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

2021 Budgeted Funds	Tax Levy Amount in 2021 Budget	Allocation for Year 2022				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	4,164,093	398,319	5,060	2,183	18,062	0
Debt Service	232,197	22,211	282	122	1,007	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ambulance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4,396,290	420,530	5,342	2,305	19,069	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 420,530

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 5,342

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 2,305

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 19,069

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.09566

RVT Factor 0.00122

16/20M Factor 0.00052

Comm Veh Factor 0.00434

Watercraft Factor 0.00000

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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1,2021	Date Due		Amount Due 2021		Amount Due 2022	
					Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
General Obligation:										
Series F-2006A	3/1/2006	3.5-5.00%	1,055,000	95,000	3.1 & 9.1	9/1	3,800	95,000	0	0
Series 2015-A	5/13/2015	1.50-3.00%	2,585,000	2,200,000	3.1 & 9.1	9/1	56,663	200,000	52,663	205,000
Total G.O.				2,295,000			60,463	295,000	52,663	205,000
Revenue Bonds:										
Total Revenue				0			0	0	0	0
Other:										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total				**2,295,000**			**60,463**	**295,000**	**52,663**	**205,000**

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 1,2021	Payments Due 2021	Payments Due 2022
			Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

***If you are merely 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 2020	Current Year Estimate for 2021	Proposed Budget Year for 2022
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	1,423,926	1,689,910	1,473,192
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	3,938,286	4,164,093	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	14,959	30,000	
Motor Vehicle Tax	399,666	396,183	398,319
Recreational Vehicle Tax	4,859	3,952	5,060
16/20M Vehicle Tax	1,747	1,475	2,183
Commercial Vehicle Tax	19,362	19,274	18,062
Watercraft Tax	2,061	2,000	0
LAVTR			0
In Lieu of Taxes			
Springhill Contracts		793,800	833,490
Miami County Fire Contract		251,850	302,220
Miami County EMS Contract			
Overland Park Contract		1,150,000	274,317
Ambulance Transport Revenue	155,818	0	
Med-Act Contract			30,000
Sale of Equipment & Bldgs.			600,000
Other Reimbursements	2,292	26,500	
Other Revenues	26,670		
Contract Revenue	2,114,505		
Transfer from Debt Service Fund			158,245
Interest on Idle Funds	6,897		
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**6,687,122**	**6,839,127**	**2,621,896**
Resources Available:	**8,111,048**	**8,529,037**	**4,095,088**
Expenditures:			
Payroll	3,590,356	3,574,557	135,000
Payroll Taxes	376,815	285,965	10,800
Pension Costs	811,849	851,373	31,050
Insurance	365,090	555,000	63,750
Administration	86,441	185,200	5,000
Operational	63,687	87,050	0
Utilities	64,599	71,500	70,500
Information Technology	57,871	76,800	38,300
Support Services	188,220	232,750	133,000
Training	24,884	50,200	
Professional Services	22,769	85,436	83,000
Capital Outlay		0	1,631,437
Fire District #1 payment			2,800,000
Overland Park Contract			2,600,000
Debt payment			350,000
Payment/Transfer for Employment Transition		300,000	
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	650,000	700,014	
KPERS Annual Liability			442,292
Payment/Transfer for Employment Transition		0	
Principal	95,000		
Cash Forward (2022 column)			
Miscellaneous	23,557		
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**6,421,138**	**7,055,845**	**8,394,129**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1,689,910	1,473,192	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2020/2021/2022 Budget Authority Amount:	6,890,687	8,074,845	8,394,129
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	8,394,129
		Tax Required	4,299,041
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	2.0%	85,981
		Amount of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax	4,385,022

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Debt Service**	Prior Year Actual for 2020	Current Year Estimate for 2021	Proposed Budget Year for 2022
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	21,088	73,586	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	273,867	232,197	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	825		
Motor Vehicle Tax	31,609	27,349	22,211
Recreational Vehicle Tax	272	273	282
16/20M Vehicle Tax	174	156	122
Commercial Vehicle Tax	1,169	1,331	1,007
Watercraft Tax	145		0
In Lieu of Tax (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous		-78,229	
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**308,061**	**183,077**	**23,622**
Resources Available:	**329,149**	**256,663**	**23,622**
Expenditures:			
Principal	195,000	200,000	205,000
Interest Expense	60,563	56,663	52,663
Cash Basis Reserve (2022 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**255,563**	**256,663**	**257,663**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	73,586	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2020/2021/2022 Budget Authority Amount:	255,563	256,663	257,663
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	257,663
		Tax Required	234,041
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	2.0%	4,681
		Amount of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax	238,722

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Debt Service**	Prior Year Actual for 2020	Current Year Estimate for 2021	Proposed Budget Year for 2022
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	195,208	158,245	158,245
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	48,797	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	1,639		
Motor Vehicle Tax	8,961		0
Recreational Vehicle Tax	177		0
16/20M Vehicle Tax	19		0
Commercial Vehicle Tax	790		0
Watercraft Tax	9		0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**60,392**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**255,600**	**158,245**	**158,245**
Expenditures:			
Principal	90,000		
Interest Expense	7,355		
Transfer to General Fund			158,245
Cash Forward (2022 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**97,355**	**0**	**158,245**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	158,245	158,245	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2020/2021/2022 Budget Authority Amount:	97,355	0	158,245
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	158,245
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	2.0%	0
		Amount of -1 Ad Valorem Tax	0

Adopted Budget **Ambulance**	Prior Year Actual for 2020	Current Year Estimate for 2021	Proposed Budget Year for 2022
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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 misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Forward (2022 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2020/2021/2022 Budget Authority Amount:	94,258	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	2.0%	0
		Amount of -1 Ad Valorem Tax	0

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Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2020	Current Amount for 2021	Proposed Amount for 2022	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 2021 and/or 2022 from a non-budgeted fund.

