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# COMMUNITY

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

2027

The governing body of
**City of Minneapolis**
will meet on September 8th at 7:00pm at 311 N. Mill 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 311 N. Mill 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.

| | Prior Year Actual for 2025 | | Current Year Estimate for 2026 | | Proposed Budget for 2027 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FUND | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate * | Expenditures | Actual Tax Rate * | Budget Authority for Expenditures | Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax | Proposed Estimated Tax Rate* |
| General | 1,402,163 | 28.243 | 1,450,150 | 28.522 | 1,611,621 | 437,854 | 27.890 |
| Debt Service | | | | | 99,407 | | |
| Library | 83,872 | 5.186 | 84,991 | 4.891 | 85,500 | 76,970 | 4.903 |
| Special Highway | 64,005 | | 61,740 | | 106,338 | | |
| Ambulance | 655,554 | | 688,390 | | 709,711 | | |
| Economic Development | 8,376 | | 8,500 | | 81,042 | | |
| Special Parks | | | 8,000 | | 51,950 | | |
| Water | 581,233 | | 589,566 | | 588,066 | | |
| Electric | 2,841,831 | | 3,294,406 | | 3,534,522 | | |
| Sewer | 203,432 | | 217,383 | | 231,757 | | |
| Revitalization | 5,785 | | 6,832 | | 50,000 | | |
| Non-Budgeted Funds-A | 1,575,968 | | | | | | |
| Totals for City | 7,422,219 | 33.429 | 6,409,958 | 33.413 | 7,149,914 | 514,824 | 32.793 |
| | | | | | *City Revenue Neutral Rate (excluding Recreation Commission)*** | | *32.793* |
| Recreation | 50,365 | | 68,257 | | 69,780 | 62,802 | 4.000 |
| Totals Includes Recreation | 7,472,584 | 33.429 | 6,478,215 | 33.413 | 7,219,694 | 577,626 | 36.793 |
| Less: Transfers | 495,000 | | 455,000 | | 418,000 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 6,977,584 | | 6,023,215 | | 6,801,694 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 487,260 | | 514,810 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation | 14,576,418 | | 15,407,551 | | 15,699,331 | | |

| Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1, | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.O. Bonds | 3,965,000 | 3,625,000 | 3,035,000 |
| Revenue Bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 230,493 | 230,488 | 192,761 |
| Lease Purchase Principal | 606,081 | 341,926 | 273,171 |
| Total | 4,801,574 | 4,197,414 | 3,500,932 |

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

**Barry Hodges**
City Official Title: Administrator/Clerk

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of
BILLYE JUNE YOWELL, Deceased Case No. OT-26 PR 27

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Donalea Michels praying:

Descent be determined of the real estate and any other property held in the decedent's name; and that such real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 8th day of September, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the City of Minneapolis in Ottawa County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Donalea Michels
Petitioner

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**TRANSPORTATION**
***"First come, first served."***
**HOURS:** Monday - Friday **8 A.M. to 5 p.m. | (785) 392 - 2822**
This project funded in part by the KDOT Public Transit Program.

# Celebrating Service & Partnerships

The North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC), based in Beloit, Kansas, invites the public to attend Celebrating Service & Partnerships, a regional event recognizing public service and celebrating projects making a difference across North Central Kansas.

