CERTIFICATE

2026

To the Clerk of Hamilton County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Bear Creek 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 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	79-1962	5	18,675	2,258	.409
Cemetery	80-932	6	79,142		
Totals		xxxxxx	97,817	2,258	.409
Budget Hearing Notice		7			County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					5,530,582
Rate Hearing Notice					Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate		8			

Revenue Neutral Rate	0.411
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	NO

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Attest: 8-27 2025

County Clerk

Governing Body

Michelle Westerman	Clerk
Teresa Mayo	Trustee
Barbara Westerman	treasurer

CPA Summary
No assurance is provided.

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

Budgeted Funds for 2025	Tax Levy Amount in 2025 Budget	Allocation for Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	2,271	64	0	11	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cemetery	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	2,271	64	0	11	0	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 64

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 0

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 11

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 0

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.02818

RVT Factor 0.00000

16/20M Factor 0.00484

Comm Veh Factor 0.00000

Watercraft Factor 0.00000

Bear Creek Township

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					
	Total	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.

Bear Creek Township
Hamilton County

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
G.O. Bonds										
None										
Total G.O. Bonds				0			0	0	0	0
Other										
None										
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, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
None							
				Total	**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 January 1	19,327	19,911	16,151
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	2,357	2,271	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax		60	64
Recreational Vehicle Tax			0
16/20 M Vehicle Tax		10	11
Commercial Vehicle Tax			0
Watercraft Tax			0
Gross Earnings (Intangibles) Tax			0
Memorial			
Interest on Idle Funds	222	200	200
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate		-1	-9
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**2,579**	**2,540**	**266**
Resources Available:	**21,906**	**22,451**	**16,417**
Expenditures:			
Officers Pay	450	450	450
Supplies		250	250
Maintenance	402	2,000	2,000
Mowing	600	3,000	3,000
Accounting	406	400	450
Publications	137	200	225
Capital Improvements			12,300
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Transfer to Spec. Mach.(No Levy)			
Does the General Fund have a tax levy			
Transfer to Spec. Mach.(Gen has Levy)			
Transfer can not exceed 25% Resources Avai			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**1,995**	**6,300**	**18,675**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	19,911	16,151	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	12,825	18,125	18,675
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	18,675
		Tax Required	2,258
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	2,258

CPA Summary
No assurance is provided.

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget Cemetery	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	69,159	73,142	76,142
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			0
Recreational Vehicle Tax			0
16/20 M Vehicle Tax			0
Commercial Vehicle Tax			0
Watercraft Tax			0
Donations			
Interest on Idle Funds	3,983	3,000	3,000
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**3,983**	**3,000**	**3,000**
Resources Available:	**73,142**	**76,142**	**79,142**
Expenditures:			
Improvements			79,142
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**79,142**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	73,142	76,142	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	70,000	73,945	79,142
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	79,142
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	0

Adopted Budget

0	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			0
Recreational Vehicle Tax			0
16/20M Vehicle Tax			0
Commercial Vehicle Tax			0
Watercraft Tax			0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	0	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	0

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
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Hamilton County
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Fund	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,995	0.387	6,300	0.423	18,675	2,258	0.409
Cemetery					79,142		
Totals	1,995	0.387	6,300	0.423	97,817	2,258	0.409
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.411*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	1,995		6,300		97,817		
Total Tax Levied	2,271		2,271		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	5,883,259		5,368,819		5,521,998		
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*

Barbara Westeman
Treasurer

2026 Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate

Budgeted Funds for 2026	2025 Ad Valorem before Rebate**	2025 Mil Rate before Rebate	Estimate 2026 NR Rebate
General	2,249	0.407	9
Debt Service			0
Library			0
Road			0
Cemetery			0
0			0
0			0
0			0
0			0
0			0
TOTAL	2,249	0.407	9

2025 July 1 Valuation: 5,521,998

Valuation Factor: 5,521.998

Neighborhood Revitalization Subj to Rebate: 21,962

Neighborhood Revitalization factor: 21.962

**This information comes from the 2026 Budget Summary page. See instructions tab #12 for completing the Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate table.

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