

Golden Plains Community Hospital is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Critical Access Hospital dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of our community. Like many rural hospitals across Texas, we continue to face significant financial challenges as operating expenses rise while reimbursement rates decline.

It is important to clarify that Golden Plains Community Hospital does not directly receive tax revenue. Property tax revenues are collected by the Hutchinson County Hospital District, which owns the hospital building. Golden Plains Community Hospital owns and operates the hospital license. The Hospital District's annual tax revenue, approximately \$3.1 million to \$3.2 million, is used to support bond payments for the hospital facility and to help cover indigent care expenses for Hutchinson County residents.

Last year, Golden Plains Community Hospital provided approximately \$16 million in indigent and charity care that was written off as uncompensated care. This reflects our continued commitment to ensuring patients receive necessary medical care regardless of their ability to pay.

Regarding recent concerns about hospital equipment, a comprehensive facility walkthrough was conducted. No non-operational blanket warmers or fluid warmers were identified. A replacement ice machine has been ordered, and we are currently awaiting delivery from the manufacturer. In the meantime, multiple fully operational ice machines are available in departments located near the Emergency Department to ensure patient care needs continue to be met.

Although the financial environment for rural healthcare remains challenging, Golden Plains Community Hospital remains committed to providing high-quality, compassionate care for our patients. We will continue to address patient concerns, invest in necessary equipment and improvements as resources allow, and remain focused on serving the healthcare needs of our community.

Melody Henderson

Golden Plains Community Hospital

Chief Executive Officer