State of Kansas
Special District
2026

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Seward County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Wild West District #18
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly 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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Totals		xxxxxxx	1,383,000	629,237	1.233
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Final County Assessed Valuation	County Clerk's Use Only
Seward County	283,741,668
Haskell County	97,248,613
Stevens County	129,187,359
0	
0	
Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation	510,177,674

Revenue Neutral Rate	1.232
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	NO

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Date Attested: Sept. 17, 2025

Jacob D. Long
County Clerk

Governing Body

CPA Summary

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	629,877	45,807	447	2,076	3,835	22
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	629,877	45,807	447	2,076	3,835	22

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 45,807

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 447

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 2,076

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 3,835

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 22

MVT Factor 0.07272

RVT Factor 0.00071

16/20M Factor 0.00330

Comm Veh Factor 0.00609

Watercraft Factor 0.00003

2026

Wild West District #18
Seward County

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
	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.

Wild West District #18
Seward 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
General Obligation:										
Total G.O.				0			0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds:										
Total Revenue				0			0	0	0	0
Other:										
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
				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 Jan 1	831,920	903,276	442,365
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	666,715	629,877	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax		37,180	45,807
Recreational Vehicle Tax		359	447
16/20M Vehicle Tax		3,599	2,076
Commercial Vehicle Tax		2,820	3,835
Watercraft Tax			22
Kansas State University	129,465	130,754	134,212
Non-Appropriated (reimbursable)	24,863	125,000	125,000
Other	2,062		
In Lieu of Taxes (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**823,105**	**929,589**	**311,398**
Resources Available:	**1,655,025**	**1,832,865**	**753,763**
Expenditures:			
Audit, Bond, Ins., Legal Fees	11,506	15,000	18,000
Telephone	15,383	19,000	19,000
Rent and Utilities	9,263	14,000	14,000
Supplies, Stationary, and Postage	8,410	16,000	16,000
Equipment/Auto Exchange	11,066	100,000	100,000
Ed Program Support	13,586	21,000	21,000
Travel	18,883	33,500	33,500
Subsistence	6,686	11,500	11,500
Salaries	540,889	650,000	680,000
Employer Contribution Benefits	89,811	145,000	145,000
Non-appropriated (reimbursable)	26,268	125,000	125,000
Captial Outlay/Equipment Replacement	0	240,500	200,000
Obligated Non-Appropriated Funds			
Cash Forward (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**751,749**	**1,390,500**	**1,383,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	903,276	442,365	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	1,292,500	1,485,000	1,383,000
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	1,383,000
		Tax Required	629,237
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	629,237

CPA Summary

State of Kansas
Special District

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Wild West District #18
Seward County
will meet on September 11,2025 at 6:30 PM at 114 E. 5th St. Hugoton, KS 67951 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 avaiable at Wild West District offices in Sublette, Hugoton, and Liberal and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Seward County (home county) Haskell County, Stevens County