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Residents are reporting more fox sightings because development is encroaching into wildlife territory.

More foxes appear in area neighborhoods

BY CANWEN XU
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In the middle of the night, Liesl Christman woke up to screaming from her Shawnee backyard.

At first she thought the cry came from a woman or child, but she soon realized she had heard it before. The noise wasn't human; rather, it came from a fox.

Such sightings are becoming more common in the Kansas City area as development encroaches on foxes' habitats, experts say.

Kansas City metro residents have spotted foxes in parks, storm drains, backyards and on the street. Diane Johnson, the executive director of Operation Wildlife, a publicly funded clinic and wildlife rehabilitation service in Kansas, has heard of foxes stealing pet toys and shoes from yards, playing with deer, elk and raccoons and eating side-by-side with cats.

"I think they're cool animals," Johnson said. "The main thing is getting people past the fear of, 'Oh my God, I saw a fox. It's going to kill everything in the neighborhood.'"

SEE FOXES, 2LC

Lowrider Bike Club helps kids engage in school

BY BETH LIPOFF
Special to The Olathe News



Courtesy photo

Alex Mendoza works with Lowrider Bike Club founder Erik Erazo on a project.

Lowrider bikes and after-school programs might not seem to be a natural pairing, but it's working out well for one Johnson County club. Now in its fourth year, the Olathe School District's Lowrider Bike Club recently earned first-place accolades at the Olathe Police Foundation's annual car show.

The idea came from Erik Erazo, coordinator of diversity and engagement for the district. He'd already established a Hispanic Leadership Club years earlier when he was working as a security guard at Olathe North.

"It started at the elementary level, introducing the idea of college and things like that. "A lot of kids, like myself, my parents didn't graduate elementary (in their native country), so they sure weren't talking to me about KU or K-State," Erazo said.

"That program was born to help our kids even the playing field."

While successful, the leadership program was more academic, and it didn't reach everyone. The lowriders offered a new opportunity.

"I felt like I had some kids slipping between the cracks, that weren't being addressed, kids that weren't doing great in school or weren't coming to school or (were) failing classes. I wanted to do something to reach them," Erazo said.

He was looking for an activity where he could connect the kids with mentors. While the students' individual projects are bikes they get to keep, as a group, they also work on cars.

"How do you get a kid that already doesn't want to come to school, that doesn't like school, and tell them, 'Hey, stay after school, and we're going to talk about your feelings

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JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY NEWS

Lenexa tunnel will connect sides of Little Mill Creek Trail

BY ELAINE ADAMS
Special to The Star

Lenexa intends to build a pedestrian tunnel at 87th Street Parkway next year that will connect the north and south sides of the Little Mill Creek Trail system, described by the city as one of its busiest recreation amenities.

Currently, 87th Street Parkway cuts off the Little Mill Creek Trail, forcing cyclists and walkers to climb four flights of stairs to reach the road 20 feet above.

The steep incline makes it impractical to build a pedestrian bridge over the roadway, the city said. The solution is a tunnel, but not one that burrows under the road. Instead, crews will cut through the street and install a precast tunnel, which costs less than a third as much. The tunnel will be under the road when it's done and the road will be replaced.



Courtesy City of Lenexa

A $2 million tunnel will take walkers and cyclists under 87th Street Parkway between Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park and the Little Mill Creek Trail to the north.

The tunnel will connect the Little Mill Creek Trail on the north side of 87th with the trails at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park to the south.

Lenexa received a $1.1 million state grant for the tunnel, which is expected to cost roughly $2 million.

NEW LEADER FOR NERMAN MUSEUM

JoAnne Northrup will start work Aug. 2 as executive director and chief curator of the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art at Johnson County Community College.



JoAnne Northrup

She succeeds Bruce Hartman, who retired at the end of last year.

"I am elated with JoAnne Northrup's appointment to the Nerman," said Hartman, whose career at the college included the founding of Nerman in 2007. "Her extraordinary curatorial experience, keen eye, intellectual fervor and generosity of spirit will be invaluable to the museum, college and community."

Northrup's career spans more than 30 years and nine museums in the U.S. and in Europe. Most recently, she's been at the Nevada Museum of Art, where she founded the museum's contemporary art program in 2012.

OLATHE DISTRICT ADDRESSES CRITICAL RACE THEORY

The Olathe School District has issued a statement saying that Critical Race Theory, which has drawn criticism from some conservatives, is not included in the instructional standards it follows.

Critical Race Theory, which has been part of academic discussions since the 1970s, is a lens used for examining how race and inequality have affected housing, criminal justice, health care and other aspects of American life.

Advocates say it provides context for American history, but opponents say it's unduly harsh on the United States and can turn students against their country.

Here is the text of the Olathe district's July 12 announcement:

"In light of the national conversation around Critical Race Theory (CRT) and questions the district has received, we would like to address and clarify the curriculum being taught in the Olathe Public Schools.

Olathe Public Schools teaches state and district standards for all subjects; CRT is not part of either set of standards. CRT is a theoretical approach to material generally discussed in higher education, not at the K-12 level. As a district, we remain steadfast in our commitment to equity, inclusion, and continuous improvement so that all students feel valued and are prepared for their future. We serve more than 30,000 students with diverse thoughts, beliefs, perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds. Our job is to prepare all of them to achieve personal success."

