

**Freestone Medical Center
Fairfield Hospital District
Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 2026**

The Fairfield Hospital District met for a Special Called Meeting on August 13, 2026, in the Rural Health Clinic waiting area inside Freestone Medical Center to accommodate public attendance. Board Members in attendance were George Robinson, Vance Oglesbee, Brent Moore, Carman Mannen, Lisa Tate, David Lott, and Danny Wren. Others in attendance included Tony Price (FHD Administrator), Melissa Wilson (CEO), Nicki Hagen (CNO), Dr. Darryl White (Chief of Medical Staff), Joe Thomason (CHC), and Lisa Theasmeyer (Administrative Assistant/Marketing Coordinator). Additional Freestone Medical Center staff and members of the public were in attendance as reflected on the meeting sign-in sheets.

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by George Robinson.
- B. INVOCATION** – The invocation was led by Mr. Tony Price.
- C. PUBLIC FORUM**

The Board opened the Public Forum for comments and questions regarding the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget and tax rate.

District Administrator Tony Price provided background regarding the Hospital District, including its history as an independent rural hospital district and the financial challenges facing the District. Mr. Price reviewed the history of the District's tax rate, including the increase authorized in 2019 and subsequent compression of the effective tax rate. He explained that the District is considering a tax rate of approximately \$0.25 per \$100 of taxable value to provide sufficient resources to maintain hospital operations, support quality emergency services, and improve the District's long-term financial stability.

Members of the public addressed the Board regarding the proposed tax rate and tax compression; the District's financial condition and line of credit; Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) status; emergency department services; observation and overnight care; billing and reimbursement; anticipated development and its potential effect on the District's tax base; possible tax relief for persons age 65 and older and disabled taxpayers; ambulance services; potential expansion of the District and regional cooperation; grants and charitable contributions; and the importance of maintaining local healthcare and emergency services.

The Board and administration responded to questions and provided information regarding these matters. Clarification was provided that the REH model continues to allow patients to remain overnight in observation when clinically appropriate. Discussion also included the District's efforts to manage expenses, improve revenue-cycle performance, pursue grants and other outside funding, maintain emergency and healthcare services, and plan for the District's long-term financial stability.

No formal action was taken during the Public Forum.

- D. DISCUSSION AND DECISION ITEMS**

- **Resolution 2026-06 – Over-65 Homestead Tax Exemption.** The Board considered Resolution 2026-06 authorizing a tax exemption for homestead owners over age 65. A motion was made by Carman Mannen to approve a \$100,000 exemption from the appraised value of qualifying homesteads. The motion was seconded by Lisa Tate. Motion carried unanimously.
- **FY 2026–2027 Budget.** The Board considered the proposed Fairfield Hospital District FY 2026–2027 budget. A motion was made by Vance Oglesbee to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Brent Moore. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution 2026-08 – Tax Rate.** The Board considered Resolution 2026-08 adopting a tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100 of taxable value for the Fairfield Hospital District. The required tax-rate language reflecting an effective increase of 86.12% was presented. A motion was made by Lisa Tate to approve Resolution 2026-08. The motion was seconded by Danny Wren. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution 2026-09 – Special Election.** The Board considered Resolution 2026-09 calling for a Special Election on November 3, 2026, regarding the proposed tax rate. A motion was made by Carman Mannen to approve Resolution 2026-09. The motion was seconded by David Lott. Motion carried unanimously.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No Executive Session took place

F. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

G. Next Meeting – August 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at the J. R. Corne Board Room in Freestone Medical Center.

George Robinson
FHD Board President

Melissa Wilson
CEO, Freestone Medical Center

**FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL DISTRICT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2026**

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The documents listed above are maintained with the official minutes of the August 13, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

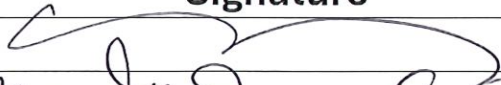
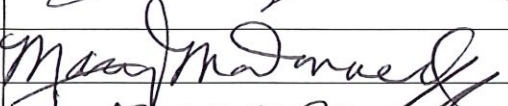
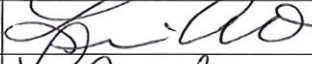
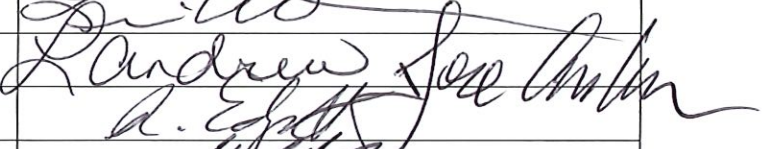
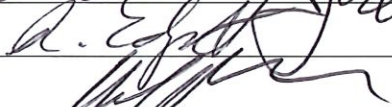
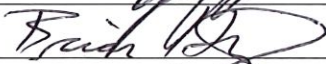
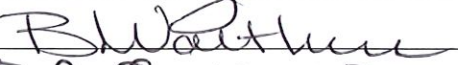
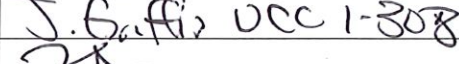
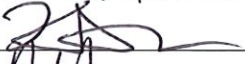
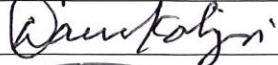
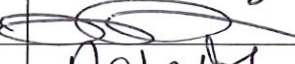
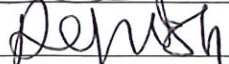
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FHD Board Meeting – Special Session
Public Forum

