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Sweeny Community Hospital Lowers Tax Rate

SWEENY – On September 19, 2022 following a public hearing, the Sweeny Community Hospital Board approved a new tax rate of 0.441100, which is less than the No New Revenue Tax Rate. The new tax rate is a reduction from the 2021 tax rate of 0.537930, which will result in a decrease of 8% or \$759,212 in the amount of taxes collected by the hospital district.

“The Sweeny Community Hospital Board has not increased our tax rate above the No New Revenue Tax Rate since 2013,” Board President Mason Nichols said. “We will continue to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars as we move forward with the new hospital build.”

The decision to reduce the tax rate is due in part to improved operations of \$1.6 million in the hospital facility and input from the community. The new tax rate of 0.441100 was proposed at the September 5, 2022 board meeting. During the September 19 public hearing, Sweeny Community Hospital Chief Financial Officer Doug Smith provided a financial update and projections for 2023. Following community input, the board approved the new tax rate of 0.441100.

“The new hospital build is commencing and will bring state-of-the-art healthcare to the West of the Brazos community,” Sweeny Community Hospital CEO Kelly Park said. “We appreciate our community’s involvement and continued support as we progress toward this major milestone for our area.”

The Sweeny Community Hospital exists to provide the West Brazos area consistently with FIRST quality and cost-effective healthcare services. We are committed to keeping the local community informed of our operations. If you have questions or comments about this announcement, please email or call Kari Schroeter, Marketing Director.

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