Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF Richfield Township, **HEREBY NOTIFIES THE** Morton **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 our hearing is _____ at _____ AM/PM and will be held at _____ address in _____, Kansas.

__X__ No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before August 25, 2025

WITNESS my hand and official seal on _____, 20___.

(Seal)

Sam Dawn

Clerk or Officer of Governing Body

NOTE: Notice required to be sent to County Clerk on or before 5 p.m. on July 20, otherwise Revenue Neutral Rate cannot be exceeded. Signed notice may be scanned and sent electronically.

State of Kansas
Special District

CERTIFICATE

2026

To the Clerk of Morton, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Richfield Township

Not Exceed

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	79-1972	5	92,500	48,476	
Debt Service	10-113				
Totals		xxxxxxxxx	92,500	48,476	3.355
Budget Hearing Notice					
Combined Rate - Budget Hearing Notice					
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					

County Clerk's Use Only

14,448,146

Nov. 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate	3.443
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	NO

Assisted by:
HAY-RICE & ASSOCIATES, CHTD.

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PO BOX 2707
LIBERAL, KS 67905-2707
Email:
DUSTIN@HAYRICE.COM

Sara Dunn, Clerk
Lloyd A. Defer, Trustee
Charles Milburn via phone

Attest: 8-4, 2025

Dina Shores
County Clerk

Morton County Clerk
Governing Body
Official Seal
Morton County Kansas

CPA Summary

Richfield Township
Morton

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	48,464	831	62	130	92	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	48,464	831	62	130	92	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 831

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 62

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 130

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 92

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.01715

RVT Factor 0.00128

16/20M Factor 0.00268

Comm Veh Facto 0.00190

Watercraft Facto: 0.00000

2026

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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
None					
	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.

Richfield Township
Morton

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:										
None										
Total G.O.				0			0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds:										
None										
Total Revenue				0			0	0	0	0
Other:										
None										
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
None							
			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	55,346	63,038	37,309
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	48,876	48,464	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	698	0	
Motor Vehicle Tax	19	501	831
Recreational Vehicle Tax	139	13	62
16/20M Vehicle Tax	3	141	130
Commercial Vehicle Tax	0	2	92
Watercraft Tax	0	0	0
Dermont Rental Income	4,800	5,000	5,000
Capital Credits	295	300	300
Interest on Idle Funds	291	300	300
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**55,121**	**54,721**	**6,715**
Resources Available:	**110,467**	**117,759**	**44,024**
Expenditures:			
Personal Services	12,918	15,000	17,000
Contractual	33,314	40,000	50,000
Commodities	1,197	5,450	5,500
Capital Outlay	0	20,000	20,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**47,429**	**80,450**	**92,500**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	63,038	37,309	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	90,000	90,500	92,500
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	92,500
		Tax Required	48,476
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	48,476

CPA Summary

Why You Should Plant Wheat: The Value of Wheat Residue

For the audio version, visit kswheat.com.

Before making crop decisions for the upcoming season, consider wheat as a leading option. Backed by decades of research and practical results, wheat offers benefits that extend far beyond the grain. From conserving soil moisture to improving fertility and boosting the performance of following crops, wheat contributes value throughout a crop rotation. When residue is left in the field, it builds a more resilient and profitable farming system.

Natural Protection for Soil Health

Wheat residue protects soil from the damaging effects of wind and water erosion. It stabilizes topsoil during extreme weather, reduces runoff and helps moderate soil temperature. These physical benefits support stronger root systems, more consistent microbial activity, and improved overall field conditions across seasons.

Nutrient Cycling and Organic Matter

As wheat residue decomposes, it returns nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium to the soil, reducing the need for added fertilizer inputs. The breakdown process also increases organic matter and microbial biomass, which improves soil structure and long-term fertility. The result is more productive, balanced ground that supports consistent performance across cropping seasons.

Rotational Strength and Yield Stability

Including wheat in a rotation improves the consistency and performance of subsequent crops. Kansas State University research found that soybean yields increased by an average of 12 bushels per acre when rotated with wheat. In western Kansas, corn yields were 14.7 bushels per acre higher after wheat than grain sorghum. These benefits held steady across tillage methods, illustrating the lasting impact of wheat residue on yield stability and soil performance. Similar advantages labor and equipment demands throughout the season, allowing for more efficient resource utilization.

A Foundation for Sustainable Profitability

Wheat contributes to more than a single harvest. It improves rotations, supports soil health, enables livestock integration, and increases overall productivity across the farming system. Each wheat planting cycle, when residue is retained and properly managed, strengthens the foundation for sustainable, long-term returns.

For producers planning the next cropping cycle, wheat provides measurable agronomic and economic advantages. The value goes far beyond the grain and continues long after the combine leaves the field.

To read more about the value of wheat in your own cropping system, visit kswheat.com/beyond-the-value-of-the-grain, or watch this video.

KDOT Urges Drivers to Slow Down as Part of National Safety Campaign

Speeding is dangerous and with more drivers on the road during the busy summer travel season, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is reminding drivers it's not worth the risk. Through the end of July, KDOT is participating in the national "Speeding Catches Up With You" campaign to encourage safer driving habits.

Speeding accounts for more than one-quarter of all traffic-related fatalities nationwide, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In Kansas, preliminary 2024 data shows that 70 people died and more than 2,000 people were injured in crashes involving speeding.

