



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 26, 2025**

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

Members Absent: David Sanderson, Board President (voting); and
Mike Johnson, Board Member (voting)

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;
Cynthia Maria Vasquez, Human Resources Director;
Cody Taggart, Director of Information Technology; and
Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.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 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 8:32 a.m.
 - A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
 - B. Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:32 a.m.

5. Public Hearing on 2025 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District.

The Board of Directors commenced the public hearing on the 2025 preliminary tax rate of 0.298277 per \$100 valuation for Dawson County Hospital District at 8:32 a.m.

- A. Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President, presented Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, to present. Colby Reeves presented a power point presentation regarding the 2025 tax rates. The board had the opportunity to ask questions. 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 tax rate calculations for non-new revenue and voter-approval tax rate; calculation of tax rates in relation to valuations, tax rate elections; recommended tax rate to be set at below the voter approval rate; projected tax collections in relation to valuations; hospital district services, expenses, and equipment needs.
- B. Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President, presented an opportunity for public comment. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
- C. Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President, adjourned the public hearing on the 2025 preliminary tax rate at 8:56 a.m.

6. New Business:

A. Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2025 Tax Rate for Debt Service for Dawson County Hospital District – Steven Hatchett, Vice President of the Board.

Steven Hatchett presented to the board for board action to adopt the 2025 tax rates for maintenance and operation and interest and sinking 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 accept the 2025 tax rate of 6.0840 cents per \$100 valuation that is for our debt service 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 2025 tax rate of 6.0840 cents per \$100 valuation for debt service: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: David Sanderson, Board President; and Mike Johnson, Board Member.

B. Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2025 Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations for Dawson County Hospital District – Steven Hatchett, Vice President of the Board.

Steven Hatchett presented to the board for approval the 2025 tax rate for maintenance and operations for Dawson County Hospital District. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to accept the tax rate of 23.6346 cents per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations for 2025 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 2025 tax rate of 23.6346 cents per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operations: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: David Sanderson, Board President; and Mike Johnson, Board Member.

- C. Receive and Take Action on Order to Adopt the 2025 Total Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District** – Steven Hatchett, Vice President of the Board. Steven Hatchett 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 to accept the order to adopt a tax rate of 29.7186 cents per \$100 valuation for year 2025 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 2025 tax rate of 29.7186 cents per \$100 valuation: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: David Sanderson, Board President; and Mike Johnson, Board Member.
- D. Receive and Discuss for Possible Action Interlocal Agreement between Dawson County Hospital District and Dawson County, Texas** – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the renewal of the interlocal agreement between Dawson County Hospital District and Dawson County, Texas. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to accept the interlocal agreement between Dawson County Hospital District and Dawson County, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Action will be taken to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held July 29, 2025 and Special Called Board Meeting held August 14, 2025.
- 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 2025 Accounts Payable** – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

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

8. Administrative Report:

- A. Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer** – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer presented to the board the following:
- Freddy Olivarez announced to the board Medical Arts has partnered with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for Garrison Institute on Aging (GIA) and Grief and Responses to Illness into Late Life (GRILL) Lab for a bingo night at Medical Arts Hospital on September 2, 2025 in the hospital community room. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board that memory and cognitive screenings will be performed prior to bingo. Freddy Olivarez extended an invitation for board members to join the event;

2. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Medical Arts Hospital has received positive Google reviews;
3. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts had a booth at the back to school bash hosted by the Lamesa Independent School District;
4. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board a blood drive is scheduled at Medical Arts Hospital on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 from 12 noon to 4:15 p.m. in Vitalant's bloodmobile;
5. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the district partnered with the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society for volunteer employees to work the finish line stations: hydration station, rider services, spotter, jump team, and medical support team for the Bike MS: Cactus & Crude Ride 2025 on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Lamesa Forrest Park.

9. Report of Officers and Committees:

A. Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of July 2025 –

Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Colby Reeves presented the July 2025 financial reports to the board. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion with the Board of Directors on financials; accounts payable; cash balances and cash flow analysis; grant funding, projects, and expenses; district scorecard and current ratio standing; revenue cycle; insurance reimbursements for professional services rendered; cash collections; chargemaster project update; audit status; financial liquidity; community concerns; historical tax rates; and current tax rate. After discussion was held a motion made by Leslie Hawkins to accept the financial reports of July 2025, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Old Business:

A. Receive Information on Property Tax Valuations Including Appraisal and Taxation of Oil and Gas Interests – Steven Hatchett, Vice President of the Board; and Pritchard & Abbott, Incorporated.

Steven Hatchett presented to the board a deferment of the information on property tax valuations including appraisal and taxation of oil and gas interests.

11. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Section: 161.032/compliance reports; and Texas Government Code Sections: 551.074/personnel matters; 551.071/consultation with attorney regarding legal issues related to personnel.

- A. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now convenes in Closed Session the date is August 26, 2025 and the time is 9:57 a.m.
- B. Enter into Executive Session pursuant to the above cited authorities:
 1. **Personnel Matters** – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.
 2. **Consultation with Attorney** – Craig Carter, Attorney of Jackson & Carter, PLLC.
- 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 26, 2025 and the time is 11:22 a.m.

12. Old 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 – Steven Hatchett, Vice President of the Board.

Steven Hatchett presented to the board giving authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into physician contracts for the district. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to give authority to the Chief Executive Officer, Freddy Olivarez, to negotiate and enter into physician contract renewals on behalf of the district, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Nicky Chapman, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. Steven Hatchett, Vice President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.