

Legals

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of

JAMES M. ALBERS, Deceased.

Case No.: LG-2024-PR-000027

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Johnna Klein, executor of the estate of James M. Albers, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executors, allowance for the services of the executors and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executors be discharged and released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 28th day of August 2025, at 11:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Oakley, Logan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.

/s/Johnna Klein

Johnna Klein, Executor

/S/ Steven W. Hirsch
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

2026

The governing body of
City of Oakley
will meet on September 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Oakley City Hall 415 W 2nd Street Oakley, Kansas 67748 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Oakley City Hall 415 W 2nd Street Oakley, Kansas 67748 and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Logan County (home county) Gove County, Thomas County

BUDGET SUMMARY
Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget.
is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget for 2026
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures Actual Tax Rate * Budget Authority for Expenditures Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,327,122	72.839	3,583,000 78.196 4,225,000 1,556,103 78.029
Debt Service - 2024 GO Bond		2.569	92,532
Library	212,969	11.000	224,342 11.000 242,452 219,373 11.000
Special Highway	75,377		61,930 115,000
Special Parks	4,522		2,500 80,000
Convention and Tourism	129,837		154,000 213,200
911 Fund	277,855		221,500 473,000
Water Utility	957,685		832,294 1,261,000
Sanitation Utility	701,996		804,692 1,175,512
2024 GO Bond			84,207
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	473,035		
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	373,705		
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	8,655		
Non-Budgeted Funds-D	1,565,891		
Totals	8,108,649	86.408	5,968,465 89.196 7,877,696 1,775,476 89.029
			Revenue Neutral Rate** 83.626
Less: Transfers	1,073,784		1,610,000 1,515,000
Net Expenditure	7,034,865		4,358,465 6,362,696
Total Tax Levied	1,581,624		1,667,742 xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation	18,303,996		18,697,182 19,942,572
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	111,000	57,000	570,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	1,474,797	1,164,830	1,060,813
Lease Purchase Principal	185,681	117,104	46,280
Total	1,771,478	1,338,934	1,677,093
*Tax rates are expressed in mills			
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988			
Leann Hughes			(First published in The Oakley Graphic on August 6, 2025,)
City Official Title: City Clerk			

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
**Russell Springs Township
Logan County**
will meet on Aug. 19, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Jason Lamb Residence, 1509 Co. Rd. 220 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Jason Lamb Residence, 1509 Co. Rd. 220 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2024	Current Year Estimate 2025	Proposed Budget 2026
Fund	Expenditures Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	951	4,900	6,450
Debt Service			
Library			
Road	15,262 6.488	30,505 8.917	40,505 15,744 7.066
Special Road	5,292 5.000	25,000 4.993	42,000 13,515 6.065
Totals	21,505 11.488	60,405 13.910	88,955 29,258 13.131
			Revenue Neutral Rate** 13.361
Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	21,505	60,405	88,955
Total Tax Levied	30,632	29,770	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Assessed Valuation: Township	2,643,528	2,140,163	2,228,196
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.			
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988			
Molly Kay Lamb			(First published in The Oakley Graphic on August 6, 2025,)
Treasurer			

University of Kansas Announces Kansas Graduates for Summer-Fall 2024, Spring 2025

The names of more than 6,700 graduates at the University of Kansas for summer and fall 2024 and spring 2025 have been announced by the University Registrar. Many graduates and candidates for degree celebrated by participating in KU Commencement, which took place May 17.

Summer 2025 degrees are conferred in early fall.

Students from Kansas are listed online, sorted by county, then city. Please contact KU News Service if you would like assistance to see a list of all University of Kansas graduates.

Please note not all graduates have made their name and hometown information publicly available.

Gove County
Kylie Louise Hampton, Quinter, Certificate in Family Practice
Blaine Thomas Wertz, Quinter, Doctor of Medicine

Logan County
Alyssa Rose Huffman, Oakley, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Scott County
Allison Patri Brunswig, Scott City, Bachelor of Arts in Microbiology
Melany Kay Duff, Scott City, Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language-Hearing
Kylee Gayle Evans, Scott City, Doctor of Medicine

Thomas County
Kendall Gregory Hernandez, Colby, Master of Science in Education in Health, Sport & Exercise Science

Corn Sweat and August

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

According to recent reports the summer heat is causing corn to sweat in the field. Is it the corn's profuse perspiration causing the issue or maybe the county fair is the party responsible? More likely it's just summer in early August. There are two options, hot and humid or hot and dry. Either way, the corn is still sweating, with each acre pumping up to 4,000 gallons of water into the air every day. Kansas' 6.4 million acres of corn pumps out enough sweat each day to cover a football field in more than 15 miles of water. Corn sweat doesn't actually make the temperature rise, rather it makes hot summer days feel hotter by adding to the humidity in the air. In addition to evaporation, all plants release water through tiny pores in their leaves during a process called transpiration, or plant sweat. August is the peak growing season for corn and other fall crops, and correspondingly the peak for humidity,

especially with the rains portions of the state have received this summer. The extra moisture can turn a normal August afternoon into a "three-shirt day" where even light work outdoors requires changing shirts more than once. I do have a small quibble with the National Weather Service over its recent change in the adjectives used to describe our hot, humid summers. In March, the agency substituted "extreme" for "excessive" for heat-related watches and warnings. Unsurprisingly, I wasn't consulted on the change, and I have no problem alerting folks about the dangers posed by intense summer weather. But I'm not convinced that classifying normal, expected bouts of summer heat as excessive or extreme are of any help. Everyone should be mindful of the toll working outdoors can take. Plenty of breaks in the shade and cold water are crucial to staying safe in the heat. As the change from excessive to extreme indicates, adjectives are arbitrary, and neither

one is as effective as the description used in explaining the meaning of an extreme heat watch or warning: dangerous heat is possible or happening. Dangerous means the situation is serious, as the weather in Kansas often is (there's a 161-degree swing between the hottest and coldest record temps in the state). It also works across a range of conditions from hot and cold to flash floods and severe thunderstorms. It's an adjective that conveys the stakes of the weather, especially in summer for individuals most at risk of high temperatures like older adults, young children and those without access to cooling resources. While July is the hottest month, August is still the heart of summer where triple-digit readings on the thermometer are commonplace. Our electricity bills may be extreme, but that's just summer. The days are getting shorter and soon

harvest will put an end to sweating corn. For now, it's still summer. Do your best to stay cool and maybe pack an extra shirt or two if you're doing anything outside. Afterall, it's just another August in Kansas.

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