

# SETTLEMENT...

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Sunflower state between 2020 and 2021.

Some estimates say over 140,000 children in Kansas live with caregivers struggling with substance abuse issues.

The Kansas Fights Addiction Act, which provides a framework for the state to receive and distribute opioid settlement funds, was enacted in 2021. This act formalized the process for managing settlement funds and directing them towards addiction treatment and abatement programs in the state.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced the final approval of a \$26 billion opioid settlement with the three major pharma-

ceutical distributors and Johnson & Johnson in February 2022. This settlement resolved claims brought by Kansas and its political subdivisions against those companies.

The recent settlement announced by Attorney General Kris Kobach on July 15, 2025, involved eight additional pharmaceutical companies, including Indivior and Apotex. This was the latest development in the ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis and hold companies accountable for their roles in it.

North Carolina, California, Colorado, Illinois, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia attorneys general offices negotiated the settlements on behalf of Kansas and several other states.

# DRAFT...

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budget hearing typically held in August or September.

Even with mill levy reductions in all but five line items in the proposed 2026 draft, the first draft would have reflected a 1.534 increase in the county mill levy that would have raised taxes on county property owners by \$768,508, fueling a budget that authorizes some \$1.4 million more in projected spending than the \$14.9 million 2025 plan.

The county budget is based on a property valuation spike that saw total property in the

county increase in value by \$7.1 million – a little over 5 percent – to \$144.7 million for the coming year.

Road department director Ethan Lickteig told commissioners if his department had to be targeted for reductions, he wanted cuts to be made in equipment, materials and other hard purchases rather than the programmed cost of living adjustment planned for county employees. The county road department has struggled to keep frontline workers, primarily heavy machinery operators, since

COVID-inflated wages made better paying jobs in the private sector easier to find. That hot job category action appears to have cooled in recent months in Kansas.

General fund expenditures which include employee salaries, contractual services and other expenditures, as well as a separate line item for an additional employee benefits, are projected to increase some \$440,000 year over year. The budget draft is expected to being an agenda topic for commissioners throughout the next several weeks.

# Public Notice

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## Notice of foreclosure

(First published in The Anderson County Review, Thursday, July 17, 2025.)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Stacey L. Whitcomb; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Stacey L. Whitcomb; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),  
Defendants.

Case No. AN-2025-CV-000016  
Court Number:  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

### NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corpora-

tions; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Anderson County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

**The East Half (E/2) of Lot Twenty-two (22) and all of Lot Twenty-three (23) in Block Twenty-nine (29) to City of Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas,** commonly known as 309 W 3rd Ave, Garnett, KS 66032-1305 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the August 27, 2025, in the District Court of

Anderson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

**NOTICE**  
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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## RJ Energy permit for enhanced recovery of oil

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Before the Kansas Corporation Commission  
Notice of Filing Application

Re: RJ Energy LLC. – Application for a permit to authorize the injection of saltwater for the enhanced recovery of oil on the following leases in Anderson County, Kansas.

To: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners and all person whomever concerned.

You and each of you are hereby notified that RJ Energy LLC. has filed an application to commence the injection of

saltwater in the Squirrel for the enhanced recovery of oil for the following leases.  
Eastburn: 40 SE SE of Sec 27 Twp 21S R 21E all with the maximum injection rate of 400 bbls per day and maximum injection pressure of 400 psi.

Kittle: 14 SE SE, 2 NE SE, 27 SE SE, 3 SW SE of Sec 5 Twp 21S R 21E with the maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day and maximum injection pressure of 600 psi.

Rosell: 15 SW NW of Sec 4 Twp 21S R 21E with the maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day and maximum injection pressure of 600 psi.

Bailey-Lohrengel: 5 SW NE of Sec 22 Twp 21S R 21E with the maximum injection rate of 100 bbls per day and maximum

injection pressure of 900 psi.  
Any persons who object to or protest these applications shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission within 30 days from the date of this publication. Protest shall be filed pursuant to the Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the applications may cause water, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas. All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

RJ Energy, LLC  
22082 NE Neosho Rd  
Garnett, KS 66032  
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## Notice of budget hearing for Pottawatomie Creek Watershed Joint District No. 90

(Published in The Anderson County Review on Thursday, July 17, 2025.)

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of  
**Pottawatomie Creek Watershed Joint District No. 90**  
Anderson

will meet on 8/5/2025 at 7:00 pm at 146 East 5th Avenue Garnett, KS 66032 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at 146 East 5th Avenue Garnett, KS 66032 and will be available at this hearing.

**SUPPORTING COUNTIES**  
Anderson (home county) Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	262,359	1.217	530,422	1.201	553,297	133,811	1.136
Debt Service							
Totals	262,359	1.217	530,422	1.201	553,297	133,811	1.136
Revenue Neutral Rate** 1.136							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	262,359		530,422		553,297		
Total Tax Levied	133,811		133,811		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	109,996,830		107,105,618		117,841,201		

Outstanding Indebtedness,  
Jan 1, 2023 2024 2025  
G.O. Bonds 0 0 0  
Revenue Bonds 0 0 0  
Other 0 0 0  
Lease Pur. Princ. 0 0 0

Total 0 0 0

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.  
\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Pottawatomie Creek Watershed Jt. District No. 90

## Notice of budget hearing for Greeley/Walker Cemetery

(Published in the Anderson County Review on Thursday, July 17, 2025.)

