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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
Article No. 7022 2410 0000 8645 5990

October 23, 2026

Officer for Public Information
Teague Hospital District
P.O. Box 599
Teague, Texas 75860

Re: Second notice – Texas Public Information Act requests of September 3, 2026 and October 1, 2026 (five-year governance, finance, service, and planning records)

Dear Officer for Public Information:

This is a formal follow-up to two requests for public information submitted to the Teague Hospital District under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code:

1. A request hand delivered to the District on September 3, 2026.
2. A request dated October 1, 2026, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested (Article No. 7022 2410 0000 8645 8342) to P.O. Box 599, and signed for by the District. The return receipt bears a Teague post office stamp dated October 8, 2026.

As of the date of this letter, I have received no records, no written certification under Government Code 552.221(d), no request for clarification, and no notice that the District has asked the Attorney General for a ruling. A single response to the October 1 request will satisfy both requests.

Under Government Code 552.221, the District must promptly produce public information or, if it cannot do so within 10 business days, certify in writing the date and hour when the information will be available. Under Government Code 552.301 and 552.302, a governmental body that wishes to withhold information must request an Attorney General decision within 10 business days of receiving the request; if it does not, the information is presumed public.

I respectfully request that, within 10 business days of receipt of this letter, the District either (a) produce the responsive records, or (b) provide the written certification required by Section 552.221(d). If the District believes any record is excepted from disclosure, please release the remainder and identify the specific exception claimed. I will consider any reasonable proposal to narrow the request.

I am requesting aggregate information only. I am not requesting any patient record or protected health information.

Copies of both requests are enclosed. Please direct your response to robert.sharpe@freestonegoodgov.org or by mail to 131 FCR 933, Teague, Texas 75860.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. "RancherRob" Sharpe
Founder, Freestone County Good Governance Council (forming)

Enclosures: requests of September 3, 2026 and October 1, 2026

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October 1, 2026

Via certified mail, return receipt requested
Certified Mail No. 7022 2410 0000 8645 8342

Officer for Public Information
Teague Hospital District
P.O. Box 599
Teague, Texas 75860

Subject: Five-year financial, governance, and healthcare service records

Dear Officer for Public Information:

Under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, I request electronic copies of the existing records listed below. I am gathering facts for a citizens' study of countywide healthcare options, organized as the Freestone County Good Governance Council, including emergency access, service coordination, financial sustainability, and taxpayer impact.

Unless specified otherwise, this request covers the five most recent completed fiscal years and the current fiscal year through the date you receive this request. For boundaries, formation documents, and agreements currently in effect, please include the governing documents regardless of their original date. I request existing records only. No new study, calculation, or report is requested.

1. Financial audits and findings. Annual audited financial statements, accompanying independent auditor reports, management letters, findings, and written corrective-action responses. For a fiscal year without a completed audit, please provide any existing audit engagement letter and status or completion schedule.

2. Budgets and financial reports. Adopted annual budgets, amendments, year-end actual-to-budget reports, and the most recent current-year financial statements provided to the board, including balance sheet, income and expense statement, and cash-flow report, where maintained.

3. Taxes and public funding. Adopted tax rates, tax-rate calculation worksheets, certified taxable values, tax levies, collections, delinquency summaries, and adopted exemptions. Include existing annual schedules of grants, supplemental payments, governmental subsidies, and other public funding received.

4. Debt, reserves, and capital needs. Current debt and lease-obligation schedules showing outstanding balances, annual payments, and maturities; the most recent schedules of cash, investments, and restricted or designated reserves; and existing capital plans, facility-condition assessments, and equipment-replacement plans.

5. EMS and other service agreements. Current ambulance, EMS coverage, dispatch, medical-direction, billing, mutual-aid, transfer, and interlocal agreements, including amendments. Include hospital or clinic leases, operating agreements, and funding arrangements, if any, and agreements with Fairfield Hospital District, Freestone Medical Center, Freestone County, municipalities, or other service providers.

6. EMS activity, coverage, and finances. Existing annual aggregate reports of 911 calls, emergency and non-emergency transports, receiving hospitals, call locations by community or service area, and response and transport times, where maintained. Include existing staffing and coverage plans, ambulance fleet inventories, and aggregate reports of EMS operating costs, amounts billed, collections, contractual adjustments, and uncollectible balances. No employee personal information or individual patient records are requested.

7. District-supported facilities and services. Existing inventories or schedules of District-owned land, buildings, and equipment, including leased facilities; current lease agreements; and reports identifying clinic, hospital, indigent-care, or other healthcare services funded by the District. Include existing annual aggregate service and expenditure reports for these activities, if applicable.

8. Governance, boundaries, and future planning. Formation documents, current district boundary map or legal description, and adopted boundary changes. Include agendas, approved minutes, and supporting board materials concerning budgets, audits, taxes, debt, EMS coverage, major service changes, or healthcare coordination. Include existing strategic plans, needs assessments, feasibility studies, and shared-service or consolidation proposals.

