HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MINUTES

September 21, 2021

The Hunt Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors conducted a public hearing and special Board meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Hunt Regional Medical Center, sixth floor Homer Horton, Jr. Boardroom, 4215 Joe Ramsey Blvd., E., Greenville, Texas.

Dr. Pierce, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Sarah Alderman (Absent)

Dr. James Barr

Mrs. Deborah Clack

Mr. John C. Nelson, Jr. (Absent)

Mrs. Janet Peek

Dr. Scott Pierce

Mr. William Rutherford (Absent

Mr. Michael Taylor

Mrs. Julia Wensel

comprising a quorum of the Board; also,

Mr. Richard Carter, President/CEO

Mr. Lee Boles, Vice President/CFO

Mr. Reese Hurley, MSN-Adm., RN, Vice President/CNO

Mr. John Heatherly, Vice President Operations/Support Services

Ms. Emily Sundeen, DNP, FNP-BC, Vice President Quality & Clinical Integration

Mr. Stuart O'Neil, Legal Counsel

Ms. Lisa Hill, Foundation Development Marketing Communications Director

Ms. Jamie Morgan, Accountant

Mr. Paul Hansen, West Tawakoni

Public Testimony

There were no members of the public present to address the Board of Directors regarding any item on the agenda before or during the Board's consideration of said items.

Public Hearing

Dr. Pierce opened the public hearing on a proposal to exceed the Hunt Memorial Hospital District ad valorem no-new-revenue tax rate for the Hunt Memorial Hospital District. Mr. Paul Hansen of West Tawakoni spoke in opposition of a tax increase and noted the elderly population are facing a COLA increase of less than 2% in their Social Security over the past four years and he requested the Board strongly consider not raising the tax rate. Mr. Boles reported the proposed tax rate of \$0.235831 is a 4% reduction but our overall levy will increase 6.02%. Dr. Pierce reported the Board has reviewed eliminating the hospital district taxes for individuals over 65 tax for the past several months and Mr. Boles reported the first year the hospital would lose

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\$90,000 but that compounds every year and in ten years would lose over \$1million. Mr. Hansen discussed the Board could vote on an option called the 1106 Tax Exemption for people who are over 65 or disabled which allows a reduction of 20% of the value of your property or \$5,000 whichever is more. Mr. Boles reported there are several different tax exemptions available but administering these tax exemptions are very difficult. Dr. Pierce reported this may be something we could research in the future and thanked Mr. Hansen for his comments and time.

ACTION ITEM Ad Valorem Tax Rate

Mr. Boles reported our current tax rate is \$0.2438157 and if the rate remained the same it would generate tax revenues of \$19.6 million. The proposed Voter-Approval tax rate is \$0.235831 which will generate \$18,972,599 representing a 4% decrease in the rate but increases the overall levy by 6.02%. Following discussion, Mr. Taylor moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.235831 with the maintenance and operation fund to be \$0.185632 and the interest and sinking fund to be \$0.050199, which is effectively a 6.02% increase in the tax rate.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at

5:26 p.m.

Scott Pierce, DO Chairman

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