

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON
TAX RATE AND BUDGET
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEDINA COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

September 14, 2026

TIME AND PLACE

The Medina County Hospital District Board of Directors held a public hearing on Monday, September 16, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. in the Medina Regional Hospital Boardroom, located at 3100 Avenue E, Hondo, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Johnson, Secretary, Presiding Officer Pro Tem
William "Bill" Bain, Director
Judy Winkler, Director
Mary Mangold, Director
Zachary Windrow, MD, Director

HOSPITAL STAFF PRESENT

Billie Bell, Chief Executive Officer
Kevin Frosch, Chief Financial Officer
Ashley Lowe, Chief Operating Officer
Marc Strode, Methodist Healthcare System
Louisa Cuellar, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Hardt, President
Carlton "Corky" E. Young, DVM, Vice President

HOSPITAL STAFF ABSENT

Rebecca Deen, Chief Nursing Officer (Leave of Absence)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Bobby Pittman
Wesley Williams

**1. CALL TO ORDER
AND RECORD OF
ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Winkler called the meeting of the Medina County Hospital District Board of Directors to order at 5:15 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Winkler conducted roll call and confirmed that five Board members were present, constituting a quorum. Although the Board President and Vice President were absent due to illness and scheduling conflicts, Ms. Winkler stated that Texas law and the Board's bylaws allow the Board to proceed with business when a quorum is present.

Ms. Winkler further stated that, due to the absence of the Board President and Vice President, the Board was required to elect a Presiding Officer Pro Tem to chair the meeting. She explained that the Presiding Officer Pro Tem would serve only for this meeting and only for the purpose of presiding over the posted agenda. Ms. Winkler then opened the floor for nominations for Presiding Officer Pro Tem.

Mr. Bain made a motion to nominate Mr. Johnson as Presiding Officer Pro Tem. Ms. Mangold seconded the motion.

Ms. Winkler asked whether there were any additional nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed.

Ms. Winkler stated that there was one nominee, Mr. Johnson, and called for a vote on the nomination. All Board members voted in favor by saying "aye," and no Board members opposed.

Ms. Winkler announced that Mr. Johnson had been elected as Presiding Officer Pro Tem and turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Johnson assumed the chair as Presiding Officer Pro Tem, thanked the Board, and stated that he would proceed with the agenda as posted.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** Mr. Johnson opened the floor for public comment and advised that each speaker would be limited to three minutes.
Mr. Williams addressed the Board regarding concerns related to the Charity Care/Indigent Program referenced during the August 24, 2026 Board Meeting.
Mr. Pittman addressed the Board regarding concerns related to the vote.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** Hearing no further comments from the public, Mr. Johnson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE** Mr. Frosch presented the Financial Stewardship and Strategic PowerPoint and a summary of the proposed tax rate. He reminded the Board that the proposed tax rate for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, is \$0.1000 per \$100 valuation of taxable property located within the Medina County Hospital District, as previously proposed at the August 24, 2026 Board meeting. Mr. Frosch reviewed the annual cost of charity and indigent care programs, noting that the gross cost of those programs exceeds the annual tax support and is therefore subsidized by hospital operations. Following discussion, the Board proceeded with consideration and approval of the proposed tax rate.

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.1000 on each \$100 valuation of taxable property located within the Medina County Hospital District. Ms. Mangold seconded.

VOTE

All five board members present voted aye.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FYE 09/30/2027** Mr. Frosch presented a summary of the proposed budget. Total projected revenues are \$51,316,044, and total operating expenses are \$48,918,839. The budget includes funding for provider and staff additions to the rural health clinics. Renovation projects include the Rehabilitation Department, to meet the demand for patient volume; the Castroville Rural Health Clinic, a Patient Financial building, and the main campus warehouse and dock. Equipment purchases include a blood bank fresh frozen plasma freezer, blood bank analyzer, large-capacity centrifuge, Hamilton microbiology incubator, and BiPAP/CPAP equipment. Repairs include a drainage issue.
- A. Proposed Budget and Key Assumptions
B. Budget Volume
C. Budget Net Patient Revenue Support Documents
- Mr. Frosch opened up the floor for any final questions or concerns from the Board of Directors.

6. **REVIEW, CONSIDER, AND APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MEDINA COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FYE 09/30/2027** The Board of Directors moved forward with approval of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year ending September 30, 2027.

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, as presented. Mr. Bain seconded.

VOTE

All five board members present voted aye.
The motion passed unanimously.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** The Board of Directors of Medina County Hospital District did not go into Closed Session, this date of September 14, 2026.

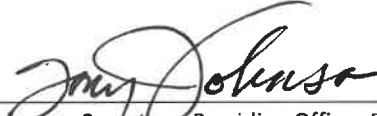
8. CONSIDER ANY
NECESSARY ACTION
FROM EXECUTIVE
SESSION

9. NEXT BOARD
MEETING

September 28, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Tony Johnson, Secretary, Presiding Officer Pro Tem