Minutes of Special Called Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
September 22, 2026

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)

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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; Michael Leal, Information Technology Systems Administrator; and Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board 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 David Sanderson, Board President.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was given by David Sanderson, Board President.

4. **Public Hearing on 2026 Preliminary Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District.** The Board of Directors commenced the public hearing on the 2026 preliminary tax rate of 0.271952 per $100 valuation for Dawson County Hospital District at 8:32 a.m.
   A. David Sanderson, Board President, presented historical data for the tax rate, 2025 tax rate, tax calculations for the 2026 tax year, 2026 proposed tax rate, tax rate comparison to valuations, and comparison of average household impact prior to receiving public comment. The board had the opportunity to ask questions. The board held open discussion on the tax rate.
   B. David Sanderson, Board President, presented an opportunity for public comment.
   C. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
   D. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the public hearing on the 2026 preliminary tax rate at 8:35 a.m.

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5. **New Business:**
   A. **Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2026 Tax Rate for Debt Service for Dawson County Hospital District** – David Sanderson, President of the Board.
   David Sanderson presented to the board for board action to adopt the 2026 tax rates for debt service, maintenance and operation, and in a separate motion to adopt the tax rate for the two combined as presented during the public hearing presentation. A motion was made by Steven Hatchett to approve the 2026 tax rate of 4.3853 cents per $100 valuation for debt service for Dawson County Hospital District, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2026 tax rate of 4.3853 cents per $100 valuation for debt service: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Mike Johnson, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting:
   Leslie Hawkins, Board Member.
   B. **Receive and Take Action to Adopt the 2026 Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations for Dawson County Hospital District** – David Sanderson, President of the Board.
   David Sanderson presented to the board for approval the 2026 tax rate for maintenance and operations for Dawson County Hospital District. A motion was made by Steven Hatchett to move to approve the 2026 tax rate of 22.8099 cents per $100 valuation for maintenance and operations for Dawson County Hospital District, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2026 tax rate of 22.8099 cents per $100 valuation for maintenance and operations: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Mike Johnson, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Leslie Hawkins, Board Member.
   C. **Receive and Take Action on Order to Adopt the 2026 Total Tax Rate for Dawson County Hospital District** – David Sanderson, President of the Board.
   David Sanderson presented to the board the resolution as provided in the board packet for adoption of the total tax rate for Dawson County Hospital District. A motion was made by Steven Hatchett to move to adopt a property tax rate at 27.1952, which is effectively a 2.44 percent increase in the tax rate, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously. The following board members were present and voted in favor of the 2026 total tax rate of 27.1952 cents per $100 valuation: David Sanderson, Board President; Steven Hatchett, Board Vice President; Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary; and Mike Johnson, Board Member. The following board members were absent from the meeting: Leslie Hawkins, Board Member.

6. **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 8:38 a.m.
   A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
   B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:38 a.m.

7. **Old Business:**
   A. **Receive and Take Action on Audit Report for year ended March 31, 2025 –** Blue & Company, LLC.
      David Sanderson presented to the board a deferment of the audit report. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board visit with Blue & Company for audit report to be presented at future board meeting. No action was taken by the board.

8. **Consent Agenda:**
   A. **Approval of Minutes:** Action will be taken to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held July 28, 2026 and Special Called Board Meeting held August 11, 2026.
   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 months of July 2026 Accounts Payable and August 2026 Accounts Payable** – Mark Woolery, Chief Financial Officer.

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

9. **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 annual mandatory Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence (AI) training and forms for completion;
      2. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the October 2026 Specialty Annex calendar as presented in the administrative report packet;
      3. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the recertification of the hospital food service permit with the South Plains Health District (SPHD) is good till 2027;
      4. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the hospital will host its annual Health Fair on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Medical Arts Hospital Campus. Freddy Olivarez extended an invitation for board members to join the event;
      5. 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 30, 2026 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

10. **Report of Officers and Committees:**
    A. **Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of July 2026 and August 2026** – Mark Woolery, Chief Financial Officer.
       Mark Woolery presented the July 2026 and August 2026 financial reports to the board. Motion made by Mike Johnson to approve the financial reports, and seconded by Steven Hatchett. Motion carried unanimously.

11. New Business:

A. Review and Approve the Public Funds Investment Policy for Dawson County Hospital District – Mark Woolery, Chief Financial Officer.
Mark Woolery presented to the board the public funds investment policy for Dawson County Hospital District with no edits to the policy. Craig Carter, hospital legal counsel, has reviewed the policy and provided no recommended changes. Motion was made by Steven Hatchett to approve the public funds investment policy, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Receive and Approve the Investment Strategy Policy for Dawson County Hospital District – Mark Woolery, Chief Financial Officer.
David Sanderson presented to the board the investment strategy policy for Dawson County Hospital District. Craig Carter, hospital legal counsel, has reviewed the policy and provided no recommended changes. Motion was made by Steven Hatchett to approve the investment strategy policy, and seconded by Nicky Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Receive and Approve by Resolution Appointment of Investment Officer – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.
David Sanderson presented to the board the resolution appointment of investment officer. Motion made by Steven Hatchett to approve Mark Woolery as Investment Officer; and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss Board Meeting Dates for months of October, November, and December 2026 – David Sanderson, President of the Board.
David Sanderson presented to the board the board meeting dates for months of October, November, and December 2026. The board held open discussion. After discussion on meetings dates for months of October, November, and December 2026, the board decided to hold a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. for the October meeting; to hold a Special Called Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. for the November meeting; to hold the December meeting with the Janaury2027 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.; pending a quorum is available for the meetings. The board will hold a Special Called Board Meeting if needed.

12. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Section: 161.032/compliance officer; 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 22, 2026 and the time is 9:05 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 22, 2026 and the time is 9:39 a.m.

13. Old Business:

A. Receive and Take Action on Chief Executive Officer Contract Amendment – Bonus Structure – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented a deferment to the board for the Chief Executive Officer contract amendment for bonus structure.

14. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mike Johnson. Mr. David Sanderson, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.