

HOPKINS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting September 16, 2025

Board Members Present: Kerry Law, President; Chris Brown, Vice President; Dr. David Black, Secretary; Joe Bob Burgin; Rosario Mejia; Tammy Wright; Kristi Shultz

Others Present: HCHD Staff - Brent Smith, CEO/COO/Director of EMS; Staci Holley, HCHD Staff Accountant; Laura Ballard, Accounting Assistant; Angelia Waller, HR/QIPP Manager; Clay Harrison, Counsel for the District. Guests - Paul Harvey, CEO Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs; Linebarger Attorneys at Law Representatives, Denine Malone, Area Manager, and Kevin Dutton, Attorney at Law.

1. **Call to Order** Kerry Law called meeting to order at 1800.
2. **Invocation** Kerry Law gave the invocation.
3. **Review & Approve Board Member Attendance / Absence**
No Action Required - All HCHD board members present.
4. **Public Forum**
None
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a) Review and Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting for 8-12-2025.
Motion made by Kristi Shultz to approve the consent agenda and seconded by Tammy Wright. Motion carries.
6. **Review & Approve Linebarger, Assoc. Contract Renewal**
Kevin Dutton, Attorney at Law with Linebarger Attorneys at Law, presented the collection report for 2 years, 7-1-2023 through 6-30-2025, regarding the delinquent property tax collections. Linebarger Attorneys at Law is requesting a resolution to change the collection fee for property tax collections from 15% to 20% beginning with the 2026 taxes. No action was taken regarding the change; it will be placed on the October 28, 2025, board meeting agenda for the resolution to be considered and approved.
7. **Review & Approve Financial Statements**
 - a) July 2025 Financials
 - b) August 2025 Financials
Motion made by Dr. David Black, Secretary, to approve the July 2025 and August 2025 financials and seconded by Chris Brown, Vice President. Motion Carries.

8. Review & Approve to Set Proposed Tax Rate for HCHD Fiscal Year Ending 09-30-2026

Joe Bob Burgin made a motion to approve the tax rate for FY25-26 to be set at No New Revenue Rate of 0.136000% and seconded by Rosario Mejia. Motion carries.

9. Nursing Facility Update

- a) Nursing Facility Reports
- b) QIPP Facility Update – Discuss & Take Action if Needed
No Action Required.

10. HCHD District Operational & EMS Update

No action required

11. Update from Christus by Paul Harvey, President/CEO

No action required.

12. Closed Session

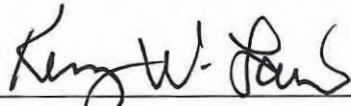
- a) Review and Discuss Item Actions, if any, for Hospital District personnel, salaries, and/or property

13. Return to Regular Session

- a) Approve item Actions, if any, for Hospital District personnel, salaries, and/or property. The annual evaluation of CEO/EMS Director Michael Brent Smith was performed, discussed.
Motion was made by Joe Bob Burgin to approve the presented annual evaluation and seconded by Tammy Wright. Motion Carries

a. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2006



Kerry Law, President



Dr. David Black, Secretary