

Harold and Ramona Tessendorf were Friday guests of Tec and Edna Casey.

Workmen from the State Highway Department have been in Onaga for the past couple of days making repairs to

Mrs. Robert Mangas and children, and Mrs. Chris Ladner and Douglas were in Holton Wednesday afternoon visiting Mrs. Howard Wentz.

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I began by stacking on the wagon and in the barns at about age 10. The downside to my continued physical growth meant that as I matured, I became the one loading the wagons and pickups. And, yes, it was hot.

Big round balers, cab tractors with working air conditioning, bale hauling trailers, bale beds and self-propelled equipment have sure improved the working conditions and quality of life for many farmers and ranchers. But I'm glad to have had the experiences of manual labor back when we didn't know any different or any better. And we didn't have the luxury of a 10-day forecast at our fingertips. All we knew was — it was hot.

Nominations can be made by any person in the county. They should be sent to the Pottawatomie County Conservation District at 501 State Street, Westmoreland, KS 66549 or by calling 785-457-3398 Ext 3 with a deadline of September 16, 2026.



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Rock Creek Township
Pottawatomie County

will meet on August 30, 2026 at 7:30 PM at Seven Township Fire Station, 305 S 6th St, Westmoreland 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate.

Detailed budget information is available at 14200 Goodlove Road, Westmoreland 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*
Fire Protection	17,862	4.394	11,568	2.782	12,613	11,034	3.000
Total	17,862	4.394	11,568	2.782	12,613	11,034	3.000
<i>Fire Protection Revenue Neutral Rate</i>							<i>2.774</i>

Total Tax Levied:	17,697	10,203	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Assessed Valuation:			
Fire Protection	3,761,109	3,667,716	3,678,483

Fund	Expenditures	Actual Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Rate*	Budget Expenditure	2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Est. Tax Rate*
General	613	0.066	1,600	0.066	2,804	490	0.061
Cemetery	4,680	0.131	5,000	0.129	8,945	1,000	0.125
Totals	5,293	0.197	6,600	0.195	11,749	1,490	0.186
<i>Rock Creek Township Revenue Neutral Rate</i>							<i>0.186</i>

Less: Transfers	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	5,293	6,600	11,749
Total Tax Levied:			
Township	1,500	1,500	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Assessed Valuation:			
Township	7,359,994	7,607,093	7,997,352

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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

Charles Berg
Treasurer