



**Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 14, 2025**

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: None

Guests Present: Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services (via conference call); and 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; Cody Taggart, Director of Information Technology, and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

- 1. Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.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 8:35a.m.
 - A.** The Board of Directors received no public comments.David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:35 a.m.

5. New Business:

A. Receive and Take Action to Give Authority to Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Enter Into Physician Contract Renewals for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board the physician contract renewals due for Dawson County Hospital District. The board held discussion to request a review of the physician contracts prior to renewal. David Sanderson presented a deferment of the physician contract renewals for Dawson County Hospital District. No action was taken by the board.

B. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action Determining the 2025 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 2025 and to provide an update to the challenges with the tax rate calculations. Colby Reeves presented to the board the 2025 key tax rates as reverified with the math calculations tabulating according to the tax rate calculation worksheet. Colby Reeves presented to the board the inverse relationship as presented for the 2025 no-new-revenue and voter-approval tax rates is not usually seen. Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services, presented to the board the calculations on the tax rate calculation worksheet are one hundred percent correct. Renae Thomas presented to the board an explanation of the cause of the inverse rate. Colby Reeves presented to the board the 2025 no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.298277 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 2025 voter-approval tax rate of 0.297187 per \$100 valuation. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion between Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services, Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer, and the Board of Directors on the options for setting the preliminary tax rate as a placeholder; calculation of tax rates in relation to valuations, voter-approval tax rate, tax rate calculations for maintenance and operations rate and debt service requirement, general obligation bond, last year's tax collections, estimated certified taxable valuations in relation to final property tax valuations, state mandated tax valuations processes, board obligations based on snapshot of certified taxable valuations presented, tax rate increase on a residential home, homestead exemptions, tax rate election requirements, and the 2025 tax rates. After discussion, A motion was made by Steven Hatchett to set the preliminary tax rate at the no-new-revenue tax rate at 0.298277 per \$100 valuation (29.8277 cents per \$100 valuation), and seconded by Nicky Chapman. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the preliminary tax rate of 0.298277 per \$100 valuation at 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 preliminary tax rate of 0.298277 per \$100 valuation at the no-new-revenue tax rate. No board members were absent from the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action for Setting Dates for Public Hearings on the 2025 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 2025 tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District at the August regular scheduled board meeting. David Sanderson proposed to the board in the event the district does not have the data needed to set the rate then a special called meeting may be held in September 2025. Discussion held regarding the options for setting the preliminary tax rate hearing and date to adopt. After discussion, a motion was made by Steven Hatchett to adopt to set a public hearing for August 26, 2025 at the regular scheduled board meeting, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action for Setting Date to Adopt the 2025 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 2025 tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District at the August regular scheduled board meeting. A motion was made by Leslie Hawkins to set the date to adopt the tax rate for the August 26, 2025 meeting, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mike Johnson, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. David Sanderson, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.