



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
September 26, 2023**

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

Members Absent: Leslie Hawkins, Board Member (voting)

Guests Present: Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for Lamesa Press Reporter

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; Santos Rodriguez, Central Supply Director and Environmental Services Director; and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 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 5:04 p.m.
 - A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
 - B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 5:04 p.m.
5. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes:** Action will be taken to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held August 29, 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 August 2023 Accounts Payable – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.**

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

6. 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 October Specialty Annex Calendar as provided in the administrative report packet;
2. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board he attended the Toot ‘N Totem grand opening. It is a great addition to the Lamesa community;
3. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts had a good turnout of employee volunteers at the Lamesa Movieland Theater on Wednesday, August 30, 2023. The hospital is scheduled to volunteer next on Wednesday, November 29, 2023;
4. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Medical Arts Clinic was closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of the Labor day holiday. The clinic reopened on Tuesday, September 5, 2023;
5. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the marketing summary report for Medical Arts Hospital as provided in the administrative report packet;
6. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts continues to receive google reviews of positive patient care experiences. Both the hospital and clinic ratings have improved. We appreciate the patients sharing their experiences with the community; and thank you to the employees for the quality care they provide to our patients;
7. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the ad as provided in in the administrative report packet noting the emphasis on the clinic accepting new patients, same day appointments, and extended hours availability. These are key factors for surrounding community members seeking patient care;
8. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the thirty-second sports radio commercial script. The radio announcement can be heard on the sports radio channels for local and area independent school districts;
9. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the appreciation employee meal on September 21, 2023 had a good turnout of employees. Senior leaders grilled hamburgers for the employees thanking them for the work they do for our organization and community;
10. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board two Medical Arts senior leaders volunteered at the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center on September 18, 2023 to help deliver meals to local Senior Citizens;
11. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts was invited to participate in a commercial shoot last week as organized by the City of Lamesa in highlighting

community organizations and leaders. We look forward to seeing that available by the City in the near future. We appreciate Mr. Joe Hines for including Medical Arts in the project;

12. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board we are 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 Hospital Campus. Freddy Olivarez expressed appreciation for Jo Beth Smith for coordinating the event;
13. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT) has provided the board with a copy of their newest resource ‘Navigating Rural Health Care Compliance’ guidebook with the support of the State Office of Rural Health. A copy of the book was distributed to board members.

7. Report of Officers and Committees:

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

Colby Reeves presented the August 2023 financial reports to the board. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman to approve the financial reports for the month of August, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 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 has been updated. David Sanderson presented to the board a summary of the policy. David Sanderson presented to the board the facility signage requirements as included in the policy for sections 30.05, 30.06, 30.07, and section 46.03 of the Texas penal code. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to accept as written the hospital handgun carry policy as presented in the board packet, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business:

A. Review and Approve the Public Funds Investment Policy for Dawson County Hospital District – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

David Sanderson introduced to the board Colby Reeves to present the public funds investment policy for Dawson County Hospital District. Colby Reeves presented to the board the public funds investment policy for Dawson County Hospital District with no edits to the policy. Colby Reeves presented to the board hospital legal counsel, Craig Carter, has reviewed the policy for any legislative updates and provided no recommended changes. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to receive and approve the public funds investment policy, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive and Approve the Investment Strategy Policy for Dawson County Hospital District – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

David Sanderson presented to the board the investment strategy policy for Dawson County Hospital District as a prior addition to the public funds investment

policy. Craig Carter, hospital legal counsel, has reviewed the policy and provided no recommended changes. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to receive and approve the investment strategy policy, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously. David Sanderson presented to the board for signature a resolution for approval of the Dawson County Hospital District's public funds investment policy and investment strategies as required annually.

C. Discuss Board Meeting Dates for months of October, November, and December 2023 – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board the board meeting dates for months of October, November, and December 2023. After discussion on meetings dates for months of October, November, and December 2023, the board decided to hold a Special Called Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. for the October meeting, with Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.; to hold a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. for the November meeting, with Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.; and a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for the December 2023 and January 2024 meetings, with Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.; pending a quorum is available for the meetings.

10. 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 September 26, 2023 and the time is 5:27 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 September 26, 2023 and the time is 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 6:01 p.m.