



Press Release

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Chambers Health Announces 31% Tax Decrease

- *Largest single tax decrease in history of hospital district*
- *Reduction is less than a year under new CEO's leadership*

ANAHUAC, TX (September 30, 2021) – Chambers Health has reached a major milestone by announcing the biggest single tax reduction in the history of the hospital district.

After a unanimous vote by the board of the Chambers County Public Hospital District tonight, the entity will enact a decrease by **15 cents** per \$100 of value – which is a **31%** tax reduction. On a property valued at \$100,000, the savings would be **\$150** annually.

“Chambers County is the only rural Texas hospital district I’m aware of that is actively working to reduce their tax rate in the midst of the pandemic,” said John Henderson, President & CEO of the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals. “It is a strong testament to the financial stewardship by the new executive leadership to be able to bring this type of reduction during one of healthcare’s most challenging global situations in decades.”

The accomplishment comes just 10 months after the hospital board unanimously voted to hire William Kiefer as the new CEO of the health system after conducting a nationwide search for the right fit for the community.

“During the interview process, we were frank with William on the high expectations we had for him to transform the reputation of our health system by improving quality of care and services as well as generating new revenue streams to be able to bring tax reductions to our community,” said Theresa Greco, hospital board chair. “William has delivered on this and more in less than a year of taking the helm with open communication, transparency and integrity.”

As part of Kiefer’s focus to change the image of health system, the company has deployed a number improvement projects to revamp the patient experience. From scheduling to new health services, the health system is working toward fulfilling the new mission, vision and values commissioned by new leadership and the board to bring residents high-quality care with a personal, hometown touch.

“Since I arrived in November, our workforce quickened its pace and are setting a new standard of excellence when it comes to rural healthcare in the region and across the state,” Kiefer said.

“While other areas are closing hospitals or raising taxes, we are thriving thanks to key partnerships, innovative solutions and transformation of many internal practices that make our health system more efficient and financially prosperous,” he continued. “This is just the beginning – we will continue to

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improve our services and impact to the bottom line, while providing world-class treatment with the same service we give to our own families.”

Voting in favor of the tax rate were Greco; Marcia Smith, Vice Chair; Leslie Turner, Secretary; and Directors Mike Emmons and Geraldine Brown.



*Photo caption: Chambers County Public Hospital District Board Members are pictured with Chambers Health CEO William Kiefer and Chief Financial and Operating Officers Jay Hodges and Paul Aslin after the hospital district board approved a **31%** tax rate reduction at its regular meeting on September 30.*

Chambers Health was founded in 1950 in Anahuac with a hospital along Trinity Bay and has since expanded to a clinic, dental office and wellness center in the area, as well as a full-service clinic in Mont Belvieu. Follow Chambers Health on Facebook for more updates on its services and activities. For more information, visit www.chambershealth.org.

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