Production and response

Please provide searchable PDFs and existing spreadsheets in their native format when available, by email to records@freestonegoodgov.org. Individual PDF files may be sent by email. Direct links to specific responsive documents already published online are acceptable. Rolling production is welcome, beginning with audits, budgets, and current financial statements.

If a production is too large for email, I can provide a private upload link for this request. That link accepts files only. It is not a public page, and it is not a substitute for the written response. Please combine the files for this request into one .zip file before upload, or into numbered .zip parts if one file is too large. Spreadsheets may be included in the zip in their native format. Please send notice to records@freestonegoodgov.org when the upload is complete, listing the zip name and size.

ZIP packaging is requested only for the private upload link. Please do not delay or withhold responsive records because they are not packaged as ZIP files. Individual files may be provided by email, or I can supply a USB flash drive by arrangement for electronic copies.

I do not request patient charts, identifying patient information, or privileged legal advice. Please release reasonably segregable public portions of responsive records and identify the legal basis for any withholding or redaction. If an item is not maintained or no responsive record is located, please indicate that in your response.

Please contact me if clarification would reduce burden or cost. If estimated charges exceed $40, provide an itemized written estimate before proceeding. I do not authorize charges above $40 without my written approval. Please acknowledge receipt and identify a contact for this request.

Respectfully requested,

Robert P. Sharpe

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August 17, 2026

Honorable Lloyd L. Lane
Freestone County Judge
Freestone County Courthouse
118 East Commerce Street
Fairfield, Texas 75840

Members of the Freestone County Commissioners Court

Dear Judge Lane and Members of the Commissioners Court:

I respectfully request that the following item be placed on a future Commissioners Court agenda for discussion and possible action:

"Citizen request that the County Judge lead a coordinated conversation among Freestone County's hospital districts, related providers, and the Sheriff's Office toward a unified, countywide approach to rural healthcare that also benefits law-enforcement and first-responder safety."

I have prepared a short written letter on this subject and request the opportunity to present it and answer questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Submitted solely as a private citizen; not in any official party capacity)

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August 17, 2026

Honorable Lloyd L. Lane
Freestone County Judge
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Honorable Clyde Ridge
Freestone County Commissioner, Precinct 4
Freestone County Courthouse
Fairfield, Texas 75840

Members of the Freestone County Commissioners Court
Via Copy: Board of Directors / Chair, Fairfield Hospital District;
Board of Directors / Chair, Teague Hospital District;
Sheriff Jeremy Shipley, Freestone County Sheriff's Office

Dear Judge Lane, Commissioner Ridge, Members of the Commissioners Court, Hospital District Boards, and Sheriff Shipley:

I write as a private citizen and taxpayer of Freestone County to ask the County Judge to lead a coordinated conversation among the County's hospital districts and related providers toward a more unified, countywide approach to rural healthcare.

Current landscape. Freestone County has two hospital districts—Fairfield Hospital District (operating Freestone Medical Center) and Teague Hospital District. The Fairfield facility has invested in emergency-room capability that can stabilize trauma, cardiac, and other acute events. Smaller communities maintain local presence but limited scope. As new revenue streams develop (lake development, data centers, power generation), the County has an opportunity to present citizens with a clear, coordinated case for the healthcare capacity the county needs as it grows.

Benefit to law enforcement and first responders. A stronger, coordinated emergency and trauma capability is not only a civilian benefit. Deputies, officers, and other first responders who may be injured in the line of duty—or who respond to catastrophic accidents—deserve the best local stabilization available before transfer. Bringing the Sheriff's Office into this conversation underscores that a unified approach serves the people who protect the county as well as the public they serve.

Leadership and public trust. Sheriff Shipley received more votes in the last general election than the presidential ticket carried in Freestone County. That level of support reflects broad confidence across party lines. With the leadership of the County Judge and the endorsement of the Sheriff, a coordinated healthcare effort would carry unusual weight with the voters and would help any serious proposal move past fragmented opposition and reach the citizens with a clear, unified message.

Opportunity. Other rural Texas counties have faced the same challenge. A practical path is stabilization at a strong local ER, orderly transfer to higher-level care when needed, and better use of satellite or campus locations so that Teague, Wortham, and other communities remain connected rather than isolated. The goal is not to raise taxes unnecessarily or to dissolve existing districts. It is to get the parties in the same room, learn from counties that have already done this work, and develop a unified presentation to the citizens of Freestone County.

Request. I respectfully ask the County Judge to consider convening the relevant parties—the Fairfield Hospital District Board, the Teague Hospital District Board, clinic operators, EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and interested state legislative staff—to explore a coordinated strategy. If state legislation proves necessary, the same table can invite input from our state representative, state senator, and the Lieutenant Governor's office. Good people, working together, can make good things happen while keeping taxes bearable.

This effort would not finish its work before the November election. Its purpose is longer-term stewardship: so that when voters are asked to support bonds or tax-rate decisions, they can see a coherent vision rather than fragmented districts acting in isolation.

Thank you for your service and for considering this invitation to lead.

Respectfully submitted,

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