

**DEAF SMITH COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 20, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District ("Board") will hold a regular meeting as follows:

DATE: Thursday August 20, 2026

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Hereford Regional Medical Center
Board Room
540 W. 15th Street
Hereford, Texas

The meeting will be open to the public at all times except for deliberations that may be held in a closed meeting under Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act and other applicable law. The following agenda lists the subjects that will be deliberated and acted upon during the meeting. If during the course of the meeting, an item should be discussed in a closed meeting or the Board requires legal counsel on an agenda item, the Board may convene in an executive session.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Bunch
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Bunch
ACTION: Review and approve minutes from Regular Board meeting, June 23, 2026.
5. **Employee Health Insurance – 2027 Plan Year Proposals**
Presentations from employee health insurance carriers regarding 2027 plan year proposals.
6. **2026-2027 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate – Mr. Gafford**
ACTION: Review and consider 2026-2027 Budget
ACTION: Discuss and record vote on Deaf Smith County Hospital District proposed tax rate.
7. **CFO Report – Mr. Gafford**
ACTION: Review and approve financial statements and statistical reports relating to income expenses, and budgeted operations for the period ending July 31, 2026.
8. **Certification of Unopposed Candidates**
ACTION: Cancellation of November 3, 2026, election
9. **Chief Executive Officers Report – Mrs. Smith**
ACTION: Review and approve capital purchases

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10. **Chief Operating Officer – Mrs. De Los Santos**

Quality Report

Discussion regarding EMTALA survey findings, regulatory citation, and corrective action plan.

11. **Chief Nursing Officer – Mrs. Gudgell**

ACTION: Discussion and approve the Resolution of Support for Hereford Regional Medical Center's Level IV Trauma Designation.

12. **Medical Staff Report** – Dr. Rohm

- Medical Staffing meeting update
- Hospital clinical trends update
- Clinic clinical trends update

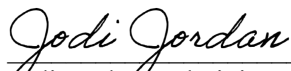
13. **Executive Session**

- Pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §161.032 and Texas Government Code §551.071 Appointments/Reappointments of Medical Staff and Non-Physician Clinical Providers to Hereford Regional Medical Center

14. **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District will be held on **September 24, 2026, at 5:30pm.**

The Vision of Deaf Smith County Hospital District is to be the Preferred Healthcare provider for Hereford and the Surrounding Communities.



Jodi Jordan, Administrative Assistant
Deaf Smith County Hospital District