**CERTIFICATE** 2026

To the Clerk of Ellis County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
**Big 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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| Schedule of Transfers | | 3 | | | |
| Statement of Indebt. & Lease/Purchase | | 4 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Fund | K.S.A. | | | | |
| General | 79-1962 | | 4,600 | 3,042 | 0.041 |
| Debt Service | 10-113 | | | | |
| Library | 12-1220 | | | | |
| Road | 68-518c | | | | |
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| Special Machinery | | | | | |
| **Totals** | | XXXXXX | 4,600 | 3,042 | 0.041 |
| Budget Hearing Notice | | | | | |
| Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice | | | | | |
| Rate Hearing Notice | | | | | |
| Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate | | | | | |

County Clerk's Use Only
73,067,394
Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

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|---|---|
| Revenue Neutral Rate | 0.044 |
| **Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?** | NO |

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: October 31 2025

County Clerk

Casey Herring
Duff Watson
James Graham

9/11/2025

Governing Body

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

CPA Summary

Big Creek Township 2026

**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 | | 2,984 | 1,554 |
| Receipts: | | | |
| Ad Valorem Tax | 7,184 | 3,170 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| Delinquent Tax | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Tax | | | 0 |
| Recreational Vehicle Tax | | | 0 |
| 16/20 M Vehicle Tax | | | 0 |
| Commercial Vehicle Tax | | | 0 |
| Watercraft Tax | | | 4 |
| Gross Earnings (Intangibles) Tax | | | 0 |
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| Interest on Idle Funds | | | |
| Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate | | | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec | | | |
| **Total Receipts** | 7,184 | 3,170 | 4 |
| **Resources Available:** | 7,184 | 6,154 | 1,558 |
| Expenditures: | | | |
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| Officers Pay | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Salaries & Wages | | | |
| Employee Benefits | | | |
| Supplies | 100 | 200 | 200 |
| Equipment | | | |
| Buildings Maintenance | | | |
| Insurance | 100 | 200 | 200 |
| Hearing Notices | 200 | 300 | 300 |
| Mailers | 200 | 300 | 300 |
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| 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 Avail | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | |
| Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures | | | |
| **Total Expenditures** | 4,200 | 4,600 | 4,600 |
| Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31 | 2,984 | 1,554 | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| 2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount: | 4,200 | 4,600 | 4,600 |
| | | Non-Appropriated Balance | |
| | | Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance | 4,600 |
| | | Tax Required | 3,042 |
| | Delinquent Comp Rate: | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax | 3,042 |

| CPA Summary |
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**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 | 3,170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 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 |
| Total | 3,170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |

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 4

MVT Factor 0.00000

RVT Factor 0.00000

16/20M Factor 0.00000

Comm Veh Factor 0.00000

Watercraft Factor 0.00114

Big 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | Special Machinery | - | - | - | |
| General | Special Machinery | - | - | - | |
| Road | Special Machinery | - | - | - | |
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| | 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.

State of Kansas
Township

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
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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 | 4,200 | 4200.000 | 4,600 | 4,600.000 | 4,600 | 3,042 | 0.041 |
| Debt Service | | | | | | | |
| Library | | | | | | | |
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| Special Machinery | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 4,200 | 4200.000 | 4,600 | 4600.000 | 4,600 | 3,042 | 0.041 |
| | | | | | | *Revenue Neutral Rate*** | *0.044* |
| Less: Transfers | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Net Expenditure | 4,200 | | 4,600 | | 4,600 | | |
| Total Tax Levied | 3,171 | | 3,170 | | xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | | |
| Assessed Valuation: | | | | | | | |
| Township | 53,906,735 | | 73,345,903 | | 73,382,695 | | |
| 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*

Casey Herrman
Big Creek Treasurer

State of Kansas
Township

Big Creek Township
Ellis 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Total G.O. Bonds | | | | 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| | | | | **Total** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

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

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Casey Herrman
Big Creek Treasurer

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