

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Dunn, President
Bryn Hill
Will Kappauf
Syliva Rodriguez-Sanchez
Don Hallmark
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wallace Dunn

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Timothy Benton, 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

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

David Dunn called roll of the ECHD Board Members. Wallace Dunn was absent.

III. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and Capital Budget.

No action was taken.

IV. PROPOSE 2026 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE 2027 BUDGET YEAR

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, stated the voter approval tax rate is \$0.284196 per \$100 valuation for 2026 and the no new revenue tax rate is \$0.125343 per \$100 valuation for 2026. The proposed tax rate is \$0.150000 per \$100 valuation for 2026.

No action was taken.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

David Dunn stated *"As required by Ector Count 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 2027 Operating and Capital Budget and on the proposed 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. 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. Counsel will give each speaker a 1-minute warning prior to the expiration of the 3-minute time limit."*

No members of the public requested to address the ECHD Board of Directors.

VI. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.

Kathy Rhodes moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating and Capital Budget as presented. Don Hallmark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2026 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Kathy Rodes moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.150000, which is effectively a 12.49% increase in the tax rate. The ad valorem tax rate of \$0.013710 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking Fund and \$0.136290 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations with a total tax rate of \$0.150000 for tax year. 2026. Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the 2026 ad valorem tax rate as presented. The following vote took place:

Bryn Dodd	Yes
Will Kappauf	Yes
Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez	Yes
David Dunn	Yes
Don Hallmark	Yes
Wallace Dunn	Absent
Kathy Rhodes	Yes

There being six votes for, the resolution passed.

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

On the 4th day of September 2026, 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 2027 and tax year 2026;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor-Collector has certified and published a No-New-Revenue tax rate for 2026 of \$0.125343 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation, and ECHD requests a proposed tax rate of \$0.150000 on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation as required by the Texas Tax Code;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the ECHD has complied with all procedural requirements for the setting of the 2026 ad valorem tax rate as specified by the Texas Tax Code; and

WHEREAS, upon motion made by Kathy Rhodes and seconded by Don Hallmark to pass, approve and adopt this Resolution setting the ad valorem tax rate for 2026.

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

\$0.013710 per \$100 valuation for Interest and Sinking Fund and
\$0.136290 per \$100 valuation for Maintenance and Operations with
a total tax rate of \$0.150000 per \$100 valuation for tax year 2026.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

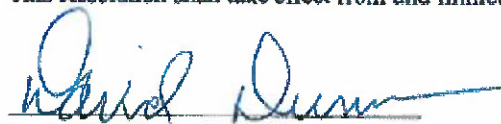
**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 12.49 PERCENT AND
WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON AT
\$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$52.52.**

THE FOLLOWING VOTE WAS RECORDED:

Bryn Hill (District 1)	Yes: ☒	No: ☐	Absent: ☐
Will Kappauf (District 2)	Yes: ☒	No: ☐	Absent: ☐
Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez (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.



David Dunn, President
Ector County Hospital District
Board of Directors



Will Kappauf, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District
Board of Directors

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Will Kappauf, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors