



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Hallmark, President
Bryn Dodd, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Wallace Dunn
Ben Quiroz

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Timothy Benton, Interim Chief Medical Officer
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to the CEO & Public Relations

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Hallmark called the meeting to order at 10:04 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. BOND REFUNDING

Steve Ewing provided an update on the bond refunding.

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

III. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets for discussion and review.

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

IV. PROPOSE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE 2021 BUDGET YEAR

Steve Ewing stated the Fiscal Year 2021 budget is based on an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.15 per \$100 valuation for 2020. The vote to set the rate will be done at the Regular ECHD board meeting on September 1, 2020.

No action was taken.

V. IF REQUIRED, SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Wallace Dunn made a motion to set a public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate for this Board of Directors to convene and accept public comment, with the public hearing to be held in this Board Room at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10th, 2020.

Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Russell Tippin stated that it is necessary to set a date, time and place for a public hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget as required by both enabling legislation and Health and Human Services Code.

Ben Quiroz made a motion to set a public hearing to accept comments from the public on the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Steve Ewing asked for a motion to set the date, time and place to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget.

Ben Quiroz made a motion to set a hearing on September 17th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room to adopt a Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget.

Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND PLACE TO VOTE ON THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX RATE

Steve Ewing asked for a motion to set the date, time and place to vote to approve the 2020 Ad Valorem tax rate.

Ben Quiroz made a motion to set a hearing to vote to approve the proposed 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at the meeting of the Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors, on Thursday, September 17th, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO TRANSITION ACCREDITING BODIES

Courtney Look, Interim Chief Patient Experience Officer presented to the Board a proposal to transition from Joint Commission to DNV.

Wallace Dunn moved to accept the proposal to move accrediting bodies to DNV. Bryn Dodd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Don Hallmark stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) Deliberation regarding personnel issues pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members Don Hallmark, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Ben Quiroz, Russell Tippin, CEO and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer reported the Board of Directors regarding strategic planning during Executive Session.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the board regarding personnel items during Executive Session then was excused.

Matt Collins, Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, Kerstin Connolly and Michaela Johnson were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 11:23 a.m.
Executive Session ended at 12:55 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

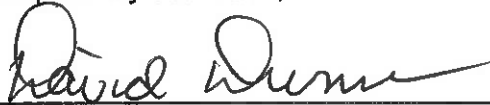
XI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There were no items from Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors