



**Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
August 11, 2026**

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: Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for Lamesa Press Reporter

Staff Present: Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer; Mark Woolery, Chief Financial Officer; Diane Sherrill, Director of Nursing and Registered Nurse; Cynthia Maria Vasquez, Human Resources Director; and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

- 1. Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 8:31 a.m.
 - A.** The Board of Directors received no public comments.
 - B.** David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:31 a.m.

5. New Business:

A. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action Determining the 2026 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented to the board the tax rate calculations for 2026 as provided by the Dawson County Central Appraisal District: no-new-revenue tax rate of 0.265487 per \$100 valuation that provides the same amount of dollars as last year's levy; and voter-approval tax rate of 0.271953 per \$100 valuation. David Sanderson presented to the board the comparison of valuations from 2025 to 2026. David Sanderson presented to the board the preliminary tax rate process involves the board setting the rates for interest & sinking (debt service) and maintenance & operations, for a set total tax rate. David Sanderson presented to the board the historical tax rates adopted. The board held discussion regarding the revenue difference between the voter-approval tax rate and the no-new-revenue tax rate, tax rate increase on a residential home, options for setting the preliminary tax rate; hospital business projections, certified taxable valuation, and calculation of tax rates in relation to valuations. After discussion, a motion was made by Nicky Chapman to set the preliminary tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District at 0.271952 per \$100 valuation (27.1952 cents per \$100 valuation), and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the proposed tax rate of 0.271952 per \$100 valuation: David Sanderson, Board President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; Mike Johnson, Board Member; and Leslie Hawkins, Board Member. No board members present voted against the proposed tax rate of 0.2719512 per \$100 valuation. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action for Setting Dates for Public Hearings on the 2026 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 2026 tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District. Discussion held regarding the options for setting the preliminary tax rate hearing and date to adopt. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Johnson to set the date to adopt the tax rate and hold a public hearing, and hold the regular scheduled board meeting for September 22, 2026, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Discuss and Consider for Possible Action for Setting Date to Adopt the 2026 Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

The board made a motion to set the date to adopt the 2026 tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District with agenda item 5.B.

6. **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 11, 2026 and the time is 9:00 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 11, 2026 and the time is 9:45 a.m.
7. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by David Sanderson, President of the Board, at 9:45 a.m.