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of  
**Greeley/Walker Cemetery**  
Anderson County

will meet on August 4, 2025 at 6:15 PM at Greeley City Hall, 112 W Brown, Greeley for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Anderson County Clerk's Office 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.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	4,003	0.845	6,615	0.788	10,370	4,347	0.790
Debt Service							
Totals	4,003	0.845	6,615	0.788	10,370	4,347	0.790
Revenue Neutral Rate** 0.751							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	4,003		6,615		10,370		
Total Tax Levied	4,129		4,129		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	4,887,781		5,238,473		5,499,995		

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\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Ryan Hemmreck  
Treasurer

## Notice of budget hearing for City of Greeley

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

The governing body of  
**City of Greeley**

will meet on August 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Greeley City Hall, 112 W. Brown, Greeley 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 City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	82,014	30.944	120,143	28.830	410,426	57,456	27.297
Special Highway	432		5,000		136,672		
Water	90,692		159,267		195,548		
Park & Recreations	208		0		0		
ARPA	41,007						
Totals	214,353	30.944	284,410	28.830	742,646	57,456	27.297
Revenue Neutral Rate** 27.297							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	214,353		284,410		742,646		
Total Tax Levied	88,322		57,456		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,758,761		1,992,948		2,104,865		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills  
\*\* Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Linda Hill  
City Official Title: Mayor

## Notice of ordinance establishing Ethanol Surplus Fund - City of Garnett

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CITY ATTORNEY'S SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #4277

On July 8, 2025, the governing body of the City of Garnett Kansas, passed Ordinance #4277 abolishing the Tax

Refund Reserve Fund and the Tax Refund Litigation Fund; and establishing the Ethanol Surplus Fund, into which shall be transferred monies remaining in the two funds being abolished. Sections 4 and 5 of Ordinance 4192 are repealed.

A complete copy of this ordinance is available free of charge at [www.garnettks.net](http://www.garnettks.net) (available for at least one week

following the publication of this summary notice) or at City Hall, 131 W. Fifth Avenue, during regular business hours. This summary is certified by Terry J. Solander, City Attorney, in compliance with K.S.A. 12-3007.

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## City of Garnett 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report

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**CITY OF GARNETT  
CITY TREASURER'S REPORT  
APRIL, MAY, JUNE  
2025**

FUND	3/31/2025 BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENSE	6/30/2025 BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	\$782,291.08	\$601,552.04	\$774,630.02	\$609,213.10
AIRPORT FUND	120,620.14	41,446.01	38,214.10	\$123,852.05
DEBT SERVICE FUND	135,825.58	95,221.16	159,690.32	\$71,356.42
LIBRARY FUND	50,374.41	85,070.09	86,866.12	\$48,578.38
PUBLIC SAFETY	293,090.65	348,287.58	323,462.04	\$317,916.19
SPECIAL HWY FUND	347,643.30	102,881.13	52,638.72	\$397,885.71
TOURISM	92,228.55	4,559.46	9,805.25	\$86,982.76
SPEC. PARKS & REC.	20,843.57	1,427.87	10,000.00	\$12,271.44
ELECTRIC FUND	2,757,348.02	961,275.95	987,961.96	\$2,730,662.01
GAS FUND	286,338.05	429,375.52	336,560.29	\$379,153.28
SANITATION FUND	353,324.29	99,026.45	113,221.13	\$339,129.61
WASTEWATER FUND	500,781.66	206,847.10	185,564.87	\$522,063.89
WATER FUND	2,090,591.47	397,987.63	462,505.03	\$2,026,074.07
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	82,707.85	42,675.01	28,025.10	\$97,357.76
PARKSIDE PLACE #1	426,801.24	44,063.00	42,035.04	\$428,829.20
PARKSIDE PLACE #2	480,621.96	59,931.00	37,993.58	\$502,559.38
PARK PLAZA NORTH	580,702.81	85,438.50	46,979.43	\$619,161.88
CAPITAL OUTLAY IMPR.	1,971,006.01	170,474.94	422,578.01	\$1,718,902.94
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	636,820.90	117,150.03	185,306.84	\$568,664.09
MEDICAL RESERVE FUND	22,501.82	111,700.08	116,635.50	\$17,566.40
TAX REFUND RESERVE	655,290.24	0.00	0.00	\$655,290.24
TAX REFUND LITIGATION	350,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$350,000.00
DRUG SEIZURE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
UTIL. SEC. DEP.	118,899.95	14,500.00	12,903.95	\$120,496.00
INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT	72,573.84	0.00	487.53	\$72,086.31
CREATIVE ARTS GRANT	6,630.62	0.00	0.00	\$6,630.62
UNAPPLIED CREDITS	17,211.42	445.67	-2,657.03	\$20,314.12
TOTALS	\$13,253,069.43	\$4,021,336.22	\$4,431,407.80	\$12,842,997.85

**CHECKING & SAVINGS ACCT. INVESTMENTS**  
\$3,742,997.85  
\$9,100,000.00  
\$12,842,997.85

TRAVIS WILSON  
INTERIM CITY TREASURER