CERTIFICATE

2024

To the Clerk of Wichita County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Rural Fire District

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 2024; and (3) the
Amount(s) of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2024 Budget.

Table of Contents:		Page No.	2024 Adopted Budget: Budget Authority for Expenditures	2024 Adopted Budget: Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	2024 Adopted Budget: Final Tax Rate (County Clerk's Use Only)
Allocation MVT, RVT,16/20M Vehicle Ta		2			
Schedule of Transfers		3			
Statement of Indebt. & Lease/Purchase		4			
Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	19-3610	5	33,000	30,768	.710
Totals		xxxxxxxxx	33,000	30,768	.710
Budget Hearing Notice		6			
Combined Rate - Budget Hearing Notice					
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate		7			

County Clerk's Use Only

43,322,032

Nov. 1, 2023 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate 0.715

Assisted by:
Kennedy McKee & Company LLP

Address:
PO Box 1477
Dodge City, KS 67801
Email:
jkennedy@kmc-cpa.com

Attest: Nov 3, 2023
Lynda Goodrich
County Clerk

Governing Body

COUNTY CLERK SEAL WICHITA COUNTY, KANSAS

CPA Summary
No assurance is provided.

State of Kansas
Special District

Rural Fire District
Wichita County

2024

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

2023 Budgeted Funds	Tax Levy Amount in 2023 Budget	Allocation for Year 2024				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	30,759	1,133	18	242	41	7
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30,759	1,133	18	242	41	7

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 1,133

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 18

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 242

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 41

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 7

MVT Factor 0.03683

RVT Factor 0.00059

16/20M Factor 0.00787

Comm Veh Facto 0.00133

Watercraft Facto 0.00023

2024

Rural Fire District
Wichita County

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2022	Current Amount for 2023	Proposed Amount for 2024	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 2023 and/or 2024 from a non-budgeted fund.

State of Kansas
Special District

Rural Fire District
Wichita County

2024

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2023	Date Due		Amount Due 2023		Amount Due 2024	
					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, 2023	Payments Due 2023	Payments Due 2024
None							
			Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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

Rural Fire District
Wichita County
FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

2024

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2022	Current Year Estimate for 2023	Proposed Budget Year for 2024
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	-192	-152	1,290
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	28,103	29,529	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	144		
Motor Vehicle Tax	1,073	1,060	1,133
Recreational Vehicle Tax	18	17	18
16/20M Vehicle Tax	250	246	242
Commercial Vehicle Tax		34	41
Watercraft Tax		8	7
LAVTR			0
In Lieu of Taxes	1,430	1,498	1,498
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate	-978	-950	-814
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**30,040**	**31,442**	**2,125**
Resources Available:	**29,848**	**31,290**	**3,415**
Expenditures:			
Appropriations	30,000	30,000	30,000
Cash Forward (2024 column)			3,000
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**30,000**	**30,000**	**33,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	-152	1,290	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2022/2023/2024 Budget Authority Amoun	30,000	30,000	33,000
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	33,000
See Tab B		Tax Required	29,585
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.0%	1,183
		Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	30,768

CPA Summary
No assurance is provided.

State of Kansas
Special District

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

2024

The governing body of

Rural Fire District

Wichita County

will meet on August 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Wichita County Courthouse, Leoti, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Wichita County Courthouse, Leoti, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2024 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2022		Current Year Estimate for 202		Proposed Budget Year for 2024		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	30,000	0.646	30,000	0.694	33,000	30,768	0.715
Totals	30,000	0.646	30,000	0.694	33,000	30,768	0.715
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.715*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	30,000		30,000		33,000		
Total Tax Levied	28,186		30,759		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	43,611,343		44,311,649		43,033,777		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2021	2022	2023
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*

Lynda Goodrich
County Clerk

Rural Fire District

2024

2024 Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate

Budgeted Funds for 2024	2023 Ad Valorem before Rebate**	2023 Mil Rate before Rebate	Estimate 2024 NR Rebate
General	29,922	0.695	814
Debt Service			0
			0
			0
			0
			0
TOTAL	29,922	0.695	814

2023 July 1 Valuation: 43,033,777

Valuation Factor: 43,033.777

Neighborhood Revitalization Subj to Rebate: 1,171,234

Neighborhood Revitalization factor: 1171.234

**This information comes from the 2024 Budget Summary page. See instructions tab #12 for completing the Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate table.

WCC Fire Budget 07.26

Affidavit of Publication

State of Kansas
County of Wichita, ss:

Rob Taylor, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath states that he is the editor of ***THE WICHITA COUNTY NATIVE SUN,*** formerly known as *The Leoti Standard*.

THAT said newspaper has been published at least weekly 50 times a year and has been so published for at least five years prior to the first publication of the attached notice.

THAT said newspaper was entered as second class matter at the post office of its publication;

THAT said newspaper has a general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly basis in WICHITA County, Kansas, and is NOT a trade, religious, or fraternal publication and has been printed and published in WICHITA County, Kansas.

THE ATTACHED was published on the following dates in a regular issue of said newspaper:

1st and last Publication was made on the 26th day of July 2023.

Publication Fee	$143.00
Affidavit, Notary's Fees	$0.00
Additional Copies (0 @ $5.00)	$0.00
Total Publication Fee	$143.00

Rob Taylor
(Signed)

Witness my hand this 11 day of August 2023.

Notary Public - State of Kansas
Melodie Breitkreutz
My Commission Expires 2/13/2024

Melodie Breitkreutz
(Notary Public)

State of Kansas
Special District

[First and last published in *The Wichita County Native Sun*, Wednesday, July 26, 2023.]

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

2024

The governing body of
Rural Fire District
Wichita County
will meet on August 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Wichita County Courthouse, Leoti, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied.
Detailed budget information is available at Wichita County Courthouse, Leoti, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2024 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2022		Current Year Estimate for 2023		Proposed Budget Year for 2024		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	30,000	0.646	30,000	0.694	33,000	30,768	0.715
Totals	30,000	0.646	30,000	0.694	33,000	30,768	0.715
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.715*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	30,000		30,000		33,000		
Total Tax Levied	28,186		30,759		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	43,611,343		44,311,649		43,033,777		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,

	2021	2022	2023
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*

Lynda Goodrich
County Clerk

Page No. 6

August 21, 2023

Wichita County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 8:30am at the Wichita County courthouse located at 206 South 4th St, Leoti, KS. Commissioners present were Jason Wells, John Gould and Cole Carpenter. Also present were Lynda Goodrich and Herb Peters. Diana Long and Lanna Kreutzer joined via Teams.

Commissioner Wells called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Gould moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to pay warrants for $54,274.39 for 8/21/2023. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners reviewed the county expenditure reports for July.

Lanna Kreutzer entered the meeting at 8:36am. She gave an overview of two vendors who can help with tracking cemetery records. Windy Prairie would have a kiosk located at the Leoti Cemetery as opposed to CIMS which is a cloud-based program. The Commissioners indicated that they are more interested in the Windy Prairie module. Lanna will gather more information for the next meeting. Lanna left the meeting at 8:45am.

Herb reported that a JD grader will be coming off lease November. He plans to purchase the grader on a financing plan. Commissioner Carpenter discussed a complaint he received about mowing stubble some of which was in the right of way. He asked for the guys mowing to park on summer fallow or grass if possible. At 8:50am, Steve Baum, Sheriff Kris Casper and Terry Laws entered the meeting. The Commissioner discussed Road 3 to Road 2, Indian Road, Scott County line, and railroad crossings. They asked Herb to get better at designating main roads for grading. Herb left the meeting at 9:15am.

Steve Baum updated the Commissioners on Emergency Management trainings that he has completed. The remainder of classes will be in person on the eastern side of the state. He asked about a vehicle. The Commissioners agreed to have him get bids from J&R, Tubbs and Sons and Dodge in Colby.

Sheriff Casper reported that JR Audio will be ordering a Law Enforcement vehicle as soon as Explorers are ready. He also has an order in with Kansas Highway Patrol for a used vehicle. Sheriff asked the Commissioners about the possibility of buying a house for county employees to live in. Commissioner Carpenter suggested speaking with Economic Development about housing.

Terry Laws updated the Commissioners on the weed department. He will need tires for the four-wheeler and a windshield for the spray truck. He anticipates that some chemical prices will go down. The Commissioners would like him to recheck the places that he handled prairie dogs. If they are coming back, then retreat them. Terry, Steve and Kris left the meeting at 9:50am.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the 2024 County Budget. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. County Clerk, Lynda asked for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wells, Yes, Commissioner Carpenter, Yes, Commissioner Gould, Yes. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Wells moved to approve the 2024 Cemetery Budget. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. County Clerk, Lynda asked for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wells, Yes, Commissioner Carpenter, Yes, Commissioner Gould, Yes. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Gould moved to approve the 2024 Rural Fire District Budget. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. County Clerk, Lynda asked for a roll call vote. Commissioner Wells, Yes, Commissioner Carpenter, Yes, Commissioner Gould, Yes. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Gould moved to appoint Christy Marcy and Robert Weilert to serve on the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging Council. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners reviewed audit proposals from Lewis Hooper & Dick and Varney & Associates.

At 10:20am, Commissioner Wells moved to enter executive session for 10 minutes with the County Election Officer. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners returned to regular session. They signed the approved budgets.

The next commissioner meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept 5, 2023 at 8:30am at the Wichita County courthouse. There was no further business so the meeting adjourned at 10:32am.