CERTIFICATE

2026

To the Clerk of Ellsworth County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Empire Fire

certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted
maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2026; and (3) the
Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2026 Budget.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	0	5	2,534	2,370	0.777
Debt Service	10-113				
Totals		xxxxxxxxxx	2,534	2,370	0.777
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate - Budget Hearing Notice					3,048,704
RNR Hearing Notice					Nov. 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					

Revenue Neutral Rate	0.778
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	NO

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: July 28, 2025

Shelly D. Upat
County Clerk

Governing Body

CPA Summary

SEAL OF THE ELLSWORTH COUNTY CLERK ELLSWORTH COUNTY KANSAS

Empire Fire
Ellsworth County

2026

Allocation of MV, RV, 16/20M, Commercial Vehicle, and Watercraft Tax Estimates

2025 Budgeted Funds	Tax Levy Amount in 2025 Budget	Allocation for Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	2,369	96	1	14	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,369	96	1	14	0	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 96

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 1

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 14

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 0

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.04052

RVT Factor 0.00042

16/20M Factor 0.00591

Comm Veh Factor 0.00000

Watercraft Factor 0.00000

2026

Empire Fire
Ellsworth County

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2024	Current Amount for 2025	Proposed Amount for 2026	Transfers Authorized by Statute
	Totals	0	0	0	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	0	0	0	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2025 and/or 2026 from a non-budgeted fund.

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2026

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2025	Date Due		Amount Due 2025		Amount Due 2026	
					Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
General Obligation:										
Total G.O.				0			0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds:										
Total Revenue				0			0	0	0	0
Other:										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total				**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Items Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
			Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

***If leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		77	53
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	2,386	2,369	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	58		
Motor Vehicle Tax	100	69	96
Recreational Vehicle Tax	1		1
16/20M Vehicle Tax	18	17	14
Commercial Vehicle Tax			0
Watercraft Tax		50	0
In Lieu of Taxes			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**2,563**	**2,505**	**111**
Resources Available:	**2,563**	**2,582**	**164**
Expenditures:			
Fire Contract	2,486	2,529	2,534
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**2,486**	**2,529**	**2,534**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	77	53	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	2,486	2,529	2,534
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	2,534
		Tax Required	2,370
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	2,370

CPA Summary

State of Kansas
2026 Special District

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Empire Fire

Ellsworth County

will meet on July 28, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at Monte Hudson Residence for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Ellsworth 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.

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year 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	2,486	0.801	2,529	0.778	2,534	2,370	0.778
Debt Service							
Totals	2,486	0.801	2,529	0.778	2,534	2,370	0.778
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.778*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	2,486		2,529		2,534		
Total Tax Levied	2,369		2,369		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,957,249		3,043,649		3,045,040		

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*

Keith Anderson

2026 Empire Fire Budget Hearing

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2026

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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 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual 2024 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate for 2025 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate for 2025 Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget Year for 2026 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget Year for 2026 Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget Year for 2026 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,486	0.801	2,529	0.778	2,534	2,370	0.778
Debt Service							
Totals	2,486	0.801	2,529	0.778	2,534	2,370	0.778
						Revenue Neutral Rate**	0.778
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	2,486		2,529		2,534		
Total Tax Levied	2,369		2,369		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,937,249		3,043,649		3,045,040		

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

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

Keith Anderson
Treasurer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEA

The governing body of
Ellsworth Fire #2
Ellsworth County
will meet on August 11, 2025 at 8:00 pm at David Kempke Re
answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use o
Detailed budget information is available at Ellsworth County Clerk's

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad V
of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change de

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual 2024 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimat Expenditures
General	12,500	0.892	12,625
Totals	12,500	0.892	12,625
Less: Transfers	0		0
Net Expenditures	12,500		12,625
Total Tax Levied	11,789		11,789
Assessed Valuation	13,224,389		13,000,342

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,

	2023	2024
G.O. Bonds	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0
Other	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0
Total	0	0

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

David Kempke
Treasurer

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2026 Palacky Township RNR & Budget Hearing

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Palacky Township
Ellsworth County
will meet on August 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Holyrood Fire Station 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 Ellsworth 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 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual 2024 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate 2025 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate 2025 Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget 2026 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget 2026 Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget 2026 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General							
Debt Service							
Library							
Road	77,690	25.575	77,348	22.836	79,806	73,995	27.462
Non-Budgeted Funds	5,128						
Special Machinery							
Totals	82,818	25.575	77,348	22.836	79,806	73,995	27.462
						Revenue Neutral Rate**	26.462
Less: Transfers	19,000		0		0		
Net Expenditure	63,818		77,348		79,806		
Total Tax Levied	71,298		71,298		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation: Township	2,787,768		3,122,214		2,694,436		

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*

Glad Rogers
Treasurer

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2026 Ash Creek Township RNR

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRA

The governing body of
Ash Creek Township
Ellsworth County
will meet on August 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Kendall Rathbun's R
answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the a
Detailed budget information is available at Ellsworth County Clerk's

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad V
of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change de

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual 2024 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estim Expenditures
General	25,551	8.203	25,793
Debt Service			
Library			
Road			
Special Machinery			
Totals	25,551	8.203	25,793
Less: Transfers	3,957		0
Net Expenditure	21,599		25,793
Total Tax Levied	21,993		21,992
Assessed Valuation: Township	3,545,350		3,414,130

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1

	2023	2024
G.O. Bonds	0	0
Other	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0
Total	0	0

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

Kendall Rathbun
Treasurer

County Clerk's Budget Information for 2026 Budget Year
Ellsworth County values
EMPIRE FIRE-TOTAL

1. Estimated Assesed Valuation as of TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025:

	Assessed Value	New Improvements	Territory Added	Changed Use
Real Estate	2,648,743	0	0	22,215
State Assessed	61,932	0		
Severed Minerals	0			
Personal Property	306,332			
Oil & Gas	28,033			
Total Value	3,045,040	0		

2. Personal Property: 334,365
(Use this amount on Computation to Determine Limit for 2026 budget, line 5a)

Revenue Neutral Rate .778

3. Actual tax rates levied for the 2025 budget: (2024 levies)

SAC	Fund	Rate	RN Rate
133	EMPIRE FIRE-GENERAL	.778	.778
	Total Levied	.778	

4. Final Assessed Valuation from the November 2024 abstract: 3,043,649

5. 2024 Personal Property: 371,610
(Use this amount on Computation to Determine Limit for 2026 budget, line 5b)

6. Gross Earnings (Intangible) Tax Estimate: .00

7. Neighborhood Revitalization District:
Valuation Subject to Rebates 0

8. 2023 average tax delinquency percentage: 1.051223

9. 2023 delinquency percentage for special assessments: .000000

Date Provided: 6/20/25 Provided by: Shelly D. Upton
Ellsworth County Clerk

