

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
September 25, 2024**

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF WALKER       §

The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a Public Hearing, open to the public on September 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Walker County Hospital District Conference room located on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the First National Bank building.

Members of the Board present included:

- Chairman, Anne Woodard
- Secretary, Jerry Larrison
- Manager, Curtis Montgomery
- Manager, Lane Aiena.
- Vice Chairman, Joe Sapp was present in meeting by phone.

Also, in attendance were Ralph Beaty, WCHD Administrator, Keli Molina, WCHD Administrative Assistant and members from the public and noted on the sign in sheet.

**Agenda Item 1: Call meeting to order.**

Chairman Anne Woodard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Agenda Item 2: Public input regarding the possible 2024 tax rate increase.**

No members of the public were present at the hearing.

**Agenda Item 3: Discussion regarding the proposed 2024 tax rate increase.**

Board members discussed the potential tax increase to 0.1075473 which is a 10.05% increase from last year.

**Agenda Item 4: Vote and adopt the 2024 tax rate increase.**

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve and adopt the 2024 tax rate increase, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 5: Consider approving the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 14, 2024 and the Special Meeting held on September 05, 2024.**

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 6: Comments from the public. If you wish to address the Board of Managers, please register prior to the meeting being called to order.**

No comments from the public were made.

**Agenda Item 7: Comments and reports from Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration.**

Patrick Shannon CEO gave a slide show on the IGT'S and Programs over the years for HMH. Patrick stated for the month of August the hospital had lower admissions. He also stated we now currently have a 3-star rating and a Leapfrog score of a B.

Mary Bevier CFO also stated the admissions were below budget for August but above the previous year and the length of stay was low. Mary discussed the hospitals new software and how it helps to review the patient's status better. Mary announced she has accepted another position out of town and will no longer be the CFO for HMH.

**Agenda Item 8: Mary Bevier will give an Indigent Care report.**

Mary Bevier stated we now have 448 clients on Indigent Care in Walker County. She discussed the guidelines to be approved for this program.

**Agenda Item 9: Discussion regarding Enabling Act.**

Chairman Anne Woodard gave a brief report on the Walker County Hospital District's Enabling Act and stated some things need to be changed in order to further assist the hospital better.

**Agenda Item 10: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.**

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 11: Consider approving payment of monthly bills.**

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve the monthly bills, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda 12: Receive public input regarding the 2025 Walker County Hospital District Budget.**

No one from the public was present to give public input on the budget.

**Agenda 13: 2025 Budget Workshop.**

Board members discussed each line item on the budget.

**Agenda 14: Adopt 2025 budget.**

After review, Jerry Larrison approved the 2025 budget, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda 15: Approve the Unopposed Candidate certificate for the November 5, 2024 election.**

After review, Lane Aiena approved the Unopposed Candidate certificate for the November 5, 2024 election, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda 16: Approve the Order Cancellation for the November 5, 2024 election.**

After review, Curtis Montgomery approved the Order Cancellation for the November 5, 2024 election, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 17: Adjourn meeting.**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



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Jerry Larrison, WCHD Secretary



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Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman