



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
September 30, 2025**

Members Present: David Sanderson, Board President Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary
Mike Johnson, Board Member Leslie Hawkins, Board Member

Members Absent: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President (voting)

Guests Present: Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services; Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for Lamesa Press Reporter; and Steve Brock, resident of Dawson County

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:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:32 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 8:32 a.m.
 - A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
 - B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:32 a.m.

5. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Action will be taken to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held August 26, 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 August 2025 Accounts Payable – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.**

Motion made by Leslie Hawkins to accept the Consent Agenda, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. 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 recertification of the hospital pharmacy is good till 2027;
 - 2. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the hospital will host its annual Health Fair on Tuesday, October 8, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Medical Arts Hospital Campus. Freddy Olivarez extended an invitation for board members to join the event;
 - 3. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the district is gearing up for Halloween at Medical Arts with a community trick or treat trail at the hospital campus on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 3:30pm to 5:00 p.m.;
 - 4. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts Health Clinic was closed Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of the Labor Day holiday;
 - 5. 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 Tuesday, 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 and the event brings awareness to mental health;
 - 6. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts Senior Leaders volunteered at the local food bank on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 to deliver meals to Senior Citizens;
 - 7. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts had a booth at the Lamesa Independent School District homecoming football tailgate with hospital district volunteers handing out promotional items;
 - 8. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Senior Leaders volunteered for Meals on Wheels a couple of weeks prior to deliver meals to Senior Citizens. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board senior leaders volunteer monthly.

7. Report of Officers and Committees:

A. Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of August 2025 –
Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Colby Reeves presented the August 2025 financial reports to the board. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion with Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services, and the Board of Directors on financials; audit status; accounts payable; supply expense; vendor status; financial liquidity; cash balances and cash flow analysis, and requests for information status and process. After discussion, a motion made by Mike Johnson to accept the financial reports for August 2025, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Old Business:

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

David Sanderson presented a deferment of the information on property tax valuations including appraisal and taxation of oil and gas interests.

9. New Business:

A. Receive and Take Action, if necessary, on Authorization of Line of Credit at Financial Institutions, for Dawson County Hospital District dba Medical Arts Hospital allowing for short term loans when necessary for occurrences such as participation in state and federal funding programs – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board the resolution for extensions of credit as an operating note, if needed, at banks for Dawson County Hospital District dba Medical Arts Hospital. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board these are the same banks the district visited with last year. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the resolutions allow for ability to approach financial institutions for discussion and establishment of line of credits will first be presented to the board. Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer, facilitated discussion with Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer; Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services, and the Board of Directors on confirmation of no current line of credits; discussions with financial institutions; audit and financial improvements; historical line of credits; current financial status and account payable; financial institution terms and conditions; and preference for board motion on line of credit at each financial institution on an individual basis. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman to accept an authorization for line of credit to borrow funds at Lamesa National Bank, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor for accepting the resolution giving approval for extension of credit at Lamesa National Bank, a financial institution, for Dawson County Hospital District dba Medical Arts Hospital: David Sanderson, Board President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; Mike Johnson, Board Member, and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. The following

board members were absent from the meeting: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mike Johnson to authorize a line of credit at State National Bank. The motion failed due to lack of a second. David Sanderson presented to the board an opportunity for a motion to approve the line of credit at First State Bank. No motion was made to proceed with the line of credit at First State Bank at this time. David Sanderson presented to the board an opportunity for a motion to approve the line of credit at Optum Bank. No motion was made to proceed with the line of credit at Optum Bank at this time.

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

Colby Reeves presented to the board the public funds investment policy for Dawson County Hospital District with no changes to the policy. Colby Reeves presented to the board the overall purpose of the policy and authorized investments, and establishment of TexPool investments. Colby Reeves presented to the board the investment strategy policy for Dawson County Hospital District. Craig Carter, hospital legal counsel, has reviewed the policies and provided no recommended changes. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion between Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services, and the Board of Directors on regulatory requirement of annual policy approval by the board, and investment officer training requirement. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman to approve the investment funds policy as presented in the board packets, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Colby Reeves presented to the board the investment strategy policy for Dawson County Hospital District with the previous agenda item 9.C. A motion was made by Nicky Chapman to approve the funds investment strategy policy, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss Board Meeting Dates for months of October, November, and December 2025 – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board the board meeting dates for months of October, November, and December 2025. After discussion on meetings dates for months of October, November, and December 2025, the board decided to hold the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.; to hold a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. for the November meeting; and a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. for the December and January meetings; 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 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 September 30, 2025 and the time is 9:30 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 September 30, 2025 and the time is 10:18 a.m.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 10:19 a.m.