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Printed Name	Signature
Elizabeth Ferreri	
Mary McDonald	
Tommy MILLER	
Debra Howard	
Keith & Lisa Owens	
Joel Loretta Andrew	
Rick Edgett	
Jeff Fryer	
Brian Hughes	
Brittany Waltham	
J Griffin ucc 1-308	
Katrina Logan	
Amy Hayden	
Meagan Chua	
Nimish PATEL	
Danny Kalyaji	
Pooja Patel	
Denish Patel	

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ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL DISTRICT
(ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA EL DISTRITO HOSPITALARIO DE FAIRFIELD)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of:
(Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el 3 de noviembre de 2026
con el propósito de:)

Voting for or against the proposition:

"Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100 valuation in Fairfield Hospital District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.115677 higher per \$100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of Fairfield Hospital District for the purpose of providing financial stability for operations of Freestone Medical Center. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in Fairfield Hospital District was \$0.134323 per \$100 valuation".

Votar a favor o en contra de la proposición:

"Aprobación de la tasa del impuesto ad valorem de \$0.25 por cada \$100 de valuación en el Distrito Hospitalario de Fairfield para el año en curso, una tasa que es \$0.115677 más alta por cada \$100 de valuación que la tasa de impuesto aprobada por los votantes del Distrito Hospitalario de Fairfield, con el propósito de garantizar la estabilidad financiera de las operaciones del Centro Médico Freestone." El año pasado, la tasa de impuesto ad valorem en el Distrito Hospitalario de Fairfield fue de \$0.134323 por cada \$100 de valuación".

Early voting by personal appearance for Freestone County/Fairfield Hospital District voters will be conducted each weekday at:

(La votación anticipada en persona para los votantes del Distrito Hospitalario de Freestone County/Fairfield se llevará a cabo cada día laborable en:)

Main Early Voting Location - Fairfield Civic Center (Green Barn), 839 E Commerce, Fairfield, TX 75840

Monday, October 19, 2026 - Friday, October 23, 2026, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, October 26, 2026 - Friday, October 30, 2026, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Teague Civic Center - 515 Main Street, Teague, TX 75860

Monday, October 19, 2026 - Friday, October 23, 2026, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, October 26, 2026 - Friday, October 30, 2026, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán enviarse por correo postal a:)

Michelle Mays, Voter Registrar Freestone County

P.O. Box 1150

Fairfield, Texas 75840

Email: elections.clerk@co.freestone.tx.us

Phone: 903-389-0469 Physical Address: 444 East Main

Website: <http://www.co.freestone.tx.us/page/freestone-Elections>

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **Friday, October 23, 2026**

(Las solicitudes para votar por correo deberán recibirse a más tardar al cierre de las actividades laborales del **viernes 23 de octubre de 2026.**)

Early Voting by personal appearance for Navarro County/Fairfield Hospital District voters will be conducted at:
(La votación temprana por aparición personal para los votantes del Condado de Navarro/Fairfield Hospital district se llevará a cabo en:)

Navarro County Annex, 601 N 13th Street, Corsicana, TX 75110

Monday, October 19, 2026 - Friday, October 23, 2026, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, and Sunday, October 25, 2026, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Monday, October 26, 2026 - Friday, October 30, 2026, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed or emailed to:

(Las solicitudes de boleta por correo se enviarán por correo o por correo electrónico a)

Allie Thomas, Early Voting Clerk, Navarro County Elections Administrator

P.O. Box 1018

Corsicana, TX 75151

Email: athomas@navarrocounty.org

Phone: 903-875-3330 Physical Address: 601 N. 13th Street, Suite 3

Website: <http://www.co.navarro.tx.us/page/navarro.Elections>

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **Friday, October 23, 2026**

(Las solicitudes de boleta por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de los negocios el: Viernes, 23 de octubre de 2026)

Issued August 13, 2026

Signature of Board President

Trustee

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Hospital District ("District") is a taxing unit under the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to adopt homestead exemptions from taxation; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.13(d) of the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE states an individual who is disabled or 65 or older is entitled to an exemption from taxation by a taxing unit of a portion of the appraised value of his residence homestead if the exemption is adopted by the governing body of the unit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective August 13, 2026, the Board of Directors of Fairfield Hospital District hereby adopts homestead exemptions as follows:

Pursuant to Section 11.13(d) of the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE, an individual who is disabled or 65 or older is entitled to an exemption from taxation of \$100,000 of the appraised value of his or her residence homestead.

Passed this 13th day of August 2026.



Secretary, Board of Directors

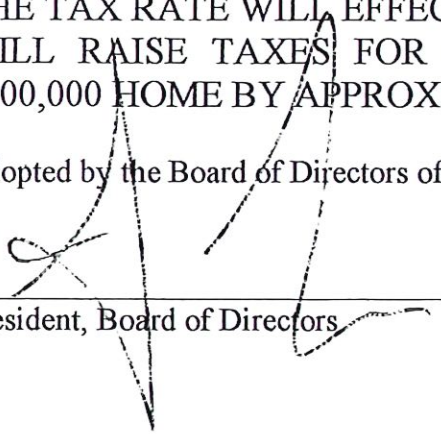
**2026-08 RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of Fairfield Hospital District hereby adopts the following tax rate for the tax year of 2026: **\$0.25** on each \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the Fairfield Hospital District.

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY **86.12** PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY **\$115.67**.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of Fairfield Hospital District this 13th day of August 2026.



President, Board of Directors