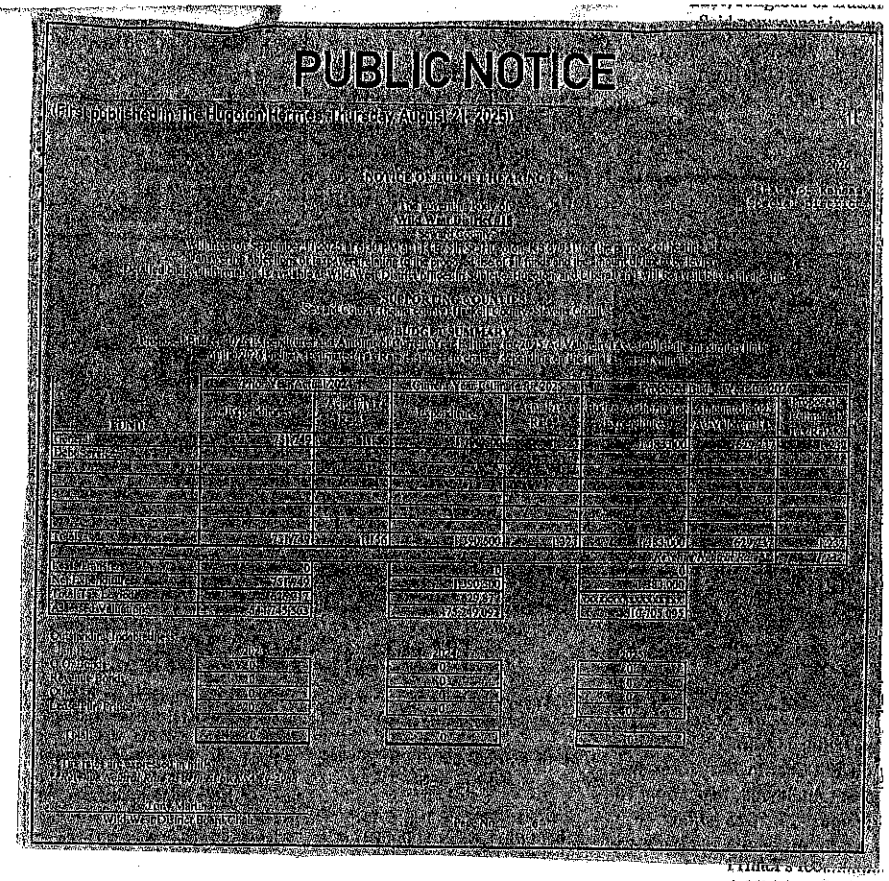
BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	751,749	1.156	1,390,500	1.323	1,383,000	629,237	1.232
Debt Service							
Totals	751,749	1.156	1,390,500	1.323	1,383,000	629,237	1.232
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*1.232*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	751,749		1,390,500		1,383,000		
Total Tax Levied	626,217		629,877		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	544,745,563		475,249,092		510,705,095		

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*

Tony Martin



PUBLIC NOTICE

First published in The Hugoton Hermes, Thursday, August 21, 2025

Additional Copies...

Total.....

Approved this

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATIONS

STATE OF KANSAS, STEVENS COUNTY, ss

Faith Publishing LLC, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That they are Publisher of the Hugoton Hermes, a weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Stevens County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a weekly basis in Stevens County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

..Said newspaper is a weekly, published at least weekly 50 times a year; has been so published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice; and has been admitted at the post office of Hugoton in Said County as second class matter.

..That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for 1 consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the day of

August 21, 2025, with subsequent publications being made on the following dates:

_____, 20___ _____, 20___

_____, 20___ _____, 20___

Ruthie Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of August 21, 2025

Kay L. McDaniels

Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas
KAY L. McDANIELS
My Appt. Exp._____

My Commission expires: April 22, 2026

Printer's fee.....$ 111.38

Additional Copies.....$_____

Total.....$ 111.38

Approved this _____day of

_____, 20_____

_____

Judge

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, SEWARD COUNTY, ss:

Shay Bales, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That _he is the publisher - principal clerk - of

HIGH PLAINS DAILY LEADER & TIMES

a newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Seward County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a daily basis in Seward County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

Said newspaper is published at least weekly 50 times a year; has been so published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice; and has been admitted at the post office of Liberal in said County as second class matter.

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for one time, the publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the 28 day of August, 2025

Shay Bales

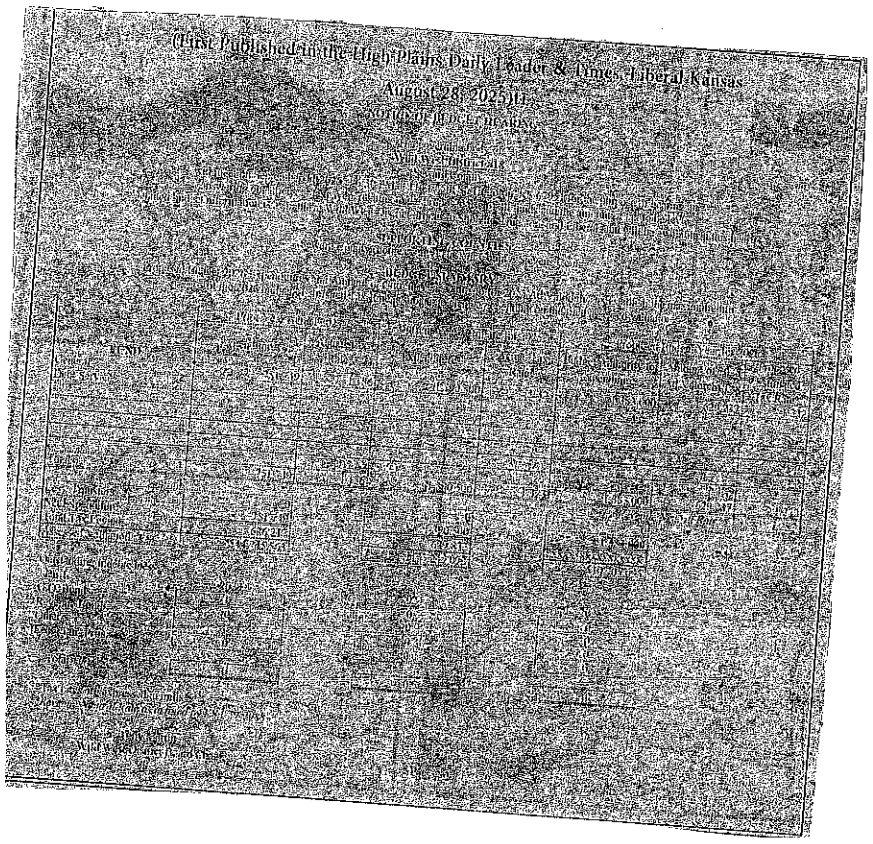
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28 day of August, 2025

Leslie Bales
Notary Public

My Commission Expires, 7-22, 2028

Printer's Fee . . . $ 59.40

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF KANSAS
Leslie Bales
My Commission Expires 7-22-28


(First Published in the High Plains Daily Leader & Times, Liberal Kansas
August 28, 2025)

Proof of Publication

State of Kansas,
County of Haskell, ss:

Faith Bovkar

of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath states that he/she is the editor of **THE HASKELL COUNTY NEWS.**

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 HASKELL County, Kansas and is NOT a trade, religious or fraternal publication and has been printed and published in HASKELL County, Kansas.

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

1st Publication was made on the 21 day of Aug, 20 25
2nd Publication was made on the ____ day of ____, 20 ____
3rd Publication was made on the ____ day of ____, 20 ____
4th Publication was made on the ____ day of ____, 20 ____
5th Publication was made on the ____ day of ____, 20 ____
6th Publication was made on the ____ day of ____, 20 ____

Publication fee $ 67.50
Affidavit, Notary's Fees $ 5
Additional Copies ____ @ ____ $ ____
Total Publication Fee $ 72.50

(Signed)

Witness my hand this 28 day of August, 20 25

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 28 day of August, 20 25.

(Notary Public)

My commission expires 9.21.25

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas
PATRICIA AVERY
My Appt Expires 9-21-25

Legals

(First published in the Haskell County News on August 21, 2025)

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Stevens County

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General	731,749	1.156	1,390,500	1.323	1,383,000	629,237	1.431
Debt Service							
Totals	731,749	1.156	1,390,500	1.323	1,383,000	629,237	1.431
Less: Transfers					Revenue Neutral Rate*		1.371
Net Expenditures	731,749		1,390,500		1,383,000		
Total Tax Levied	666,217		693,877				
Assessed Valuation	344,745,563		317,547,092		316,705,993		

Outstanding Indebtedness

Jan 1	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Prin.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

* Tax Rates are expressed in mills
* Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by K.S.A. 79-2988

Wild West District Board Clerk

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