

**HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

September 17, 2024

The Hunt Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 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. Deborah Clack  
Mr. Jefferson Helton (Absent)  
Mr. Leslie Killgore  
Mr. John C. Nelson, Jr. (Absent)  
Mr. Wesley Oswald  
Mrs. Janet Peek  
Dr. Scott Pierce  
Mr. Michael Taylor  
Mrs. Julia Wensel

comprising a quorum of the Board; also,

Mr. Lee Boles, President/CEO  
Mr. Stuart O'Neil, Vice President of Legal Affairs  
Mr. Reese Hurley, MSN-Adm., RN, Vice President/CNO  
Mr. Chad Martin, Vice President of Clinic Operations  
Ms. Jamie Morgan, Vice President CFO  
Mr. Travis Potter, Vice President Business Development  
Ms. Rose Hayden, Development & Communications Director  
Ms. Tobbie Davis, 1802 Gibbons Street, Greenville  
Mr. James Evans, 6410 Buena Vista Drive, Greenville

**Public  
Hearing**

Dr. Pierce opened the public hearing on a proposal to exceed the ad valorem no-new-revenue tax rate for the Hunt Memorial Hospital District. Ms. Morgan presented a presentation on the tax rate options for 2024, the historical property tax rates levied since 1990, the consolidated FY 2025 Operating Budget, and proposed capital items to be financed by bonds. Ms. Davis requested the Board consider not raising taxes and inquired as to the number of uninsured non-citizens treated at the hospital. Mr. Boles reported beginning November 1 the state is requiring hospitals to report quarterly the number of non-citizens treated at their facilities, noting the patients may choose to not answer any questions regarding their status. Mr. Evans expressed appreciation to the hospital for the care provided to our community and requested consideration be given to increase senior exemptions. Mr. Boles reported the hospital district approved a 30% exemption to seniors and any additional increases will need to be approved by the Texas legislature. Following the presentation and comments, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION ITEM**  
**Ad Valorem**  
**Tax Rate**

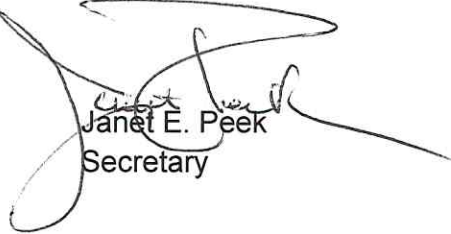
Ms. Morgan reported the current tax rate is \$0.197792. The proposed rate is for the Voter-Approval tax rate at \$0.200362 which is the actual debt service and an 8% increase to the M&O that will generate \$28,817,378 in tax revenues. Mr. Taylor reported on a \$300,000 home, the tax levy would be \$7.77 or \$0.65 a month. Following discussion on expanding services to meet community growth with a budget forecast of \$280M in revenue against \$285M in expenses with \$40M in unreimbursed care provided annually, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Clack, to adopt Ordinance Number 357 with the Maintenance and Operation Fund at \$0.170772 and the Interest and Sinking Fund at \$0.029590 for a total tax rate of \$0.200362, an 11.19% increase from the prior year. The motion carried unanimously (7 Yeas; 0 Nos and 2 members were absent).

**Executive**  
**Session**

There was no Executive Session held.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

  
Janet E. Peek  
Secretary

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