

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met to conduct a hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital Budget, and on the proposed 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District tax rate on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Kevin Bunch, Cynthia Cooper, Carla Purcella, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invitation.

2. Public Hearing on 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget

Mr. Schueler presented the 2023 proposed budget and explained the purpose of the called meeting was for the public to be able to comment to the board regarding the proposed budget. No public comments.

3. Action Item: Consider and Approve the 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget

A motion was made by Mrs. Bridwell to approve the 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget as presented. Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. 2022-2023 M&O and I&S Tax Rate

- **Action Item: Consider and Approve the 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District M&O tax rate.**

A motion was made to approve the M&O tax rate of .218722 by Mr. Woodard. Mrs. Bridwell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Action Item: Consider and Approve the 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District I&S tax rate**

A motion was made to approve the I&S tax rate of .085086 by Mr. Black. Mrs. Purcella seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Schueler

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the August 25, 2022 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

Executive Session

At 12:30 pm, Mr. Schueler announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Gov Code 551.074 – Personnel Matter. At 12:45 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell.

Motion by Mrs. Purcella to authorize Mr. Barnhart, CEO to finalize a mediation agreement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cooper. Motion passed.

6. Adjournment

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Woodard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman