



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
David Dunn
Kathy Rhodes
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryn Dodd
Will Kappauf
Richard Herrera
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer
Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical Officer
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Various other interested members of the Medical Staff, Employees,
and Citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wallace Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, and Eva Garcia, Financial Operations Divisional Director presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budget for discussion and review.

The presentation was for information purposes only, no action was taken.

III. PROPOSED 2023 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE 2024 BUDGET YEAR

Steve Ewing stated the Fiscal Year 2024 budget is based on an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.088729 per \$100 valuation for 2023.

No action was taken.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Wallace Dunn stated "As required by Ector County Hospital District Enabling Legislation, the Special Meeting of the ECHD Board of Directors is open to accept comments from the public regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budget. For those wishing to make public comments and who have not already done so, please sign in with Ms. Connolly. Comments to the Board will be limited to 3 minutes. Each speaker will be given a 1-minute warning prior to the expiration of the 3-minute time limit."

There were no members of the public who requested to address the ECHD Board of Directors.

V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Don Hallmark moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budget as presented. David Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2023 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Steve Ewing presented the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District as follows:

**TAX RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
IN ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS**

On the 19th day of September 2023, at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Ector County Hospital District (ECHD), a government entity, held in the City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas with a quorum of the Board Members present, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the ECHD has been duly organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the ad valorem taxes be levied for the Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking Fund of ECHD for the fiscal year 2024 and tax year 2023;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor-Collector has certified and published a No-New-Revenue tax rate for 2023 of \$0.094209 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation and a proposed tax rate of \$0.088729 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation as required by the Texas Tax Code;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the ECHD has previously adopted and approved a budget for the 2024 fiscal year in compliance with state law;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the ECHD has complied with all procedural requirements for the setting of the 2023 ad valorem tax rate as specified by the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, upon motion made by _____ and seconded by _____ to pass, approve and adopt this Resolution setting the ad valorem tax rate for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ECHD to adopt the following ad valorem tax rate:

\$0.014804 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking Fund and
\$0.073925 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations
with a total tax rate of \$0.088729 per \$100 valuation for tax year
2023.

THE FOLLOWING VOTE WAS RECORDED:

Bryn Dodd (District 1)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___
Will Kappauf (District 2)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___
Richard Herrera (District 3)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___
David Dunn (District 4)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___
Don Hallmark (District 5)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___
Wallace Dunn (District 6)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___
Kathy Rhodes (District 7)	Yes: ___	No: ___	Absent: ___

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Board of Directors of the ECHD shall certify to a copy of this Resolution and forward to the Ector County Assessor and Collector of Taxes.

This Resolution shall take effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Wallace Dunn, President
Ector County Hospital District
Board of Directors

David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District
Board of Directors

Don Hallmark moved to adopt an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.014804 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking Fund and \$0.073925 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations with a total tax rate of \$0.088729 per \$100 valuation for tax rate 2023. David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the 2023 ad valorem tax rate as presented. The following vote took place:

Bryn Dodd	Absent
Will Kappauf	Absent
Richard Herrera	Absent
David Dunn	Yes
Don Hallmark	Yes
Wallace Dunn	Yes
Kathy Rhodes	Yes

There being four votes for and no vote against, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of ECHD to adopt the following ad valorem tax rate: \$0.014804 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking Fund and \$0.073925 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations with a total tax rate of \$0.088729 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2023.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors