State of Kansas
City

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CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Labette County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
City of Mound Valley
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditure for the various funds for the year 2026; and
(3) the Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	12-101a	6	220,800	85,607	51.533
Debt Service	10-113				
Library	12-1220				
Special Highway			40,000		
Sanitation			41,500		
Utilities			150,525		
Non-Budgeted Funds					
Totals		xxxxxx	452,825	85,607	51.533
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					1,661,220
RNR Hearing Notice					Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation
Neighborhood Revitalization					

Revenue Neutral Rate	51.777
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	NO

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Date Attested: September 26 2025

Gena Landis
County Clerk

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Governing Body

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

Budgeted Funds for 2025	Ad Valorem Levy Tax Year 2024	Allocation for Proposed Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	85,742	13,565	250	224	1,448	58
Debt Service						
Library						
TOTAL	85,742	13,565	250	224	1,448	58

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 13,565

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 250

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 224

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 1,448

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 58

Motor Vehicle Factor 0.15821

Recreational Vehicle Factor 0.00292

16/20 Vehicle Factor 0.00261

Commercial Vehicle Factor 0.01689

Watercraft Factor 0.00068

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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
General	Special Highway	5,000	5,000	15,000	KSA 12-1,119
General	Equipment Reserve	5,000	5,000	-	KSA 12-1,117
Utilities	Recreation	-	-	-	KSA 12-825d
Utilities	Equipment Reserve	-	-	-	KSA 12-1,117
	Totals	10,000	10,000	15,000	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	10,000	10,000	15,000	

*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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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

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

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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 As Beginning of 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
				Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**

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

WORKSHEET FOR STATE GRANT-IN-AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Budgeted Year: 2026

Library found in: City of Mound Valley
Labette County

As provided in KSA 75-2553 *et seq.*, two tests are used to determine eligibility for State Library Grant. If the grant is approved, then the municipality's library will be paid the grant on February 15 of each year.

First test:

	Current Year 2025	Proposed Year 2026
Ad Valorem Tax	$0	$0
Delinquent Tax	$0	$0
Motor Vehicle Tax	$0	
Recreational Vehicle Tax	$0	
16/20M Vehicle Tax	$0	
	$0	$0
TOTAL TAXES	$0	$0
Difference in Total Taxes:	$0	
Qualify for grant: Qualify		

Second test:

Assessed Valuation	$1,624,602	$1,655,987
Did Assessed Valuation Decrease?	No	
Levy Rate		
Difference in Levy Rate:	#VALUE!	
Qualify for grant: #VALUE!		

Overall does the municipality qualify for a grant? **Qualify**

If the municipality would not have qualified for a grant, please seek assistance from the State Library.

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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	30,085	32,002	29,194
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	81,186	85,742	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	3,266		
Motor Vehicle Tax	15,782	16,350	13,565
Recreational Vehicle Tax	276	300	250
16/20M Vehicle Tax	222	200	224
Commercial Vehicle Tax	1,617	1,700	1,448
Watercraft Tax	0	0	58
Gross Earning (Intangible) Tax	0	0	54
Local Alcoholic Liquor			
Compensating Use Tax	20,812	21,000	21,000
Local Sales Tax	47,381	47,000	47,000
Franchise Tax	12,924	12,900	12,900
Licenses/Permits	1,293	500	500
Insurance Dividend	3,261	3,300	3,500
Land	9,714	0	0
In Lieu of Tax (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds	6,500	2,500	2,500
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	2,733	3,000	3,000
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**206,966**	**194,492**	**105,999**
Resources Available:	**237,051**	**226,494**	**135,193**
Expenditures:			
Salaries & Wages	42,819	58,000	60,000
Employee Benefits	28,069	19,000	19,500
Donations and Contributions	7,050	6,500	6,500
Commodities	6,754	7,000	9,800
Capital Outlay	31,000	0	4,000
Contracted Services	35,353	35,000	40,000
Insurance Expense	32,438	47,800	50,000
Meeting and Training Expenses	2,244	1,000	3,000
Fire Department	2,824	6,500	6,500
Library Board	6,500	6,500	6,500
Transfer to Special Highway	5,000	5,000	15,000
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	5,000	5,000	0
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**205,050**	**197,300**	**220,800**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	32,002	29,194	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	205,370	204,700	220,800
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	220,800
		Tax Required	85,607
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	**85,607**

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Special Highway**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	23,790	24,620	19,720
Receipts:			
State of Kansas Gas Tax	9,445	10,100	10,100
County Transfers Gas		0	0
Transfer from General Fund	5,000	5,000	15,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**14,445**	**15,100**	**25,100**
Resources Available:	**38,235**	**39,720**	**44,820**
Expenditures:			
Street Repair and Maint	13,616	20,000	40,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**13,616**	**20,000**	**40,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	24,620	19,720	4,820
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	33,000	20,000	40,000

Adopted Budget **Sanitation**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	32,288	30,164	25,664
Receipts:			
Charges to Customers	34,238	36,000	37,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**34,238**	**36,000**	**37,000**
Resources Available:	**66,526**	**66,164**	**62,664**
Expenditures:			
Trash Service	31,017	33,000	34,000
Wages	4,407	6,500	6,500
Contract Service	939	1,000	1,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**36,363**	**40,500**	**41,500**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	30,164	25,664	21,164
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	41,000	42,000	41,500

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Adopted Budget **Utilities**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	52,115	44,875	33,850
Receipts:			
Service Income	117,866	130,000	131,000
Franchise Fees	10,451	7,000	7,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous	1,612	2,500	2,500
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**129,929**	**139,500**	**140,500**
Resources Available:	**182,043**	**184,375**	**174,350**
Expenditures:			
Fire Department	3,551	4,500	4,500
Commodities	7,791	9,800	9,800
Water Purchases	43,606	48,000	48,000
Licenses and Permits	205	225	225
Wages	37,623	40,000	40,000
Contract Services	38,656	42,000	42,000
Sales Tax and Water Prot Fees	1,449	2,000	2,000
Vehicle Expense	3,762	4,000	4,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous	525		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**137,168**	**150,525**	**150,525**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	44,875	33,850	23,825
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	183,000	167,900	150,525

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NON-BUDGETED FUNDS

(Only the actual budget year for 2024 is reported)

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Non-Budgeted Funds

(1) Fund Name:		(2) Fund Name:		(3) Fund Name:		(4) Fund Name:		(5) Fund Name:		
Equipment Reserve		**Recreation**		**Fire Department**		**Sewer System Reserve**		**Grant**		
Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Total
Cash Balance Jan 1	85,585	Cash Balance Jan 1	23,242	Cash Balance Jan 1	4,382	Cash Balance Jan 1	60,000	Cash Balance Jan 1	17,680	190,890
Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		
Transfer from General	5,000	Park Memorials	1,500	Yearly Dist- General	6,500			KDHE Grant	2,620	
		MV Recr Program	5,034	Township Reimburs	9,030					
Total Receipts	5,000	Total Receipts	6,534	Total Receipts	15,530	Total Receipts	0	Total Receipts	2,620	29,683
Resources Available:	90,585	Resources Available:	29,776	Resources Available:	19,912	Resources Available:	60,000	Resources Available:	20,299	220,573
Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		
		Commodities	30	Insurance and Bonds	3,423			Contracted Services	5,237	
				Repairs	485			Commodities	7,355	
				Building Utilities	845					
				Commodities	5,678					
Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	30	Total Expenditures	10,431	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	12,592	23,053
Cash Balance Dec 31	90,585	Cash Balance Dec 31	29,746	Cash Balance Dec 31	9,481	Cash Balance Dec 31	60,000	Cash Balance Dec 31	7,708	197,521 **
										197,521 **

** Note: These two block figures should agree.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Mound Valley
will meet on September 16, 2025, at 5:00 PM at City Hall 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.

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.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	205,050	63.254	197,300	52.777	220,800	85,607	51.696
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	13,616		20,000		40,000		
Sanitation	36,363		40,500		41,500		
Utilities	137,168		150,525		150,525		
Non-Budgeted Funds	23,053						
Totals	415,248	63.254	408,325	52.777	452,825	85,607	51.696
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*51.777*
Less: Transfers	10,000		10,000		15,000		
Net Expenditure	405,248		398,325		437,825		
Total Tax Levied	85,613		85,742		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,363,327		1,624,602		1,655,987		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue 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*

David Templeton
City Official Title: Mayor

Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MOUND VALLEY, HEREBY NOTIFIES THE LABETTE COUNTY CLERK OF INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

_____ Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and our proposed mill levy rate is ___. The date of hearing is _____ and will be held at_____.

__X___ No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and so the proposed mill levy rate is 51.777. We will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 2025.

Witness my hand and official seal on July 18, 2025.

Jay Thompson

Clerk or Officer of Governing Body

Labette Avenue

620-795-2550
labetteavenue@taylornews.org

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Rudy Taylor
of lawful age, being duly sworn, deposes and says he or she represents the publisher of:

See attached

LABETTE AVENUE
P.O. BOX 269
Oswego, KS 67356

weekly newspapers in the City of Oswego, Chetopa, Altamont and Edna, County of Labette, State of Kansas, and of general circulation in said county, and which has been admitted to the mail at second class matter in said county during the period of one year immediately prior to the first publication of the notice hereinafter attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of each number of said newspapers for **one (1) Thursday.**

The first publication was made on **September 4, 2025,** knowledge of the statements above set forth, and that they are true.

State of Kansas, Labette County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **4th day of September 2025.**

Rena Russell
(Notary Public)

My appointment expires **September 1, 2027**
Printer's fee **$153.00**

RENA RUSSELL
Notary Public - State of Kansas
My Appt. 09/01/2027

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, Aug. 28, Sept. 4, and 11, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING AT PARSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of
James Edward Comer, IV, Deceased

No. LDP-2025-PR-000082

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on August 18, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Jaime Silva, the son-in-law of James Edward Comer, IV, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Jaime Silva, Petitioner

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, August 21,28 and Sept. 4, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING IN PARSONS

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of
John E. Godfrey, Deceased.

Case No. LDP-2025-PR-000044
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Kristine D. Hunt, a beneficiary of John E. Godfrey, deceased, requesting that the foregoing will of John E. Godfrey, deceased, dated January 23, 2020, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the estate's interests in the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Labette County, Kansas:

Tract 1: The West half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 32, Range 20, Labette County, Kansas EXCEPT railroad right of way

Tract 2: The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; AND the North half of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section 8, Township 32, Range 20, Labette County, Kansas

Tract 3: The West 20 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; AND the North 4 acres of the following described tract: Commencing 20 rods West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter, thence North 80 rods, West 88 rods, South 80 rods, East 88 rods to beginning, all in Section 8, Township 32, Range 20, Labette County, Kansas

Tract 4: The South half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; AND the South half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 20 East of the 6th P.M., Labette County, Kansas

Tract 5: The North half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 32, Range 20, Labette County, Kansas

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the city of Parsons, Labette County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Attorney for Kristine D. Hunt

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, September 4, 11, and 18, 2025)
IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
Riley Don Cartwright, Deceased

No. LDP-2025-PR-000084

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED;
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Joyce Cartwright, an heir of Riley Don Cartwright, deceased, praying:
That descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Labette County, Kansas:
Lot 4, Block 2, Westwood Addition to the City of Parsons, commonly known as 3414 Partridge, Parsons, Kansas
and all other Kansas real estate and personal property owned by decedent at the time of his death.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 1st day of October, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Parsons, in Labette County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Joyce Cartwright
Petitioner

Kyle M. Fleming #19838
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, August 28, Sept. 4 and 11, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING IN PARSONS

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of
Catherine Classen, Deceased.

Case No. LDP-2025-PR-000019
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that on August 11, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Ronald Gaeck, Jr., requesting that the estate be distributed under Kansas intestacy law and that they be named as Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Classen and that Letters of Administration be issued to them.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 24, 2025, at 9:00am in the District Court, in Parsons, Labette County, Kansas, at which time and place this matter will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the later of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Ronald Gaeck, Jr., Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, August 21,28 and Sept. 4, 2025)
IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James Donald Wimp, deceased
and
Jo Ellen Wimp, deceased

Case No. LDP-2024-PR-000055

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a petition has been filed in the Court by Bryan Joe Wimp, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of James Donald Wimp, deceased and Jo Ellen Wimp, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; and "Joint Settlement Agreement" be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of James Donald Wimp, deceased and Jo Ellen Wimp, deceased and the Petitioner be released from further liability
You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before September 16, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the District Court, in Parsons, Labette County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgement and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

/s/ Bryan Joe Wimp
Petitioner

/s/ Dilan K. Johnson
Dilan K. Johnson (D.C. #26132)
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Oswego, Kansas 67356
(620) 795 2764
Attorney for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, August 21,28 and Sept. 4, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS
SITTING IN PARSONS

In the Matter of the Decedent Estate of
Edward O. Escolas, Deceased

Case No. LDP-2025-PR-000041
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the Court by Allen Escolas, one of the heirs of Edward O. Escolas, deceased, requesting:
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Labette County, Kansas:
a. Stevens Park Addition, Block 8, Lot 10, to the City of Parsons, Labette County, Kansas [3131 Crawford Avenue, Parsons, KS]; and
b. Lot 6, except the North 15 inches; and the North 5 feet of Lot 10, Block 4, Huston's Addition to the City of Altamont, Labette County, Kansas; and
c. The South 20 feet of Lot 10, Block 4, Huston's Addition, City of Altamont, Labette County, Kansas; and
d. 180' of E150' of Lot 1, Block 107, to the City of Parsons, Labette County, Kansas [520 N. 23rd, Parsons, KS]
and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas 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 to the Petition on or before September 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Parsons in Labette County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Allen Escolas, Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First publishhd in the Labette Avenue, Thursday, August 28, 2025)

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

City/Township/Other

will meet on September 16, 2025, at 7:45 PM at City Hall 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.

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.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
Fund	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Ad Valorem Tax	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	2,121,000	23.334	2,121,000	23,331	2,250,000	25,000	25.000
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	73,000		70,000		60,000		
Sanitation	99,317		97,000		75,000		
Totals	2,293,317	23.334	2,288,000	23,331	2,385,000	25,000	25.000
Library Special Assessments							
Total Taxable	1,071,428		1,000,000		1,000,000		
Net Expenditures	1,071,428		1,000,000		1,000,000		
Total Tax Levied	25,000		23,331		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Delinquent Tax Rate**	2.34%		2.34%		2.34%		

	2024	2025	2026
Valuation for Local Effort	1,071,428	1,000,000	1,000,000
Assessed Valuation	1,071,428	1,000,000	1,000,000
Percent of Totals	0	0	0
Mill	0	0	0
Local Property Tax Levied	0	0	0
Delinquent Tax Rate	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

* Rate may be expressed in mills
** Delinquent Tax Rate as defined by KSA 79-2005

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Parsons Police Department recognized for Excellence in Training Management

The Parsons Police Department announces that it has been recognized for Excellence in Training Management for 2024 by Lexipol, the nation's leading provider of policy, training, and wellness support for public safety agencies. This recognition is awarded through the Lexipol Connect program, which evaluates agencies across key performance metrics that reflect success in managing training, staff engagement, and professional development.

This honor comes in addition to the department's 2024 Lexipol Gold Award for Policy Management, marking another year of distinction in upholding professional standards and operational excellence.

The Lexipol Connect program monitors agency performance across five critical metrics: training hours assigned, completions tracked, personnel engagement, external training logged, and consistency of participation. By achieving the Bronze recognition in Training Management, the Parsons Police Department demonstrated consistent success in ensuring that its personnel receive effective, documented, and relevant training throughout the year.