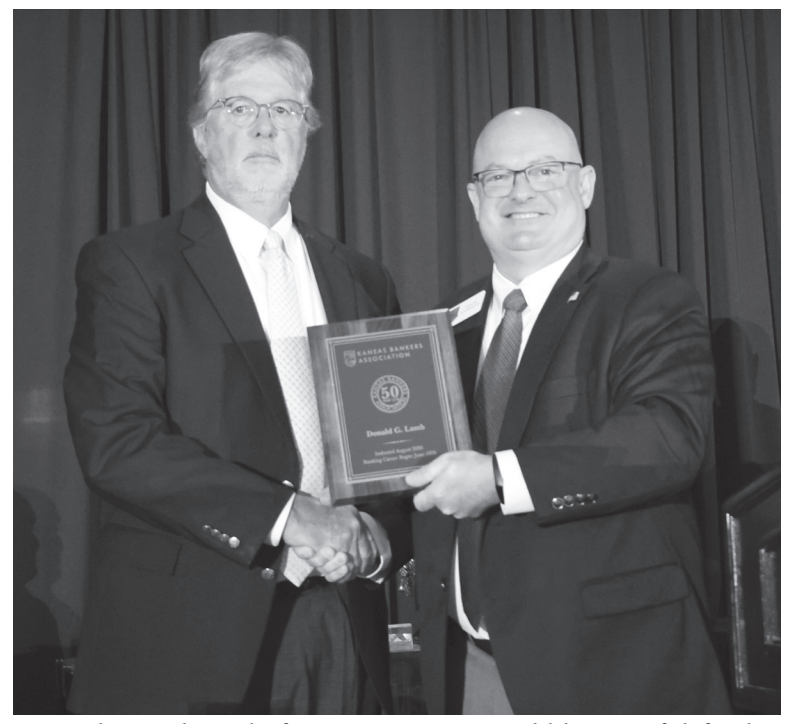
The event will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at The Farm & The Odd Fellows in Minneapolis, Kansas. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:45 a.m. and a brief program concluding by 1:15 p.m. The cost is $15 per person, which includes lunch.

The program will feature the inaugural Spirit of the Region Awards, recognizing impactful community projects, and the 2026 NCRPC Lifetime Public Service Award, honoring outstanding long-term service to the communities and residents of North Central Kansas. Spirit of the Region Award recipients will also participate in a brief facilitated discussion about their projects.

"We are excited to introduce a new luncheon format in place of our traditional biennial membership banquet," said Debra Carlson Ohlde, NCRPC Executive Director. "In addition to being an opportunity to connect with local leaders, partners, and community members from across the region, we are especially excited to introduce the new Spirit of the Region Awards this year to celebrate accomplishments and encourage the sharing of ideas that strengthen our communities."

Reservations are required by September 10 and can be made using the online registration form available at https://bit.ly/ncrpcsept24 or by calling the NCRPC office at 785-738-2218. For questions about the event, email communications@ncrpc.org.

# Bennington State Bank's Don Lamb Honored for 50 Years in Banking by Kansas Bankers Association




Bennington State Bank is proud to announce that Don Lamb, Executive Vice President of Commercial Lending was honored with the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) 50 Years in Banking Award during the KBA Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This award recognizes Lamb's five decades of dedicated service to the Kansas banking industry.

For Lamb, the recognition marks a remarkable full-circle career that began more than 50 years ago at Bennington State Bank.

In 1971, while still in high school, Lamb began working as a teller at Bennington State Bank. Under the guidance of his parents, Gene and Joy Lamb, both respected Kansas bankers, he quickly learned that community banking is built on relationships, integrity, and service. His early responsibilities ranged from waiting on customers to painting the bank, hauling supplies and helping wherever needed, providing firsthand appreciation for every aspect of community banking.

After earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Kansas in 1976, Lamb launched his professional banking career at Planters State Bank in Salina, Kansas. He steadily advanced into leadership roles before joining National Bank of America in 1984, where he ultimately served as President of UMB/NBA through 2006. He later joined Sunflower Bank as Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending before returning to Bennington State Bank in 2013 as Executive Vice President of Commercial Lending.

Throughout his career, Lamb has built lasting relationships with customers, mentored countless bankers and helped businesses across Kansas grow and succeed. Known for his thoughtful leadership and commitment to community banking, he has remained dedicated to helping local businesses, families and communities thrive.

"Don's impact reaches far beyond the loans he's made or the titles he's held," said Brett Mitchell, Executive Vice President, Bennington State Bank. "He has spent his career investing in people, building trusted relationships and exemplifying what community banking is all about. We are incredibly grateful for his leadership and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition."

Lamb said returning to his roots at Bennington State Bank in 2013 was a meaningful homecoming and a testament to the enduring relationships and values that have guided him for half a century.

"Coming back to the bank where my career began has been one of the greatest privileges of my professional life," Lamb said. "I've been fortunate to work alongside outstanding colleagues, serve incredible customers and be part of the communities that truly value relationships. I'm deeply honored by this recognition from the Kansas Bankers Association."

Bennington State Bank congratulates Don on this extraordinary milestone.

