

#### **MINUTES**

### MAY 27, 2025

# BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

### **WORKSHOP SESSION**

#### 1. Call to Order

A workshop session of the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County, Texas was held in the Brazos County Commissioners Courtroom in the Administration Building, 200 South Texas Avenue, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 with the following members of the Court present:

Duane Peters, County Judge, Presiding;

Bentley Nettles, Commissioner of Precinct 1;

Chuck Konderla, Commissioner of Precinct 2;

Fred Brown, Commissioner of Precinct 3, Absent:

Wanda J. Watson, Commissioner of Precinct 4;

Karen McQueen, County Clerk, Absent;

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

2. Presentation and discussion of amending the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) rate for Fiscal Year 2025.

Judge Peters called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Budget Officer Nina Payne introduced Justin Flores and Michael O'Neal with HealthCare Ventures.

Mr. Flores stated that they represent private hospitals in Brazos County and are requesting the Court consider amending the Local Provider Participation Fund rate. He explained that the LPPF is a finance mechanism that allows private hospitals to draw down federal funds to help support the low income and uninsured patients. He stated that the rate needs to be at 6 percent due to the CHIRP program.

Commissioner Nettles asked what rates other counties in similar size have adopted. Mr. Flores responded that most jurisdictions are already at the requested 6 percent.

Michael O'Neal added that the increase in the rate does not permit the hospitals to pass that cost off as a surcharge to their patients.

Commissioner Watson noted that the need is great for access to healthcare and will continue to increase over time.

Ms. Payne stated that the next step will be to have a Public Hearing and after, it will be on an agenda for approval. She requested that Mr. Flores send her additional information on the request and she would distribute the information to the Court.

Judge Peters adjourned the meeting at 9:41 am.

### 3. Adjourn



5-23-2025 DATE AT 9:58 O'CLOCK A. M KAREN MCQUEEN

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# **BRYAN, TEXAS**

### NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

#### **WORKSHOP SESSION**

#### **BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN A WORKSHOP SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

MEETING DATE:

May 27, 2025

MEETING TIME:

9:30 AM

MEETING PLACE:

Commissioners Courtroom of the Brazos County Administration

Building, 200 S. Texas Avenue, Suite 106, Bryan, TX 77803

- Call to Order 1.
- 2. Presentation and discussion of amending the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) rate for Fiscal Year 2025.
- 3. Adjourn

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## BRAZOS COUNTY BRYAN, TEXAS

DEPARTMENT: NUMBER:

DATE OF COURT MEETING: 5/27/2025

ITEM: Presentation and discussion of amending the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) rate

for Fiscal Year 2025.

TO: Commissioners Court

DATE: 05/19/2025

FISCAL IMPACT: False

BUDGETED: False

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$0.00