

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met to conduct a hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital Budget, and on the proposed 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital District tax rate on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 12:00 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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

Other attendees: Candice Smith, Interim CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst and Tim Laws.

1. Call to Order, Pledge, and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invitation.

2. Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget

Mr. Schueler presented the 2024 proposed budget and explained the purpose of the 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 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget

A motion was made by Mrs. Bridwell to approve the 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget as presented. Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. 2023-2024 M&O and I&S Tax Rate

- **Action Item: Consider and Approve the 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital District M&O tax rate.**

A motion was made to approve the M&O tax rate of 0.217000/\$100 of valuation by Mr. Woodard. Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Action Item: Consider and Approve the 2023-2024 Deaf Smith County Hospital District I&S tax rate.**

A motion was made to approve the I&S tax rate of 0.082050/\$100 of valuation by Mr. Black. Mrs. Purcella seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Chief Financial Officers Report – Mr. Gafford

Mr. Gafford presented July financial information. The financial package included statistical data, balance sheets, and statements of revenue and expense with prior year comparisons and budget comparisons. Stats show a continued declining inpatient census and an increasing outpatient volume. Financial indicators continue to show a strong days cash on hand and current ratio. The month ended July 31, 2023, was a net gain of \$19,304 and for the year a net gain of \$128,058. Mr. Bunch made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mr. Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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