MAIL BALLOT COMING FOR MISSION SALES TAX

The city of Mission will ask voters in September to consider a three-eighths-cent sales tax to fund transportation improvements.

The mail-in ballot question asks residents to renew an existing quarter-cent sales tax but add an eighth-cent to generate revenue for new street projects. Proceeds from the current tax, which will expire on March 31, are used primarily to retire debt on earlier street improvements.

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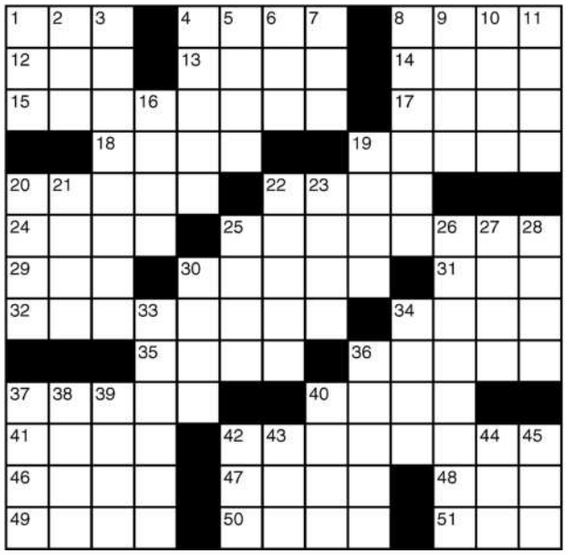
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COMMUNITY

If approved, the higher sales tax would be collected starting next spring and expire after 10 years.

The deadline for returning mail ballots will be at noon on Sept. 21. Drop boxes will be open starting Sept. 1.

COURTHOUSE DEMOLITION

Demolition has begun on the tallest part of the old Johnson County courthouse in Olathe, and the work has closed southbound Cherry Street between Santa Fe and Park streets.

The closure began July 6 and was expected to last about a month. Pedestrians are being directed to cross Santa Fe at Chestnut Street rather than Cherry. Southbound Cherry Street, and the angled parking on the east side of Cherry, remain open.

GARDNER SEEKS FEEDBACK ON FIREWORKS RULES

Gardner officials want to know what residents think of the city's fireworks ordinance, which allows the sale of fireworks from June 28 through July 4 each year and their discharge between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. July 3-5.

A link to the survey, which closes July 23, is available at gardnerkansas.gov, the City Council will use the survey results to evaluate the ordinance.

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO

A new Kansas program, funded by federal COVID-19 money, will give children and parents one free admission this summer to each of nearly 70 museums, historical sites, zoos and other attractions across the state.

The Sunflower Summer Program, which lasts through Aug. 15, is open to young people from prekindergarten to 12th grade. Three Johnson County Park & Recreation District venues are among the attractions:

- The Johnson County Museum at 8788 Metcalf Ave. in Overland Park.
- Theatre in the Park at 7710 Renner Road in Shawnee.
- The Ernie Miller Park & Nature Center at 909 N. Kansas 7 in Olathe. (Admission is always free at Ernie Miller, however.)

Adults can visit sunflowersummer.org to download a mobile app where they can register their family members, choose destinations and keep track of where they have visited. The website lists all the attractions, which include the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene and the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan.

EDGERTON PARK UPGRADES

Edgerton is preparing to renovate Glendell Acres Park near Third and Edgewood streets, and is seeking input from residents.

A survey link is posted this month at edgertonks.org, and officials will take comments in person at the park starting at 6:30 p.m. July 24 in conjunction with the city's summer movie night.

The project could include new playground equipment, more sidewalks, repurposed green spaces and landscaping updates, the city said.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:) Estate No. 21PR00092
BARBARA JANE WILKIN, deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

Please take notice that the Petition for Final Settlement and Approval of Valid Family Settlement Agreement will come on for hearing before the Honorable J. Charles Droege on the 28th day of July, 2021, at 10:45 a.m. in said Court, by video conference with video conference information being provided by the Court.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the Court by Robert J. Wilkin, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Jane Wilkin, deceased, praying the Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determine; the Petition for Final Settlement and Approval of Valid Family Settlement Agreement be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Jane Wilkin, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability. At that time also, the following described real estate in Johnson County, Kansas shall be assigned and distributed to Robert J. Wilkin pursuant to the Valid Family Settlement Agreement.

The real property legally described as follows:

All that Lot Thirty-Five (35), PEPPER POINTE, a subdivision of land now in the City of Overland Park, Johnson County, Kansas, except that part thereof described as follows: Beginning at the most Easterly corner of said Lot 35; thence North 61 degrees 54 minutes 01 seconds West, along the Northeasterly line of said Lot 35, a distance of 118.14 feet, to the most Northerly corner thereof; thence South 22 degrees 45 minutes West, along the Northwesterly line of said Lot 35, a distance of 39.71 feet; thence South 64 degrees, 58 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 58.55 feet; thence North 25 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East, a distance of 9.83 feet; thence South 64 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds East, a distance of 57.01 feet, to a point on the Southeasterly line of said Lot 35 and 23.51 feet Southwesterly of the most Easterly corner thereof, as measured along said Southeasterly line, thence Northeasterly, along the Southeasterly line of said Lot 35, a distance of 23.51 feet, to the Point of Beginning.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before said hearing date and time. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

This hearing will occur remotely. If you wish to participate in the hearing by video or conference call, please contact Division 8 at 913-715-3820 before the date of the hearing so you can be invited to join the hearing. Should you fail to do so, the Court will proceed and enter such orders as the Court determines appropriate.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE SECTION

In the Matter of the Estate of **Case No. 21PR0677**

JANA GROOTEMAAT, Deceased. **Court No. 8**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on June 17, 2021, a Petition was filed in this Court by Cheryl Grootemaat Foust praying for the admission to probate of Last Will and Testament and Issuance of Letters of Administration in the estate of Jana Grootemaat , Deceased. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Cheryl Grootemaat Foust,
Petitioner

/s/ L. Franklin Taylor
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COMMENTARY

Fireworks shows had different flair this year



BY STACEY HATTON
Columnist



Stacey Hatton was less than thrilled with this year's fireworks display.

