

GOVERNMENT

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State of Kansas
Township
Ottawa County

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Buckeye Township
Ottawa County
will meet on August 15, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at 2115 Aspen Road, New Cambria, KS 67470 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 2115 Aspen Road, New Cambria, KS 67470 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	50	1.935	50		10,050		
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	20,055	3.982	28,329	7.208	68,250	21,329	6.784
Totals	20,105	5.917	28,379	7.208	78,300	21,329	6.784
					Revenue Neutral Rate** 6.811		
Less: Transfers	0		0		10,000		
Net Expenditure	20,105		28,379		68,300		
Total Tax Levied	17,934		21,411		XXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	3,030,818		2,970,510		3,143,898		

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

Jason Gans
Treasurer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
Fire District #4 Bennington
Ottawa County

will meet on August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 307 N. Concord, Suite 210, Minneapolis, KS 67467 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 307 N. Concord, Suite 102, Minneapolis, KS 67467 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	180,865	4.401	141,920	3.932	147,593	126,033	3.864
Debt Service							
Totals	180,865	4.401	141,920	3.932	147,593	126,033	3.864
					Revenue Neutral Rate** 3.865		
Less: Transfers	20,644		0		0		
Net Expenditures	160,221		141,920				
Total Tax Levied	136,453		126,034		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	31,000,129		32,057,510		32,620,164		

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Scott Mortimer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
Fire District #5 - Culver
Ottawa County

will meet on August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 307 N. Concord, Suite 210, Minneapolis, KS 67467 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 307 N. Concord, Suite 102, Minneapolis, KS 67467 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	34,816	7.173	42,800	11.470	52,836	40,170	11.431
Debt Service							
Totals	34,816	7.173	42,800	11.470	52,836	40,170	11.431
					Revenue Neutral Rate** 11.730		
Less: Transfers	18,923		7,000		16,186		
Net Expenditures	15,893		35,800		36,650		
Total Tax Levied	26,007		41,216		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	3,625,451		3,593,660		3,514,205		

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Scott Mortimer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
Fire District #3 - Delphos
Ottawa County

will meet on August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 307 N. Concord, Suite 210, Minneapolis, KS 67467 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 307 N. Concord, Suite 102, Minneapolis, KS 67467 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	30,118	3.603	24,963	3.768	37,647	29,220	3.741
Debt Service							
Totals	30,118	3.603	24,963	3.768	37,647	29,220	3.741
					Revenue Neutral Rate** 3.823		
Less: Transfers	2,500		15,000		12,000		
Net Expenditures	27,618		9,963		25,647		
Total Tax Levied	29,852		29,852		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	8,291,329		7,923,618		7,811,627		

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Scott Mortimer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
Fire District #2 Minneapolis
Ottawa County

will meet on August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 307 N. Concord, Suite 210 Minneapolis, KS 67467 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 307 N. Concord, Suite 102, Minneapolis, KS 67467 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	125,643	5.355	136,840	5.357	303,680	69,232	4.640
Debt Service							
Non-Budgeted Funds	15,017						
Totals	140,660	5.355	136,840	5.357	303,680	69,232	4.640
					Revenue Neutral Rate** 4.643		
Less: Transfers	60,000		60,000		30,000		
Net Expenditures	80,660		76,840		273,680		
Total Tax Levied	78,835		69,250		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	14,720,686		12,928,417		14,919,451		

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Scott Mortimer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Ottawa County

will meet on August 24, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at 2035 Rifle Road Miltonvale, KS 67466 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 2035 Rifle Road Miltonvale, KS 67466 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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FUND	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,244	0.530	1,550	0.543	4,550	524	0.190
Debt Service							
Totals	2,244	0.530	1,550	0.543	4,550	524	0.190
					Revenue Neutral Rate** 0.543		
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	2,244		1,550		4,550		
Total Tax Levied	1,509		1,495		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	2,849,690		2,753,974		2,754,342		

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Daren Sanders

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State of Kansas
County
2027

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Ottawa County
will meet on August 17, 2026 at 8:30 AM at County Commission Room 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 County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,865,204	15.505	5,103,252	27.611	5,765,859	3,099,533	28.804
Debt Service	35,625	0.255	47,144	0.365			
Road & Bridge	3,235,080	24.156	3,732,000	24.160	3,966,899	3,128,186	29.070
Debt Service - Hospital	328,480	2.673	332,516	2.975	366,984	298,143	2.771
Special Bridge	44,799	1.986	666,160	1.987	947,711	215,170	2.000
Noxious Weed	184,254	1.489	219,600	1.501	315,623	161,414	1.500
Services for Aging	188,499	0.993	269,175	1.000	373,487	107,609	1.000
County Health	272,360	0.993	310,523	1.938	348,895	212,543	1.975
Election Expense	55,779	0.474	41,201				
Building	192,852	0.993	194,000	1.000	373,067	107,609	1.000
Historical Collection	66,133	0.767	136,668	0.767			
Appraiser	160,586	1.495	193,250	1.587	233,250	131,020	1.218
Employee Benefits	1,659,809	18.509	2,218,362	16.124	2,922,002	1,423,283	13.226
Sheriff - General	1,289,566	13.099	62,739				
Alcohol & Drug Abuse			4,700		23,885		
Special Parks & Recreation			556		17,318		
Election Capital Outlay			5,000		45,000		
Insurance Claims	205,511		102,862		631,004		
Ottawa 911	55,302		60,000		91,658		
Solid Waste	498,181		575,375		622,862		
Law Enforcement	19,591		41,526				
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	40,000		31,816		65,000		
R&B Special Machinery	373,471		400,000		769,536		
County Capital Outlay Reserve	107,159		110,000		1,042,941		
Law Enforcement Center Capital C	102,796		105,000		427,932		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	12,615						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	16,180						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	686,652						
Non-Budgeted Funds-D							
Totals	12,696,483	83.387	14,963,625	81.015	19,350,913	8,884,510	87.564
					Revenue Neutral Rate ** 82.576		
Less: Transfers	763,973		580,810		384,000		
Net Expenditure	11,932,510		14,382,815		18,966,913		
Total Tax Levied	8,710,668		8,884,511		XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	104,470,098		109,671,773		107,608,638		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	3,640,000		3,335,000		3,030,000		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Pur. Princ.	1,077,159		649,176		1,502,193		
Total	4,717,159		3,984,176		4,532,193		

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Tammi Cox
County Clerk

No assurance is provided.

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USD #240
2026-2027

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 240 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 6:05 PM at 107 N Nelson, Bennington, KS 67422 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, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes