CERTIFICATE 2023

To the Clerk of Hodgeman, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Benton **Township**
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held; (2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was approved and adopted as the maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2023; and (3) the Amount(s) of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2023 Budget.

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Statement of Indebt. & Lease/Purchase		4			
Fund	K.S.A.				
General	79-1962		91245	0	
Debt Service	10-113				
Library	12-1220				
Road	68-518c				
Special Machinery					
Totals		XXXXXX	91245	0	
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					1,373,963
Rate Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					Nov 1, 2022 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate 0.000

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: Nov 1, 2022

County Clerk

Stephanie Ochs Treasurer
Janae Falconer Clerk
Beverly Kay Ochs

Governing Body

Special Road Election held _____ for ___Mills for ___ years.
First levy in _____.

CPA Summary

Benton Township 2023

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget 0	Prior Year Actual for 2021	Current Year Estimate for 2022	Proposed Budget Year for 2023
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	$ 23118	$ 22138	$ 20383
Receipts:			
Interest on Idle Funds	$ 30	$ 30	$ 30
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	$ 23148	$ 22168	$ 20413
Resources Available:			
Expenditures:			
Board Meetings	$ 100	$ 100	$ 50
Publications	$ 65	$ 65	$ 75
Donations	$ 25	$ 100	$ 100
Chemical	$ 800	$ 1500	$ 1000
Supplies	$ 20	$ 20	$ 20
Cash Forward (2023 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	$ 1010	$ 1785	$ 1245
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	$ 22138	$ 20383	$ 19168
2021/2022/2023 Budget Authority Amount:			

Adopted Budget 0	Prior Year Actual for 2021	Current Year Estimate for 2022	Proposed Budget Year for 2023
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	0	0	0
Resources Available:	0	0	0
Expenditures:			
Cash Forward (2023 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	0
2021/2022/2023 Budget Authority Amount:	0	0	0

CPA Summary

Library News



Jacque Sherrill

"Kansas Reads to Preschoolers" is a program that helps young readers through early learning activities and sharing a common book. Libraries across the state participate each November. The month-long program promotes reading to Kansas children birth to age five. This year's selected book is "Not a Box" by Antoinette Portis. From mountain to rocket ship, a small, imaginative bunny shows that box is not always just a box - but an object that will go as far as the imagination allows.

The Library will have a special Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Storytime Monday, November 21 from 4 pm to 5 pm at the library. We will read, "Not a Box" and "Tuck Me In!" by Dean Hacohen. Participants will receive a related craft to take home. Be sure to bring a favorite stuffed animal, doll, or action figure with you for a special **"Sleepover at the Library"** following story time. If you have seen *Toy Story*, you already have an idea what happens when you leave a room full of teddy bears, dollies, and cars: they come to life (or so we like to pretend.) Once their pals are safely away for a night at the library, we will post photos of the activities and antics on the library's Facebook page. The "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" is for ages 9 and under. Pick up your pals On Tuesday, November 22 before 7 pm to have them home for Thanksgiving.

Break out crayons, markers, and coloring pencils as it is time for the library's annual **Thanksgiving Coloring Contest!** We have so much to be thankful for and we want to see your best Thanksgiving inspired artwork! We would love to see how you make your coloring sheet stand out. The contest is open to all ages. Participants may use crayons, markers or colored pencils but no paint, glitter, stickers, feathers, etc. There are prize categories for children ages 5 and under, 6 to 8, 9 to 12 and teens, adults and seniors. Entries may be picked up and dropped off at the library during business hours. A link to download and print the coloring sheets is also available on the library's website: www.jetpl.info. The Thanksgiving Coloring Contest deadline is Monday, November 21. You may drop off entries, mail entries or scan and email them. All entries will be on display at the library through November. Winners will be selected and notified beginning Wednesday, November 30. Each winner will receive one $20 gift card!



Tatum James is Tater Salad

any questions or comments can be forwarded to jetrepub@fairpoint.net

Veteran's Day is coming here next week. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served in the country in either war or peace. It is a day where we should give thanks to our veterans and those who served or are currently serving. We shouldn't only celebrate that day thanking our veterans who are still with us today, but we should show our respects to the ones who have passed on.

There are tons of veterans who have served this country, and we are very blessed that they did it so that we didn't have to. Lots of those veterans leave their families to protect ours and make sure our country is safe. These veterans had a lot of dedication to this country to be able to leave everything they're used to...having to leave their home, their family, etc. I wouldn't understand how hard it would be to have to go months or years without a loved one.

Everyone who has served must feel very honored to represent this country. It is very hard work and lots of time to do what gets the job done. I know from the stories my uncle, step-dad, my cousins, and my grandparents have served, of just how many adventures they went on. It would be awesome to get to go to many countries and get to live there for bits of time.

If I were planning on going into the force, I would want to go into the air force because I love flying. As my bonus-dad, Mont Bortzer, says if you want the cool planes, go into the navy. I've only flown a plane once and it was really cool to see everything from a distance. But I think the Army would be cool, too. I would most definitely stay in shape then. I heard that they make you run until you puke, but that may have been just a joke. I think it would be very cool to get to serve our country and get to go on the many adventures that they get to do. All of the friends they meet and all of the places they go, I feel like it would be a great experience for people.

My Grandpa Sohm took great pride in his service. He wore his Vietnam hat everywhere he went. He was in the air force and he loved to serve for this country.

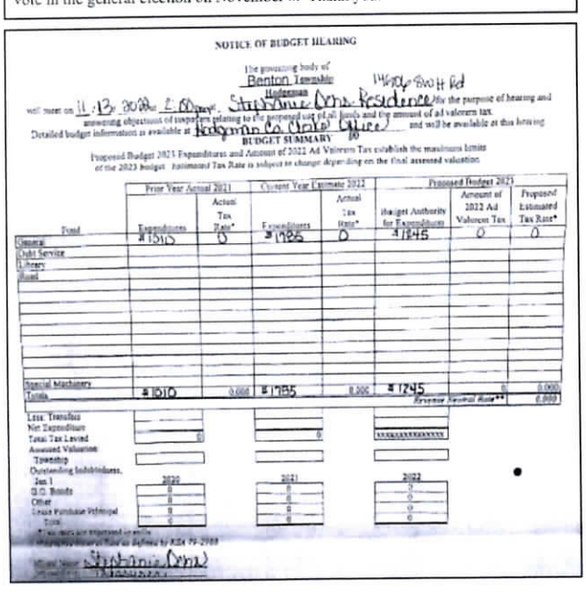
I would like to thank everyone (in advance) who has served in any of the forces and who gave their time and dedication to this country. I wouldn't understand the hard work it takes. I would like to give my biggest thanks to my Uncle Mike, Grandpa Bortzer, Grandpa Sohm, my Great Grandpa Owen, my cousin's, Chris and Erin Owen, my Uncle Jerry Warren, and my step-dad Mont, along with many more of my family. Thank you for serving this country for me and along with many others. I know TONS of people appreciate all of your hard work. I thank you for doing the things not everyone is capable of doing. Thank You - TaterSalad





I am Alan Ochs and I am a conservative Republican candidate for Hodgeman County Commissioner, District 5. I was born and raised here and have lived in western Hodgeman County all my life. My wife, Julie, is a retired elementary school teacher for Hodgeman County Schools and we have 3 grown children who grew up here and attended the schools in Jetmore. Our oldest daughter, Alexandra and her husband Bobby live in Fort Collins, Colorado. They have given us 3 beautiful grandchildren, Hope, 7, and Bridger, 5, and Brooks, 2. Our son, Colby, lives and works in Dallas, Texas. Our youngest daughter, Jessilyn and her husband Spensor, make their home in Laramie, Wyoming, and are expecting our 4th grandchild in March, 2023. Although our family is far away from us, family values are very important to me.

I am a Hodgeman County landowner, and drive the rural roads of our county myself. I understand fully the challenges our county faces and if re-elected for another term as Commissioner, I will attempt to serve the citizens of Hodgeman County to the best of my ability, as I have done over the last four years. I would appreciate your vote in the general election on November 8. Thank you.



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Benton Township, Hodgeman County, Kansas will meet on 11-13-2022 at 8:00 PM at Stephanie Owens Residence 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 Hodgeman Co. Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2023 Expenditures and Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2023 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2021 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual 2021 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate 2022 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate 2022 Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget 2023 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget 2023 Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget 2023 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	$1345	0	$1785	0	$1745	0	0
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	$1010	0.000	$1785	0.000	$1745	0	0.000
					Revenue Neutral Rate**		0.000
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure							
Total Tax Levied	0		0		xxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation							
Township							
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2020		2021		2022		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

Stephanie Owens

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Do Ya Really Wanna Know

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The decision to remove prayer from schools to reinforce a separation of church and state was reportedly done to ensure that each institution (church and state) did not infringe on the rights of each individual by offering controlling influences that could possibly step on the toes of future generations.

The choice to remove corporal punishment from schools took the authority to discipline unruly students out of the hands of school administrators and placed it solely on the parents, removing that standard of consequence from our hallowed halls...and then we truned around and tabooed physical punishment at home stating that resorting to violence to discipline our children teaches violence as a solution to problematic situations.

In a 2003 decision, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals held in "Newdow vs. United States of America and Elk Grove Unified School District" that the part of the Pledge of Allegiance which makes reference to God violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of constitutional separation between church and state. It concluded that the phrase "Under God" impermissibly takes a position with respect to the purely religious question of the existence and identity of God.then

This news caused an uproar in political circles with then President Bush calling the ruling "ridiculous" while several U.S. scholars believe the ruling to be a reasonable interpretation of the law explaining that the pledge "is supposed to endorse patriotism and not endorse religious belief."

"The Pledge of Allegiance is a beautiful expression of patriotism and freedom that in no way violates the Constitution," Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline stated in a release. "An activist court attempting to outlaw the Pledge of Allegiance in schools undermines the very foundation of our Nation."

Our founding fathers must be spinning in their graves to think that we have taken the country that was founded on religious freedom and the avoidance of tyrannical persecution and trampled over our beliefs of patriotism, freedom, and honor. I, as well as our national program director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, find this decision to be a travesty and an affront to every American who has worn the uniform of our nation.

When is the reality of 9-11 going to sink into the minds of the seemingly mindless politicians that have become more concerned with the rights and privileges of those being added into the stew that is America and awake to the fact that too many cooks...(need I say more)?

Of all the states which have statutes in place in regard to the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools, each include a provision protecting the right of students to refrain from making that recitation.

Several years ago, a group of area High School students refused to stand for the playing of the National Anthem during an activity, claiming that it did not reflect their country of origin. I'll tell you what, no matter what country that I have traveled to while representing the U.S. military, I, and my brothers in arms, stood out of respect for our host nation during any playing of their national anthem.

At what point do we stop trampling upon the ideals and fundamental rights that this nation was founded upon? When do we as Americans say that enough is enough and let our legislators know that we believe in our rights to pray, inflict discipline, and affirm our belief that God does truly exist and watches over this great nation of ours. For we are one nation and we are definitely..."Under God."

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HODGEMAN COUNTY

2023

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

Budgeted Funds for 2022	Tax Levy Amount in 2022 Budget	Allocation for Year 2023				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General		0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 0

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.00000

RVT Factor 0.00000

16/20M Factor 0.00000

Comm Veh Factor 0.00000

Watercraft Factor 0.00000

2023

BENTON TOWNSHIP

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2021	Current Amount for 2022	Proposed Amount for 2023	Transfers Authorized by Statute
	Total	0	0	0	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	0	0	0	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2022 and/or 2023 from a non-budgeted fund.

BENTON TOWNSHIP
HODGEMAN COUNTY

2023

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2022	Date Due		Amount Due 2022		Amount Due 2023	
					Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
G.O. Bonds										
Total G.O. Bonds				0			0	0	0	0
Other										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total Indebtedness				**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, 2022	Payments Due 2022	Payments Due 2023
				Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

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