And the rockets' red glare. The bombs bursting in air...

Every time I witness a firework show in person or on the television, in my head I hear old Aunt Bethany, from "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," singing the national anthem. Her squeaky voice and cheery face make me smile. Somehow paired with fireworks, it gets my patriotic juices flowing.

So, after missing 2020's local firework show, my husband and I were ready to watch the big show in our lawn chairs from our favorite viewing spot.

We were married on July 5 many moons ago, so we never miss a firework display. It kind of feels like all the booming and lights are for us. We've seen shows all across the nation on our annual anniversary trips, but we stayed in town for 2021, knowing full well that the shows here were high caliber.

First we experienced fine dining at the Plaza, then drove back to our hood to watch the extravaganza. We got to our viewing place 15 minutes early and found a great parking place. However, before we could set up the chairs, the sky sparkled with diamonds of colors. We thought it was strange to advertise one time but start early. Especially since most shows don't go on for more than 15 minutes.

The firework show was great for about eight minutes, then a pseudo-finale shocked the crowd. You could hear various people in the dark talking about it being the shortest show ever. One gal in front us, said that was the 2020 show and budget cuts left us deflated. We laughed but in our hearts we were disappointed.

About 2 minutes later, another bright boom in the sky appeared. *Oops! I guess they forgot one.* But that was wrong. For the next five minutes, another portion of the show went on...after the finale.

Maybe they didn't get the memo about the definition of a finale, or perhaps as my new friend in the dark said, "They had a midale! (a finale in the middle)." It was such an odd feeling to have watched close to 50 firework shows in my life and to switch the order around confounded us.

Just when we thought it couldn't get any weirder, the display just stopped. We all were waiting for a bigger finale, or a "final" finale, but all you could hear were crickets from the nearby field. I enjoyed watching a large group of confused people.

For quite some time, no one spoke or moved from their seats. You don't want to pack up before the big ending. But that was all. No more sparkling lights in the night sky. No more whistles and booms.

When I got home, I talked with family in a nearby Kansas town, and they said their show was a dud. I was already to argue ours was far worse since our finale was in the middle, but apparently theirs was *much* worse. According to my daughter, every firework took approximately 30 seconds to set up. Huge pauses between each boom and the worst part... no finale at all.

How odd to have two shows so different from years past. I just had to know how the other displays were throughout KC.

I turned on the news, but there was no information on any firework shows, just the destruction of public park bathrooms and lots of firework trash. I hopped on Facebook and instant messaged friends from all over the metro. I tried to get every area represented.

I heard back from 10 families. A couple of them had seen the one my husband and I saw, but not one of the others had even gone to their nearby town display. According to my (ahem) "sources," most people just hung around with neighbors and blew up stuff.

I guess after sitting alone in their homes for a year due to the pandemic, most folks didn't want to quietly sit in the dark one more night watching a fireworks display. And after last year, celebrating our freedom with neighbors around the barbecue grill with a cold beverage in hand, all while blowing things up, sounds pretty good.

Stacey Hatton is enjoying the summer but would love to hear from folks about their opinions of the firework displays at www.laughingwithkids.com.

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FOXES

WHY ARE THEY HERE?

Jacque Blessington, interim director at Lakeside Nature Center in Swope Park, knows why we're seeing more foxes.

"Every time we as humans deconstruct a wild area to build homes, it forces animals out," said Blessington. "That's temporary though. Once everything gets re-established, animals move back into the space because there aren't all these other places where animals can go live."

Foxes survive in human areas partly because they can feast on compost piles, garbage and pet food left outside. Urban environments also offer natural prey like birds, eggs, rabbits, mice and other small rodents.

"Our yards provide habitat for things that foxes eat," said Juju Wellemeyer, an agent at K-State Research and Extension in Johnson County. "That naturally just attracts the predators that are going to target those prey items."

Foxes' small size lets them rear their young and build dens in little pockets of nature — or man-made structures. Laurie Dack of Overland Park has spotted foxes in window wells, under houses and in the middle of the street. Christman regularly sees a fox pop in and out of a storm drain as she drives by.

"I was out visiting with my neighbor, and in the middle of the street sunning themselves are six foxes," Dack said. "If you're on the sidewalk there might be one following you."

A "Wilshire Fox" Facebook account, created by an Overland Park resident, posts pictures of foxes in the Wilshire Farms neighborhood group. One photo shows a fox strutting across the grass with the caption, "feeling foxy, might delete later, IDK." A similar "Wilshire Babyfox" profile lists its job title as "Help Mommy Hunt."

WILL THEY EAT MY PETS?

Foxes don't seek out cats and dogs as prey. Similar to coyotes, they

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Johnson County Fire District No. 2

will meet on August 26, 2021 at 9:30 am, at the Johnson County Administration Building, 111 South Cherry, Suite 3400, Olathe, Kansas, for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the Revenue Neutral Rate and the amount of ad valorem tax and the proposed use of all funds. Detailed budget information is available at 19120 Metcalf Ave., Stilwell, KS 66085 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2022 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2021 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2022 budget. Proposed Tax Rate is subject to change dependent on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2020		Current Year Estimate for 2021		Proposed Budget for 2022		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Tax Rate*
General	6,421,138	16.804	7,055,845	16.508	8,394,129	4,385,022	16.106
Debt Service	255,563	0.891	256,663	0.915	257,663	238,722	0.872
Debt Service	97,355	0.269			158,245		
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Totals	6,774,056	17.964	7,312,508	17.423	8,810,037	4,623,744	16.978
						*Revenue Neutral Rate - General Fund***	*15.283*
						*Revenue Neutral Rate - Debt Service Bond H***	*0.847*
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure	6,774,056		7,312,508		8,810,037		
Total Tax Levied	4,347,914		4,396,290				
Assessed Valuation	237,984,521		252,245,405		272,255,690		
					273,702,153		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2019	2020	2021
G.O. Bonds	2,855,000	2,580,000	2,295,000
Revenue Bonds	0		
Other	0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		
Total	2,855,000	2,580,000	2,295,000

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

** *Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13*

Ed Eilert

County Official Title: Chairman

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OLATHE CLUB

with a mentor'?" he said.

The key was in his own love of building lowrider bikes. A grant from the Olathe Public Schools Foundation paid for the materials, and the club started in 2017.

"I think that doing something with your hands, seeing that you built it — it was a pile of metal, and you put it together — seeing the outcome of that; it's really neat for kids to see from start to finish," Erazo said. "A lot of kids will come for the bikes, and I think they really stay because of the mentors."

Members of the police and fire departments, along with former students, make up the 15-to-20 person rotation of mentors who come to the weekly meetings. Sometimes guest speakers come, too.

About 35 kids are in the club, and there are usually 15 at any given meeting. There's an equal split of girls and boys who take part.

"I really like expanding our kids' networks. A lot of times that's something that we don't have, being from the Hispanic community or just being a minority. A lot of times you don't have a big network because parents are not established in the country," he said.

The catch for students is that if they want to work on the bikes, they have to keep their grades up.

"We do hold them accountable. If a kid is failing a class, we say, 'Hey, you can't come to the shop today. Let's get that homework done instead.' Initially, kids come in and say, 'Forget this,' but after they get into the bike. ... It's worth it," Erazo said.



Courtesy photo

Oswaldo Polanco works on a wheel for a car as part of the Lowrider Bike Club.

The kids go from trying to hide academic difficulties to feeling confident enough to ask for help. That supportive environment comes in handy with other tough situations, too.

"We might have kids come in and go, 'Man, I'm going through a hard time, because one of my parents got deported,' or, 'Somebody at home lost their job, and we're struggling.' Those are conversations can be had without any judgment," Erazo said.

"A lot of kids will express to me that even if they're going through something, sometimes they don't want to say it out loud to a teacher or counselor, because they feel that maybe somebody's going to think what they're saying is weird. They know the mentors are not going to judge them."

Marissa Escareno, 17, loves the club. The incoming Olathe North senior will be the club's vice president in the fall.

"The club really did do a lot for me. As a freshman, I didn't really care much about school. It made me take school more seriously," she said.

Once she was comfortable in the group, she saw it open new doors for her future.

"I got into an auto collision class, and they helped me with scholarships. It helped put me on the right to track to where I want to be, where I thought I couldn't be. It gave me hope and made me more outgoing," she said.

She loves the community service aspect of the club, where they fix up regular donated bikes to give to children. She's looking forward to putting together her own lowrider bike this year.

"It all has a purpose. It's all leading to something," she said. "The whole meaning of our club is to break stereotypes and make our community better."

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FOXES

like to eat rabbit-sized and smaller animals.

"They're pretty social animals," said Johnson. "They might take the cat, play with the cat, but they're not looking at the cat as food."

Johnson had a fox den under her shed that sheltered a vixen — a female fox — and her six pups. The foxes and her 10 outdoor cats coexisted without any issues. Her toddler daughter sometimes even crawled within 15 feet of the den. The foxes didn't mind.

"We never lost a cat. We liked her being there because she actually caught and killed more rats to feed her babies than the barn cats," she said.

Foxes are about the same size as cats but look larger because of their long fur. Wellemeyer still recommends that pet owners leave their dogs and cats inside if a fox is roaming the property.

"Our pets are curious, so you wouldn't want them to accidentally corner a fox," Wellemeyer said. "So just letting the fox have their space and observing from a safe distance or from your window."

Blessington also recommends keeping an eye on small dogs.

"If they have small dogs, then don't (let) them out alone," she said. "Take them on a leash or go out with them in the backyard or front yard."

Foxes tend to hunt more when they have pups to feed. As the pups grow older, the vixen will take them with her to hunt. Foxes become the greatest threat to pets when they don't have enough food.

"When there is a lack of food sources then animals become more opportunistic, but you also have to look at what is a natural prey species," Blessington said.

WHAT IF THEY'RE IN MY YARD?

Foxes pose little safety risk to humans aside from rare rabies cases. However, humans pose great risk to foxes. The Lakeside Nature Center regularly treats foxes that have been hit by cars.

"They're just trying to live as natural a life as they possibly can, and that usually does not involve interacting with humans," Blessington said.

People who want foxes off their property should act like "disgruntled landlords" by clapping their hands, yelling and making noise, according to Johnson. They should also reduce potential den sites by removing lumber and brush piles and refrain from leaving out food, water and materials that may attract rodents, Wellemeyer said. However, not everyone wants foxes off their property.

"A lot of people really enjoy watching them, and if that's the case, just don't mess with it. Don't bother it," Johnson said.

Foxes tend to move away quickly when they see humans, but Wellemeyer recommends giving them plenty of space if they don't leave on their own. If a fox seems unperturbed by the presence of humans and looks underweight and shabby, it's best to call animal control. Those are signs the fox is sick.

Both Operation Wildlife and Lakeside Nature Center educate the public about wildlife and provide care to sick, injured or displaced animals. For example, the center places orphaned pups in fox dens with other pups that are about the same age. The vixen of the den will foster the pups even if they aren't her own.

"Because of human population development and lack of habitat, they are coming more and more in contact and conflict with people," Blessington said. "It's just learning how we can coexist with wildlife."

Feds sending Kansas rural hospitals $23.5M to fight COVID

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Kansas' small rural hospitals will get $23.5 million from the federal government to fight COVID-19 — the second most of any state as health officials brace for a Delta-driven case surge.

The funds from the Department of Health and Human Services amount to reinforcements as Missouri, which will receive $8.3 million, struggles with a growing number of outbreaks that Kansas officials fear will creep across the state line.

The White House, which announced the funding on Monday, said the dollars will boost mitigation efforts and testing at the facilities, a critical element in controlling the virus's spread.

Kansas, with a significant network of small hospitals to serve vast rural areas, is second only to Texas's $29.7 million in the amount it will receive. In total, HHS is sending 46 states nearly $400 million.

"The Biden Administration recognizes the important role that small rural hospitals have in closing the equity gap and ensuring that rural Americans can protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19," HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a statement. "Today's funding will help small rural hospitals continue to serve their communities in this critical role by expanding their COVID-19 testing capacity and mitigation efforts."

The funding will go toward the smallest rural facilities, known as critical access hospitals, which have fewer than 50 beds. Ninety-one hospitals in Kansas and 32 hospitals in Missouri will receive funding.

The announcement comes as cases spiral upwards across portions of Missouri. The average for confirmed daily cases has risen from 355 a month ago to 833 on Monday. The average number of hospitalizations has risen from 692 to 968 over the same period.

Major hospitals in Springfield are stretched to the limit and now treating more COVID patients than during the state's previous peak this winter. Hospital officials are begging residents to get vaccinated while expecting patient counts will continue to climb for weeks.

Cases have also begun to rise in Kansas, though not as aggressively. The state reported 372 cases on July 7, the most since early March. Hospitalizations have been relatively stable over the past month, fluctuating between 140 and 160 patients.

After Delta spread across Missouri nearly unchecked, officials in Kansas and elsewhere are scrambling to shore up their defenses to avoid a similar outcome. Since April, the number of COVID-19 tests being performed in Kansas had been trending down but bottomed out in June and is now slowly going up again. Kansas reported 4,701 tests on July 7, the most since May 19.

Local officials in rural areas have been working to increase testing and vaccination as cases rise.

Vaccination rates across Kansas are higher than Missouri. About 25% of the population in Doniphan County, the least vaccinated county in Kansas, has initiated vaccination. In several Missouri counties, fewer than 20% of the population has initiated vaccination.

Speaking to reporters last week, Gov. Laura Kelly said she did not believe the state needed to follow Missouri's lead and request surge assistance from the federal government yet.

"We know we've had little spikes here and there. If we need help we won't hesitate to ask," Kelly said.

Sen. Roger Marshall said in a statement the funding "ensures health care workers have the resources necessary to serve their communities."

Rep. Jake LaTurner said it is imperative that his constituents, especially those in the southeast corner of the state where the variant is spreading at higher rates, get vaccinated.

However, he said he would not accept federal, state or local mandates for vaccines.

"We can see the light at the end of the tunnel as it relates to COVID and we don't need to allow this Delta variant to throw us off track. We need to stay the course, make sure people are getting vaccinated," LaTurner said.

Cindy Samuelson, a Kansas Hospital Association spokeswoman, said the dollars will likely be split between rural hospitals and that participating hospitals will be encouraged to coordinate with their communities to determine the best use.

Kansas hospitals, she said, need to be prepared for the arrival of the spikes occurring in Missouri.

"Each community is probably going to be a little different in how they look at their needs ... that fall into those buckets of testing and mitigation," Samuelson said. "It will continue to be important as COVID changes from what we've been working under with potential differences and variants.

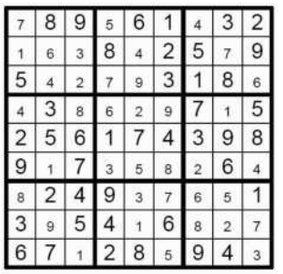
It's unclear, Samuelson said, when the federal funding will become available but hospitals can begin planning now.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Johnson County Park and Recreation District

will meet on August 18, 2021 at 6:45 PM at 7900 Renner Road /JCPRD Administrative Office for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the Revenue Neutral Rate and the amount of ad valorem tax and the proposed use of all funds. The JCPRD Board will take formal action on the 2022 budget at a Board Meeting held at 7:00 PM following the above mentioned public hearing.

Detailed budget information is available at the JCPRD Finance Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2022 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2022 budget. Proposed Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual 2020		Current Year Estimate for 2021		Proposed Budget Year for 2022		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	33,909,077	2.572	37,135,177	2.638	51,735,716	32,817,034	2.669
Employee Benefits	6,645,469	0.518	8,775,771	0.455	13,371,659	5,133,923	0.418
Enterprise	18,803,143	0.000	29,199,366	0.000	36,068,903	0	0.000
Totals	59,357,689	3.090	75,110,314	3.093	101,176,278	37,950,957	3.087
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditures	59,357,689		75,110,314		101,176,278		
Total Tax Levied							
Assessed Valuation	11,150,320,050		11,733,829,400		12,293,620,230		
					Revenue Neutral Rate**		2.952

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2019	2020	2021
G.O. Bonds	420,000	0	0
COP's	30,320,000	31,750,000	41,165,000
Direct Placement	0	3,386,874	2,051,459
Total	30,740,000	35,136,874	43,216,459

Noelle Lewis, Chief Financial Officer

Clerk

STATE OF KANSAS
City/County
2022

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Johnson County, Kansas will meet on the 23rd day of August, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., at the Johnson County Administration Building, 111 South Cherry, Suite 3400, Olathe, Kansas, for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the Revenue Neutral Rate and the amount of ad valorem tax and the proposed use of all funds.

The proposed budget establishes the 2022 base connection fee at $4,400 and the system availability charge at $380 per acre to fund the Wastewater Sewer Repair and Construction Finance Plan as authorized by Charter Resolution No. 29-92, Version 2013.

Detailed budget information is available at the Johnson County Budget and Financial Planning Office, Johnson County Administration Building, 111 South Cherry Street, Suite 2300, Olathe, Kansas, and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2022 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2021 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2022 budget. Proposed Tax Rate is subject to change dependent on the final assessed valuation.

	2020		2021		Proposed Budget 2022		
Fund	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax	Est Tax Rate*
General	461,597,664	13.542	469,054,150	13.393	682,080,125	162,194,587	13.193
Public Works	31,591,090	1.305	30,310,080	1.163	34,833,103	15,112,715	1.229
Stormwater Fund	15,650,349	0.000	15,698,541	0.000	19,006,641	0	0.000
Transportation Fund	13,324,945	0.000	18,772,623	0.000	20,955,626	0	0.000
Developer Fees	0	0.000	9,800	0.000	203,939	0	0.000
County Building Fund	1,845,634	0.150	1,850,534	0.146	2,028,394	1,698,054	0.138
Sheriff Forfeited Property	234,224	0.000	286,040	0.000	1,382,432	0	0.000
Special Liability/Risk Management	5,063,332	0.000	7,435,020	0.000	11,746,465	0	0.000
Stream Maintenance	0	0.000	5,000	0.000	12,609	0	0.000
911 Wireless	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
911 Fund	5,317,580	0.000	6,116,335	0.000	11,931,820	0	0.000
Special Alcohol & Drug Pgrms Fund	153,671	0.000	140,667	0.000	318,066	0	0.000
Prosecuting Attorney	8,762	0.000	29,000	0.000	57,882	0	0.000
Developmental Supports	18,576,873	1.213	27,964,201	1.257	35,542,249	14,320,682	1.165
Mental Health	35,418,284	1.710	38,478,549	1.714	43,993,844	20,303,946	1.652
Airport	6,517,762	0.000	8,799,435	0.000	12,989,777	0	0.000
Public Health	16,028,211	0.962	21,633,954	1.000	28,801,361	12,262,522	0.997
County Bond & Interest	2,278,020	0.154	1,956,925	0.126	2,667,565	1,720,175	0.140
Controlled Substance	0	0.000	88,637	0.000	109,968	0	0.000
Weapons Licensure	0	0.000	26,010	0.000	110,577	0	0.000
District Attorney Forfeited Property	6,389	0.000	25,256	0.000	146,239	0	0.000
Fleet Management Fund	2,765,057	0.000	3,538,466	0.000	5,577,700	0	0.000
Workers'Compensation Self-Ins.	1,882,772	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Register of Deeds Technology Fund	617,660	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
County Clerk Technology Fund	15,943	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Treasurer Technology Fund	295,714	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Fleet Equipment Reserve Fund	1,149,070	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Building Commission Fund	137,522,787	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Library Gift Fund	70,117	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Health Care Fund	53,002,984	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Equipment Reserve Fund	3,978,869	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Capital Projects Fund	77,197,227	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL COUNTYWIDE	892,110,990	19.036	652,219,223	18.799	914,496,382	227,612,681	18.514
ASSESSED VALUATION	11,150,320,050		11,733,829,400		12,293,620,230		
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*17.940*
Park & Recreation:							
General	33,909,077	2.572	37,135,177	2.638	51,735,716	32,817,034	2.669
Employee Benefits	6,645,469	0.518	8,775,771	0.455	13,371,659	5,133,923	0.418
Bond & Interest	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Enterprise	18,803,143	0.000	29,199,366	0.000	36,068,903	0	0.000
TOTAL PARK & RECREATION	59,357,689	3.090	75,110,314	3.093	101,176,278	37,950,957	3.087
ASSESSED VALUATION	11,150,320,050		11,733,829,400		12,293,620,230		
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*2.952*
Library:							
General	33,757,537	3.570	38,427,089	3.570	51,854,219	35,513,047	3.533
Special Use Fund	3,209,388	0.334	3,469,969	0.335	5,624,293	3,651,897	0.363
TOTAL LIBRARY	36,966,925	3.904	41,897,058	3.905	57,478,512	39,164,944	3.896
ASSESSED VALUATION	9,120,558,467		9,604,205,809		10,052,088,511		
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*3.730*
Wastewater District:							
Operation & Maintenance	68,486,707	0.000	77,062,342	0.000	113,005,597	0	0.000
Wastewater Sewer Repair and Construction Finance Plan	158,455,606	0.000	146,678,750	0.000	261,935,478	0	0.000
TOTAL WASTEWATER	226,942,313	0.000	223,741,092	0.000	374,941,075	0	0.000
ASSESSED VALUATION	0		0		0		
Totals	1,215,377,917	26.030	992,967,687	25.797	1,448,092,247	304,728,582	25.497
Less: Transfers	68,263,423		60,532,508		69,206,895		
Net Expenditures	1,147,114,494		932,435,179		1,378,885,352		
Total Tax Levied					XXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation							

	Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,		
	2019	2020	2021
G O Bonds	524,171,360	524,125,500	638,315,200
Revenue Bonds	336,365,000	322,245,000	305,655,000
Certificates of Participation	30,320,000	31,750,000	41,165,000
Direct Placement	0	3,386,874	2,051,459
Lease Purchase Principal	3,175,512	2,596,117	1,955,571
Total	894,031,872	884,103,491	989,142,230

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**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13

Lynda Sader
Deputy County Clerk

JOHNSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFERS EMPLOYMENT AND PROVIDES SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AND WITH ALL OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL STATUTES REGARDING RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, RELIGION, AGE OR DISABILITY.

RESOLUTION NO. 066-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR JOHNSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

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At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners conducted Thursday, August 26, 2021, there came before the Board for consideration the matter of approving the fiscal year 2022 budget for Johnson County Fire District No. 2.

The Board, upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried, adopted Resolution No. 066-21 to-wit:

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WHEREAS, Johnson County Fire District No. 2, located within Johnson County, Kansas, has been duly established and operates under the laws of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Fire District No. 2 operates under and is governed by the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners, operating as the governing body of Fire District No. 2, with taxing authority under the laws of Kansas and constitutes an individual taxing district within its established district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, by statute, Johnson County Fire District No. 2 is required to submit its proposed budget annually to the Board of County Commissioners for its review and approval prior to the district adopting the budget and levying taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Fire District No. 2 has submitted its proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 to the Board, and the Board has reviewed the proposed budget and finds that the budget for fiscal year 2022, as proposed, is prudent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas that the budget, as proposed by Johnson County Fire District No. 2, located within the County, for fiscal year 2022, shall be and hereby is approved for consideration and adoption by the fire district, as designated on the attached listing.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Ed Eilert, *Chairman*

ATTEST:

Lynda Sader, *Deputy County Clerk*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peggy Trent, *Chief Counsel*

Approved 7-0

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AUG 26 2021
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS, TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE IN THE LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET FOR JOHNSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND APPROVING THE 2022 BUDGET AND THE BUDGET TAX LEVY.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to 2021 Kansas Senate Bill No. 13 and 2021 Kansas House Bill No. 2104, prior to adopting a proposed budget that will result in a tax rate in excess of the revenue neutral rate, as defined in the legislation, the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, sitting as the governing body of Johnson County Fire District No. 2, shall publish notice of its proposed intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate, conduct a public hearing and pass a resolution to approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2021 Kansas Senate Bill No. 13 and 2021 Kansas House Bill No. 2104, the Board published notice in the Olathe News and on the Fire District No. 2 website of its proposed intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and of the public hearing on the revenue neutral rate and the proposed budget for FY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the revenue neutral rate for the Johnson County Fire District No. 2 for fiscal year 2022 is 15.283 mills for the Fire District No. 2 General and 0.847 mills for the Fire District No. 2 Debt Service Bond H; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County Fire District No. 2 provides essential services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing these services continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Board has evaluated and determined the level of services and needed expenditures prudently required to fund the fiscal year 2022 budget for Johnson County Fire District No. 2, and has proposed approval and adoption of a total budget of $8,810,047; and

WHEREAS, if approved and adopted as proposed, the budget would include authorized expenditures of $8,810,037, which would require, in addition to other revenue sources, the levy of property taxes for Fire District No. 2 in the amount of $4,623,744, at an estimated mill levy of 16.106 mills for Fire District No. 2 General and 0.872 mills for the Fire District No. 2 Debt Service Bond H, which would exceed the revenue neutral rate for Fire District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a hearing on August 26, 2021, allowing all interested taxpayers an opportunity to be heard at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having heard public comment, has determined that it is in the best interest of Johnson County Fire District No. 2 to exceed the revenue neutral rate for fiscal year 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, acting as the governing body of Johnson County Fire District No. 2, that the Board hereby approves the levy of property taxes in support of the budget for Fire District No. 2 for the 2022 budget year that requires a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate of 15.283 mills for the Fire District No. 2 General and 0.847 mills for the Fire District No. 2 Debt Service Bond H, and hereby approves the budget for Fire District No. 2 for fiscal year 2022 as proposed.

Adopted this 26th day of August, 2021 by Johnson County Fire District No. 2, by its governing body, the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas.

COUNTY OF JOHNSON
SEAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
INC. 1855
STATE OF KANSAS

Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas, sitting as the Governing Body of Fire District No. 2, Johnson County, Kansas

Ed Eilert, *Chairman*

ATTEST:

Lynda Sader, *Deputy County Clerk*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peg Trent, *Chief Counsel*

Approved 7-0

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AUG 26 2021
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
JOHNSON COUNTY KANSAS

State of Kansas
Special District

2022

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Johnson , State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Fire District #2

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 2022; and (3) the
Amount(s) of 2021 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2022 Budget.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	0	5	8,394,129	4,385,022	
Debt Service	10-113		257,663	238,722	
Debt Service			158,245		
Ambulance					
Totals		xxxxxxxxx	8,810,037	4,623,744	
Budget Summary		0			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					

County Clerk's Use Only

Nov. 1, 2021 Total Assessed Valuation

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: August 26, 2021

Deputy County Clerk

Governing Body

CPA Summary

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