

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
September 23, 2025**

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COUNTY OF WALKER       §

The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a special session, open to the public on September 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Walker County Hospital District Conference room located at the First National Bank building 6<sup>th</sup> floor Blalock Room.

Members of the Board present included:

Chairman, Anne Woodard  
Vice Chairman, Joe Sapp  
Secretary, Curtis Montgomery  
Manager, Jerry Larrison  
Manager, Lane Aiena

Also, in attendance were WCHD Administrative Assistant; Keli Molina, WCHD Accountant; Andrea Gray and members from the public which are 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: Please register prior to the meeting for public input regarding the proposed 2025 tax rate increase.**

The board received public input.

**Agenda Item 3: Board discussion regarding the proposed 2025 tax rate increase and public input.**

Board members discussed the potential tax increase to 0.116140329 which is a 7.98% increase from last year.

**Agenda Item 4: Vote and adopt the 2025 proposed tax rate.**

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve the 2025 tax rate of 0.116140329, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 5: Comments and reports from Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration.**

**Paul Hanson, CFO** stated the daily census for August was 71.6 compared to 68.7 in the prior year. We had decent surgical volumes and a steady delivery month. ED continues to see an increased average in daily visits. August averages 61 visits per day compared to 57 last year. Financially, we were performed a bit better than prior year.

**Ian Gibson, COO** gave some updates going on at the hospital. He stated the hospital had their path survey, CAP that is the body that accredits our lab, and we did very well. There are over 3000 regulations, and pieces that you can be graded on. We have areas of improvement for 17. This is one of the shortest

CAHPS survey results I have ever seen, and four of those were corrected on site, and the other 13 will be turning in our report on Friday, and should all be resolved. The lab staff there did a tremendous job. Our new lab director, Liesel, and our new pathologist and medical director over that department, Dr Payne, tremendous leaders, and did a fantastic job. We're still awaiting our CIHQ Survey. That's our accrediting body. You may have heard of the Joint Commission in the past and we are anticipating them any day. So, we are ready for that when it comes the ASC, the Ambulatory Surgical Center. That survey is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>. Within that week, that will be the survey from the state, which will allow us to open for patient care. And then several weeks later, we'll have the accrediting body that will come in that then will allow us to apply for inclusion within all of the health plans being accredited. We intend this ASC to be up and running by any standard, by November. We also have received endorsement from the local Chamber of Commerce for the efforts towards the bond. We're very excited to share that with you, and you'll have more of that coming forward. We have several town halls scheduled throughout the community to provide information and answer questions about the upcoming bond.

**Agenda Item 6: Consider approving the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 26, 2025.**

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

**Agenda Item 7: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.**

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda item 8: Review and consider approving the monthly bills.**

Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 9: 2026 Budget Workshop.**

Board members discussed each line item on the budget.

**Agenda Item 10: Receive public input regarding the 2026 Walker County Hospital District Budget.**

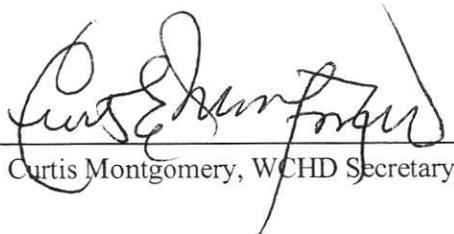
There was no public input regarding the 2026 budget.

**Agenda Item 11: Adopt 2026 budget.**

After review, Lane Aiena approved the 2026 budget, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**12: Adjourn meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Curtis Montgomery, WCHD Secretary



Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman