

**Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 10, 2025**

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a Special Called meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 12:00 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Robert de la Cruz, Tim Law, Carla Purcella, Troyce Sturgess and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Candice Smith, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Kristin De Los Santos, COO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; and Jim Steiert, Hereford Brand.

1. Call to Order

Kevin Bunch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation.

2. Public Hearing Regarding 2025-2026 Budget

Kevin Bunch presented the 2025-2026 proposed tax rate and explained the purpose of the meeting was for the public to be able to comment to the board regarding the proposed budget.

3. Action Item: Consider and approve the 2025-2026 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget

A motion was made by Tanner Black to approve the 2025-2026 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget as presented. Chris Woodard seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

4. 2025-2026 M&O and I&S Tax Rate

Action Item: Consider and approve the 2025-2026 Deaf Smith County Hospital District M&O tax rate.

A motion was made to approve the M&O tax rate of 0.243992/\$100 of valuation by Troyce Sturgess. Carla Purcella seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Consider and approve the 2025-2026 Deaf Smith County Hospital District I&S tax rate.

A motion was made to approve the I&S tax rate of 0.070140/\$100 of valuation by Tim Laws. Tanner Black seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Robert de la Cruz made a motion to adjourn. Tim Laws seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.



Kevin Bunch, Board Chairman