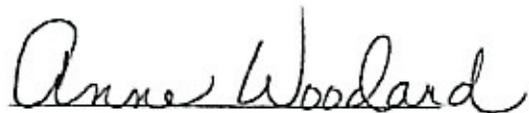


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS,
WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 BEGINNING AT 6PM
AT 1300 11TH STREET HUNTSVILLE TEXAS 77340
AT THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
6TH FLOOR BLALOCK CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Consider approving the minutes for the Public Hearing meeting held on September 25, 2024.
3. Comments from the public. If you wish to address the Board of Managers, please register prior to the meeting being called to order.
4. Comments and reports from the Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration.
5. Take action to approve the Resolution to adopt the 15% Collection Penalty to defray the cost of collection of delinquent taxes, penalties and interest due and unpaid as of July 1, 2025, and each year thereafter pursuant to Tax Code Sections 33.07 and 33.08.
6. Take action to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Walker County Hospital District and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.
7. Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.
8. Consider approving payment of monthly bills.
9. Discuss Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation subsidy and potential vote regarding the subsidy.
10. Report from Chairman Anne Woodard.
11. Adjourn meeting.



Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman

Public Notice:

NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 2254.1036

WHEREAS, the Walker County Hospital District("District"), will consider entering into a contingent fee contract with the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. ("Firm") and hereby posts this notice pursuant to Sec. 2254.106 of the Government Code.

WHEREAS, this notice shall be posted before or at the time of giving the written notice required by Government Code Sec. 551.041 for a meeting described by Sec. 2254.1036(2) of the Government Code and shall announce the following:

A. The District is pursuing a contract with the Firm for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes owed to the District and through this contract the District seeks to increase recovery of its delinquent debts in as expeditious a manner as possible. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(A).

B. The District believes the Firm has the competency, qualifications, and experience necessary to fulfill this contract. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(B). The Firm has collected delinquent government receivables for over 50 years, including the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes. The Firm currently has 15 primary offices and multiple satellite offices throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Florida. It employs more than 400 individuals, including 63 attorneys. It uses a multi-office, fully integrated team approach allowing the District access to all its offices and resources. Its collection team consists of long-term Firm employees, including attorneys, call center associates, paralegals, law clerks, legal secretaries, collection support personnel and information technology experts. The Firm utilizes proprietary collection software that can be tailored to meet any special need the District may have. This proprietary software also automates many aspects of the collection process, such as: account/debtor research, mailings and phone calls, return mail and address updates, payment notification and processing and workflow.

C. The nature of any relationship between the District and the Firm is as follows. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(C). The Firm has represented the District since around 2002 in the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes.

D. The District is unable to collect its delinquent ad valorem taxes. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(D). The District currently does not have adequate support staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the District.

E. These collection services cannot be provided for an hourly fee. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(E). The Tax Code allows the assessment of a percentage-based fee to recover the costs of collecting delinquent ad valorem taxes. This percentage-based fee is assessed only against the debtor and not the District or taxpayers of the District. The collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes is a high-volume practice, requiring a significant amount of research, mailing, and handling of outbound/inbound calls. An hourly fee for such work will likely exceed the amount of delinquent ad

valorem taxes due. Moreover, the District will bear the cost of these hourly fees and not the debtor, because the Tax Code does not expressly authorize the District to pay for collection services based on an hourly fee.

F. The District believes this contingent fee contract is in its best interest. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(F). Under the contingent fee contract, the Firm will be paid the amount of the percentage-based collection fee, regardless of the number of hours the Firm spends researching, contacting and mailing to collect the delinquent debt. Additionally, the percentage-based collection penalty is a pass-through expense to the debtor and not an expense to the District or taxpayers in the District.