CERTIFICATE

2024

To the Clerk of Morris County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Clarks Creek Cemetery 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.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	17-330	5	21,700	1,603	0.744
Debt Service	10-113				
Totals		xxxxxxxxx	21,700	1,603	0.744
Budget Hearing Notice		6			County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate - Budget Hearing Notice					2,154,286
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					Nov. 1, 2023 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate: 0.744

Assisted by:
Morris County Clerk

Address:
501 West Main Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
Email:
cschmidt@morriscountyks.org

George Herpich
Judy Herpich

Attest: Nov. 1, 2023
County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK SEAL MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Governing Body

CPA Summary

Clarks Creek Cemetery District
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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	1,603	81	2	21	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,603	81	2	21	0	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 81

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 2

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 21

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 0

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.05053

RVT Factor 0.00125

16/20M Factor 0.01310

Comm Veh Facto 0.00000

Watercraft Facto 0.00000

2024

Clarks Creek Cemetery District
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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.

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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.

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2022	Current Year Estimate for 2023	Proposed Budget Year for 2024
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	23,606	24,387	19,993
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	1,603	1,603	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	22		
Motor Vehicle Tax	101	80	81
Recreational Vehicle Tax	3	2	2
16/20M Vehicle Tax	21	20	21
Commercial Vehicle Tax	1	1	0
Watercraft Tax			0
LAVTR			0
In Lieu of Taxes			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**1,751**	**1,706**	**104**
Resources Available:	**25,357**	**26,093**	**20,097**
Expenditures:			
Clarks Creek Cemetery			
Latimer Zion Lutheran Cemetery			
St. John's Cemetery			
Maintenance/Mowing	900	6,000	6,600
RNR & Budget Publications	70	100	100
Cash Forward (2024 column)			15,000
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**970**	**6,100**	**21,700**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	24,387	19,993	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2022/2023/2024 Budget Authority Amoun	20,120	21,880	21,700
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	21,700
		Tax Required	1,603
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	1,603

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State of Kansas
Special District

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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General	970	0.832	6,100	0.772	21,700	1,603	0.744
Debt Service							
Totals	970	0.832	6,100	0.772	21,700	1,603	0.744
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.744*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	970		6,100		21,700		
Total Tax Levied	1,602		1,603		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,926,341		2,075,611		2,153,821		

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*

George Herpich

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Joann M. Kahnt, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the publisher of The Prairie Post, which is a newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, published in and of general paid circulation on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis in Morris County, Kansas, is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication, is published at least weekly fifty (50) times a year, has been so published continuously and uninterrupted in said County and State for a period of more than one year prior to the first publication of the notice attached, and has been entered at the post office as Periodicals Class mail matter. That a notice was published in all editions of the regular and entire issue for the following subject matter: Clark's Creek Cemetery District Budget Hearing: published on August 10, 2023.

Joann M. Kahnt
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Aug, 2023.

Notary Public Brooke Hirt

My commission expires: 11/22/23

Brooke Hirt
Notary Public-State of Kansas
My Appt. Exp. 11/22/23

Alta Vista City Council Hears Concerns About Property on Washington Street

June 19, 2023
Alta Vista City Council Meeting

Present were as follows: Mayor Ryan Armbrust. Council members Travis Richardson, Kenny Seidens, Tyler Anderson and Dale Peterson. City Clerk Pamela McDiffett, City Superintendent Jeff Ginnett and Fire Chief Clay Glessner. Citizens present was Dan & Valerie Sherwood.

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments:

Dan & Valerie Sherwood attended the meeting to express concerns about the property at 315 Washington. They believe that the property owner is living inside one of the several campers parked on the property. They expressed concern of the smell coming from the property while the owner is burning things in a barrel, dumping raw sewage on the ground, and they have had an increased rodent infestation on their property that they believe is coming from 315 Washington. They provided pictures of their concerns on the property. Council member Seidens commented that he as city code officer has had conversations with the property owner regarding issues on the property and was hopeful he would continue to clean up the property after his fire in January 2022. He will work with Mayor Armbrust and Pam to get letters mailed to the property owner notifying him of the violations and a time line of when the violations need to be abated.

Approval of the Minutes:

Council member Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 council meeting minutes. Council member Anderson seconded. The motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Financial Report:

May 2023 monthly financials were reviewed.

Approval and Payment of the Bills:

Council member Anderson made a motion that the bills be paid by Ordinance B-5-2023. Council member Peterson seconded. The motion carried 4 Yes and 0 No.

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Clay Glessner reported both fire trucks pump tested fine and the water leak & air leak were repaired. Mayor Armbrust asked for Clay or Brandon to publish a reminder about burning and fireworks rules in the city limits.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Jeff Ginnett reviewed with the council a proposal for street work. The city will advertise for other bids and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Clerks Report:

Past due accounts were reviewed.

