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 2023 tax rate of 21.5469 cents per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Mike Johnson, Board Member.

C. Receive and Take Action on Order to Adopt the 2023 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 Nicky Chapman that the property tax rate be

adopted by Order for a tax rate at 30.0922 cents (0.300922) per \$100 valuation., which is effectively a 7.990 percent increase, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2023 tax rate of 30.0922 cents per \$100 valuation: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Mike Johnson, Board Member.

12. 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 August 29, 2023 and the time is 6:10 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 August 29, 2023 and the time is 6:33 p.m.

13. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 6:33 p.m.