To support the campaign, KDOT has activated speed feedback signs, a proven safety countermeasure, along four designated safety corridors to reinforce speed awareness. The signs have been gathering traffic speed data and will now also display drivers' real-time speeds to help promote safe driving habits. The corridors were selected based on crash history, input from local traffic safety partners and the availability of additional law enforcement. Drivers may notice an increased law enforcement presence in these areas.

"Whether you're in a hurry or just not thinking about how fast you're going, speeding is a choice that can have deadly consequences," said KDOT Behavioral Safety Manager Gary Herman. "Speed limits are there for a reason - to help keep drivers, passengers and others safe."

Speeding is more than breaking the law. In addition to the possibility of injury or death, the consequences are far-ranging and may include:

Losing control of the vehicle more easily.

Reducing the effectiveness of seatbelts and child passenger safety seats.

Increasing the distance needed to stop.

Raising the likelihood of costly vehicle repairs or property damage.

Facing a greater chance of being stopped and cited by law enforcement.

For more information about the dangers of speeding, visit the NHTSA website.

Regular Council Meeting 07/22/2025 will be held at 6:00 pm at the Swimming Pool Park pavilion.

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Medical Technologists needed for Morton County Health System in Elkhart KS. Will perform tasks, duties and/or complex tests in all areas of the laboratory assigned (hematology, immunohematology, immunology, bacteriology, microscopy, routine chemistry, therapeutic drug monitoring) according to established laboratory protocols and procedures. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology, Biology, Chemistry, or related degree (or foreign equivalent). Applicants must have an ASCP certification at time of hire. Send resumes to: sellis@mchswecare.com

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S-D SyracuseDairy

Syracuse Dairy Morton County location is now accepting applications for milking positions starting at $14.00 an hour with a $250.00 signing bonus. Benefits include 401K, health insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance. Please apply in person at our office (751 SE CR 36, Syracuse, KS 67878) or call 620-492-2525.

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SEAN GLENN BOOKSTORE a/k/a
SEAN BOOKSTORE, deceased. Case no. MT-2025-PR-000014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on June 30, 2025 a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Lacy Bookstore, an heir of Sean Glenn Bookstore, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter 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.

Lacy Bookstore
Petitioner

Nathanial C. Foreman, # 22691
Tate, Kitzke, & Foreman, LLC
1024 S. Trindle, P.O. Box 909
Hugoton, KS 67951-0909
(620)544-2103
Attorney for Petitioner

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     NOXIOUS WEED                      25310.94
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     FAIR                              28004.01
     SOIL CONSERVATION                  5628.47
     AIRPORT                           30285.26
     SHERIFF                           17050.37
     EMPLOYEE BENEFITS                 21401.86
     EXTENSION COUNCIL                 36260.49
     MENTAL HEALTH                      1546.19
     LIBRARY                           58520.39
     INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY            1575.22
     AMBULANCE                         21246.86
     HEALTH                            31147.43
     FIRE DISTRICT                      2852.70
     COUNCIL ON AGING                  25550.28
     CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND           6315.67
     HISTORICAL                        33328.60
     HEALTH DEPT GRANTS                10400.00
     SPECIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPM           239.00
     AMBULANCE GIFTS & GRANTS            520.00
     GOLF COURSE GIFTS & DONAT           795.00
     SALES TAX-HEALTH SYSTEM           71047.53
     SPECIAL AMBULANCE                  2330.00
     SPECIAL EQUIPMENT RESERVE          1428.00
     PAYROLL WITHHOLDING FUND          10717.29
     TREASURERS MOTOR VEHICLE           2295.55
     ENERG PREPAR FUNDING               1244.19
     ECOMMUNITY LOAN FUND               8858.00
     CIVIC CENTER DEPOSIT FUND          8795.00
     911                                9706.32

              REPORT TOTAL:          1336387.54

     DETAILED REPORT ON FILE IN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF
vs.
THAD EARLS, et al. DEFENDANTS

Case No. MT-2025-CV-000004
Div. No.
K.S.A. 60
TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to: THAD EARLS; CRISSY EARLS

and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Morton County, Kansas, by Nationstar Mortgage LLC for judgment in the sum of $137,730.42, plus interest, costs and other relief, judgment that plaintiff's lien is a first lien on the said real property and sale of said property to satisfy the indebtedness, said property described as follows, to wit:

Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING — State of Kansas Special District

The governing body of
Richfield Township/Rolla
Morton
will meet on August 1, 2025 at 7:30 PM at Dermott Community Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.
Detailed budget information is available at Dermott Community Center 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 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 Estimated Tax Rate*
General	47,429	1.977	80,450	3.279	92,500	48,476	3.443
Debt Service							
Totals	47,429	1.977	80,450	3.279	92,500	48,476	3.443
						Revenue Neutral Rate**	3.443
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	47,429		80,450		92,500		
Total Tax Levied	48,464		48,464		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	24,519,663		14,780,187		14,077,988		

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

Sam Dunn
Clerk

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State of Kansas
Recreation Commission
2025/2026

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Rolla Recreation Commission
will meet on July 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Recreation Commission Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.
Detailed budget information is available at Recreation Commission Office and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Morton County (home county)

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

oposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budg