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**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 14, 2020

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Governmental entities are required to comply with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, when convening a meeting of their governing body. On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott temporarily suspended certain open meetings requirements imposed by the Open Meetings Act to slow the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19, also called coronavirus, provides a unique concern in that gathering members of the public and/or entity staff in a physical setting might constitute a public health risk. The Open Meetings Act does not conceptualize an instance where a governing body meeting might be completely virtual to avoid further spread of contagion. However, Governor Abbott's suspension of certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act permits open meetings to occur in a fully virtual setting (e.g. telephonic or videoconference meeting), provided certain requirements are met. These suspensions are described below.

The Texas Department of Information Resources recommends governing bodies convene in a virtual forum (e.g. webinar, teleconference) to avoid public health risks to employees, members of the governing body, and the public.


A webinar or teleconference of an open meeting provides a fully-virtual forum in which:

- the public, entity employees, and members of the governing body can engage in self-isolation or social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Texas;
- the public can hear open deliberations by an entity's governing body; and
- the public can interact with an entity's governing body during public comment

A special meeting of the Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital.

Anyone interested in listening to the meeting and/or providing public comment may do so by calling 832-791-2356 and using access Conference ID: 850 040 842#.

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

  
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal  
Ector County Hospital District

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ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.  
MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL BOARD ROOM (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)  
500 W 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER ..... Don Hallmark, President
- II. PUBLIC HEARING  
Accept Comments on the Proposed FY 2021 Operating and Capital Budget
- III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER COORDINATING AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER..... Steve Ewing
- IV. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY 2021 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET ..... Steve Ewing
- V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY 2021 MCH PROFESSIONAL CARE FUNDING AGREEMENT..... Steve Ewing
- VI. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2020 AD VALOREM TAX RATE ..... Don Hallmark
- VII. ADJOURNMENT