A donation for Old Settlers Day was discussed. Council member Anderson made a motion for the city to donate $1500 to the Alta Vista Chamber of Commerce for Old Settlers Day activities. Council member Peterson seconded. The motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Old Business:

Speed limits in the city limits were discussed. Council member Richardson would like to see the limits lowered especially on main street. Pam will draft an ordinance for speed limits and will present it at the July meeting.

Code letters for vehicle violations will be sent out this week.

New Business:

Mayor Armbrust shared information with the council on the Kansas Small Town Water and Sewer Infrastructure Assistance Grant Program that he will be submitting an application to. If awarded, the funds will be used towards sewer lining and new water meters.

Council Member and Mayor Comments:

Mayor Armbrust had no comments.

Council member Richardson commented that he would like to see the curbs repainted and also parking lines on Main Street. He also asked for Jeff to stay on top of spraying weeds more often at the park.

Council member Walker was absent.

Council member Seidens had no comments.

Council member Anderson asked the council to move the budget meeting to July 10th, movies at the park have been well attended, and Core Community is scheduled to launch early in September.

Council member Peterson had no comments.

Council member Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Council member Peterson. The motion carried 4 Yes and 0 No. Meeting adjourned.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on July 17, 2023 at 7pm.

Pamela McDiffett, clerk

Obituaries

Kolter Lee Litke



Kolter's life began on July 10, 2008 in New Bern, North Carolina. He is the son of Neil (Courtney) Litke and Jenna (Derrick) Dakken.

Kolter was attending Council Grove High School and would have been starting his 10th grade year. He loved athletics and was involved in football, basketball, baseball, track, rodeo and wrestling. He had fun roller blading and balancing on his hoverboard. Kolter also enjoyed fishing, and he was getting to be a skilled welder. He loved working and was working on the Richardson farm this summer and around the family farm. Kolter was also very patriotic and loved the country life in the good old USA.

He is survived by his parents Neil (Courtney) Litke of Council Grove, Jenna (Derrick) Dakken of Council Grove; his siblings Kaleb Litke of Council Grove, Kaedyn Litke of Council Grove, and Izzy Clift of Council Grove; his paternal grandparents Jeff and Marsha Litke of Council Grove and Lisa Buchman of Council Grove; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Kolter passed away on Sunday August 6, 2023, at Morris County Hospital.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Lori Forter.

His family will gather with friends on Friday August 11, 2023, from 5-8 p.m. at the Sawyer Funeral Home. His funeral service will be held on Saturday August 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the Flint Hills Apostolic Church. He will be laid to rest in Sunny Slope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Kolter's name may be directed to the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association.

Please sign his online guestbook and leave a memory of Kolter at www.sawyerchapel.com.

James Edward Frese

Family and friends of James Edward Frese will gather at the Alta Vista Cemetery Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 4 pm for a graveside memorial service. James died peacefully September 16, 2022 in Tooele, Utah at the age of 80.



He was born December 18, 1941 in Junction City, Kansas to Emerson and Ina (Carlton) Frese. His childhood was spent with his parents and seven brothers and sisters on their dairy farm near Alta Vista, Kansas. He graduated from Alta Vista High School in 1960.

In 1964, he received his B.S. degree in Mathematics & Physics from Kansas State University and was drafted into the U.S. Army. James worked 32 years at the West Desert Test Center at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

Francis J. "Frank" Kopetzky, Sr.

SSG (Ret) Francis J. "Frank" Kopetzky, Sr., 75, of White City, Kansas died Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan, Kansas. Cremation took place. A graveside service was held on August 7, 2023, at Kansas Veterans' Cemetery with full military honors.



Frank was born October 14, 1947, in Jersey City, New Jersey, the son of Frank and Dorothy (Griener) Kopetzky.

Frank served in the United States Army and retired after twenty years as a Staff Sergeant. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, one tour in Germany and one tour in Turkey. During his military career, he was awarded many medals.

After his retirement, he worked numerous jobs until his last employment with Alco in Abilene, Kansas for ten years.

He married Maxine D. Hulmes at Fort Dix, New Jersey on February 22, 1968.

Survivors include his wife Maxine of the home in White City, Kansas; one daughter, Michelle McLean and her husband Chris of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Frankie Kopetzky, Jr. in 2017.

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"Sometimes beautiful things come into our lives out of nowhere."

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"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
... Anonymous, The Holy Bible: King James Version

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Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep going. Tough situations build strong people in the end."
⊠ Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

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Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machinery							
Totals	1,590	0.191	1,300	0.185	1,500	1,035	0.179
					*Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate***		0.000
					*Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate***		0.179
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	1,590		1,300		1,500		
Total Tax Levied	1,028		1,030		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	5,400,989		5,584,684		5,775,250		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					2,962,371		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1	2021	2022	2023
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Chris Rhodes
Township Five Treasurer

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Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF Clark's Creek Cemetery, **HEREBY NOTIFIES THE** Morris **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, 2023.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on July 20, 2023

(Seal)

George Heyrich
Clerk or Officer of Governing Body