Chief of Police Robert Spinks emphasized the importance of ongoing training as a cornerstone of professional policing. "Ongoing training is vital to equipping our personnel with the knowledge and skills they need to protect and serve our community effectively. We are honored to receive this recognition from Lexipol Connect, which underscores our commitment to excellence in training. Our next goal is to elevate this recognition even further within the Lexipol system."

The Parsons Police Department's investment in training extends well beyond routine courses. Through Lexipol and its affiliated PoliceOne Academy, officers and staff have access to a broad spectrum of online and interactive learning modules, covering emerging technologies, evolving threats, de-escalation strategies, crisis intervention, and wellness programs. These platforms allow the department to respond quickly to new challenges while ensuring compliance with state and national standards.

Lieutenant Jason Ludwig, who oversees training and administrative services, highlighted how the Lexipol platform impacts the department at every level. "The investment in continuous training management reflects our city's dedication to community safety and professionalism. The Lexipol platform allows Parsons Police to manage training efficiently, ensuring our personnel are always ready to respond to the needs of our residents. This continued training is not just for patrol officers, Lexipol and PoliceOne Academy also provide high-quality training for our civilian and dispatch staff. This online platform ensures every member of our team is prepared to perform at their best."

By maintaining high standards of training management, the Parsons Police Department enhances community safety and strengthens public trust. Regular training ensures officers are well-prepared to apply the latest best practices in law enforcement, while also maintaining empathy, professionalism, and accountability in their daily interactions with residents.

This recognition is one more step in the department's broader strategy of professional growth. Combined with the department's ongoing pursuit of Kansas Law Enforcement Accreditation, the Lexipol awards underscore Parsons Police Department's commitment to innovation, continuous improvement, and excellence in public safety.

For more information about the Parsons Police Department, visit www.parsonspks.gov. To learn more about Lexipol and its training and policy programs, visit www.lexipol.com.

CFSEK Opens 2025 Women's Health Fund Grant Cycle

Since 2007, the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas (CFSEK) has hosted the annual Rita J. Bicknell (RJB) Women's Health Fund grant cycle, supporting projects dedicated to bettering the lives of women in Southeast Kansas. Since inception, the Women's Health Fund grant cycle has awarded over $503,000 to projects across Southeast Kansas!

The WHF grant cycle has two applications: the Circle of Friends application is for funding up to $2,000, while the Women's Giving Circle application is for funding over $2,000.

"The Rita J. Bicknell Women's Health Fund shows what's possible when caring individuals come together to make a real difference," said Devin Gorman, CFSEK Executive Director. "The enthusiasm and commitment from RJB members have been instrumental in advancing women's healthcare in our region."

Applications are available at SoutheastKansas.org/Grant-App. For more information about RJB membership, and for lists of previous recipient projects, visit SoutheastKansas.org/WHF.

Applications for the 2025 Women's Health Fund grant cycle are available online via CFSEK's portal until midnight on September 30.

Questions regarding the grant applications should be directed to CFSEK Program Coordinator Kara Mishmash at SoutheastKansas.org/Contact/Kara.

Every classified ad in Labette Avenue also runs in two other Taylor Newspapers!

School news this and that

USD 505 Chetopa is showing support for their fellow teacher Jessica Midgett with this years Pink Out Shirts. A portion of the proceeds from sales will be given to Jessica to help with her medical expenses. To order a Chetopa Hornet Pink Out shirt visit Krystal's Designs & Gifts on Facebook or see the post on USD 505 Chetopa-St. Paul Facebook page.

to set for September 16 and September 18 from 6-7:30 p.m., with a half-time performance on Friday, September 19 with the Dance Team. Registration and payment is due by Monday, September 8. The cost is $25 per student with shirt included.

Tony Swanwick 4th annual Memorial RunWalk is this Saturday, September 6; this is wick Memorial Run honors the legacy of Tony Swanwick, a beloved teacher and coach who dedicated over 40 years to Bartlett Grade School. This fundraiser supports the Bartlett WILD Program, an initiative close to Tony's heart. Come be part of one of the most meaningful times of the year and help honor the legacy of a guy who meant the world to us! Registration