

STATE OF TEXAS) (MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MITCHELL) (

ON THE TENTH OF AUGUST 2023 after required notice and having the agenda posted according to law, the members of the board met in called session at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Mitchell County Hospital at 997 West I-20 in Colorado City, Texas. The members of board in attendance were:

PATTY PHARIS, President

MARSHA RICKARD, Secretary

MARIA RUBIO, Member

KALEB JACKSON, Member

HELEN EDWARDS, Member

HENRYK OLSTOWSKI, Member

Absent Members:

CHERYL WARREN, Vice-President

Also present was Michelle Gafford, CEO; Diane Moore, CFO; Erica Thurman, Administrative Assistant; Murray Hall, COO; Teresa Hughes, Tax Assessor-Collector

- **Patty Pharis called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.**
- **Kaleb Jackson gave the invocation for this meeting.**
- **Public Comments** – No public comment was made.
- **Conflict of Interest Declaration** – No Conflict of Interest declared.
- **Review, Discuss & Possibly Approve 2023 Proposed Tax Rate**
Mrs. Hughes presented the proposed 2023 Tax Rate of 0.299540 which is a decrease of (0.047801) from last years' tax rate. Mrs. Rickard made a motion that the board adopt the effective 2023 M&O of 0.230281 and I&S of 0.069259 for a total proposed rate of 0.299540 which is the No New Revenue rate for the Mitchell County Hospital District. Mr. Olstowski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The 2023 Proposed Tax Rate will be presented for adoption on August 28, 2023.
Tax Assessor Collector will post notice in the Colorado Record and Administration will upload notice to the Mitchell County Hospital website.

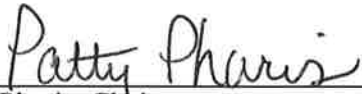
- **Review & Adopt 2023-2024 Operating & Capital Budget**

Mrs. Moore presented the draft for the proposed budget for the Mitchell County Hospital and Mitchell County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. She also included information from an article from the American Hospital Association regarding cost of caring continuing to rise.

1. Mrs. Moore reviewed the preliminary budget. Salaries were discussed in more detail due to the 18% increase. Some of the increase is due to the mandated State increase for TDCJ employees.
2. Mrs. Gafford spoke about lowering costs with finding new contracts with better pricing and not contracting out some Out Patient claims and bringing them in-house.
3. The nursing home has a significant increase in contract labor and a decrease in salaries due to not being able to retain CNAs and still short one LVN.

No action was taken. Mrs. Pharis requested that Mrs. Moore work on lowering the expenses where she could and to review again at the regular board meeting on August 28, 2023.

- **With no further business to address, this meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:47 p.m.**



Patty Pharis, Chairman

Mitchell County Hospital District Board of Directors