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Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice		11			1,250,141
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Neighborhood Revitalization					Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate	88.409
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	**YES**

Assisted by:
Angel & Cook, LLC
Public Accountants
Address:
432 Elm Street, PO Box 250
Natoma, KS 67651
Email:
ryan@angelcook.net

Date Attested: October 8 2025

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

Budgeted Funds for 2025	Ad Valorem Levy Tax Year 2024	Allocation for Proposed Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	105,619	8,892	246	32	895	155
Debt Service						
Library	4,903	413	11	2	42	7
TOTAL	110,522	9,305	257	34	937	162

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 9,305

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 257

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 34

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 937

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 162

Motor Vehicle Factor 0.08419

Recreational Vehicle Factor 0.00233

16/20 Vehicle Factor 0.00031

Commercial Vehicle Factor 0.00848

Watercraft Factor 0.00147

City of Luray

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Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2024	Current Amount for 2025	Proposed Amount for 2026	Transfers Authorized by Statute
General	Cemetery		5,000	5,000	K.S.A. 79-2934
	Totals	0	5,000	5,000	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	0	5,000	5,000	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2025 and/or 2026 from a non-budgeted fund.

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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Date of Retirement	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Beginning Amt Outstanding Jan 1, 2025	Date Due		Amount Due 2025		Amount Due 2026	
						Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
General Obligation:											
Series A Bond	4/20/2010	4/20/2030	4.13	46,600	18,119	4/1	4/1	747	2,720	635	2,832
Series B Bond	4/20/2010	4/20/2023	4.00	19,900	7,683	4/1	4/1	307	1,157	261	1,203
Total G.O. Bonds					**25,802**			**1,054**	**3,877**	**896**	**4,035**
Revenue Bonds:											
Total Revenue Bonds					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other:											
KPP - Electric Infastructure	1/30/2012	6/30/2031	4.42	485,096	252,000	monthly	monthly	10,764	27,000	9,522	27,000
KPP - COOP	7/1/25	7/1/2030	3.93	53,835	53,835	monthly	monthly	855	4,094	1,774	10,103
Total Other					**305,835**			**11,619**	**31,094**	**11,296**	**37,103**
Total Indebtedness					**331,637**			**12,673**	**34,971**	**12,192**	**41,138**

City of Luray 2026

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 As Beginning of 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
				Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**

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

WORKSHEET FOR STATE GRANT-IN-AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Budgeted Year: 2026

Library found in: City of Luray
Russell County

As provided in KSA 75-2553 *et seq.*, two tests are used to determine eligibility for State Library Grant. If the grant is approved, then the municipality's library will be paid the grant on February 15 of each year.

First test:

	Current Year 2025	Proposed Year 2026
Ad Valorem Tax	$4,903	$5,329
Delinquent Tax	$0	$0
Motor Vehicle Tax	$300	$413
Recreational Vehicle Tax	$7	$11
16/20M Vehicle Tax	$2	$2
	$0	$0
TOTAL TAXES	$5,212	$5,755
Difference in Total Taxes:	$543	
Qualify for grant: Qualify		

Second test:

Assessed Valuation	$1,150,362	$1,250,141
Did Assessed Valuation Decrease?	No	
Levy Rate	4.262	4.263
Difference in Levy Rate:	0.001	
Qualify for grant: Qualify		

Overall does the municipality qualify for a grant? **Qualify**

If the municipality would not have qualified for a grant, please seek assistance from the State

City of Luray 2026

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	70,112	45,338	35,238
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	75,800	105,619	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax	7,189	7,469	8,892
Recreational Vehicle Tax	197	264	246
16/20M Vehicle Tax	45	31	32
Commercial Vehicle Tax	826	963	895
Watercraft Tax		176	155
Gross Earning (Intangible) Tax			0
Redemptions	4,418		
PPC-SA-SAU	6,855	3,891	3,500
Compensating Use Tax			
Local Sales Tax	64,440	78,587	78,500
Franchise Tax	4,633	8,404	8,000
Licenses & Permits	50		
Rent	5,040	4,092	5,000
State of Kansas			
Gifts & Grants	350	200	
General Income	3,807	3,492	4,000
County&City Rev Share	16,476		
In Lieu of Tax (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	469		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**190,595**	**213,188**	**109,220**
Resources Available:	**260,707**	**258,526**	**144,458**
Expenditures:			
Salaries & Wages	103,249	93,453	96,257
Employee Taxes	7,364	8,826	9,091
KPERS Employer Match	8,754	11,752	12,099
Employee Benefits	2,067	2,722	3,000
Fees	17,238	14,931	15,000
Library	450		
Cemetary (Transfer to Cemetary)		5,000	5,000
Reimbursement	1,557	3,187	2,500
Facilities Maintenance	2,354	528	5,000
Street Maintenance	7,394	12,000	12,000
Facilities Utilites	3,205	5,844	6,000
Insurance	27,094	29,571	30,000
Vehicle/Equipment/Tool Expense	2,732	2,930	3,000
Animal Control	225	300	300
Office Expense	8,533	10,067	10,000
Dues & Subscriptions	1,836	1,860	2,000
Advertising			
Interest Expense	321		
Parks			
Capital Outlay	20,996	20,317	43,501
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**215,369**	**223,288**	**254,748**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	45,338	35,238	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	248,992	254,500	254,748
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	254,748
		Tax Required	110,290
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.1%	4,489
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	114,779

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Debt Service**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	7,526	7,526	7,526
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			
Recreational Vehicle Tax			
16/20M Vehicle Tax			
Commercial Vehicle Tax			
Watercraft Tax			
Reimbursement from Osborne County	4,929	4,929	4931
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total F			
Total Receipts	**4,929**	**4,929**	**4,931**
Resources Available:	**12,455**	**12,455**	**12,457**
Expenditures:			
Bond Interest	1,207	1,052	896
Bond Principal	3,722	3,877	4,035
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellanous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**4,929**	**4,929**	**4,931**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	7,526	7,526	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	4,931	4,931	4,931
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	4,931
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.1%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	0

Adopted Budget **Library**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	3,870	3,870	1,478
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	3,961	4,903	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax	394	300	413
Recreational Vehicle Tax	11	7	11
16/20M Vehicle Tax	3	2	2
Commercial Vehicle Tax	45	45	42
Watercraft Tax		11	7
State Assessed	337	200	
Personal Property	30		
Real Estate Distribution	259		
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total F			
Total Receipts	**5,040**	**5,468**	**475**
Resources Available:	**8,910**	**9,338**	**1,953**
Expenditures:			
Appropriations	5,040	7,860	7,074
Fees			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**5,040**	**7,860**	**7,074**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	3,870	1,478	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	6,620	7,860	7,074
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	7,074
		Tax Required	5,121
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.1%	208
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	5,329

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Special Highway**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	3,684	2,840	5,820
Receipts:			
State of Kansas Gas Tax	4,471	4,980	5,000
County Transfers Gas		0	0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**4,471**	**4,980**	**5,000**
Resources Available:	**8,155**	**7,820**	**10,820**
Expenditures:			
Street Repair and Maint	5,315	2,000	10,820
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**5,315**	**2,000**	**10,820**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	2,840	5,820	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	10,000	11,644	10,820

Adopted Budget **Utility**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	6,309	710	34,549
Receipts:			
Charges to Customers	392,588	428,843	435,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**392,588**	**428,843**	**435,000**
Resources Available:	**398,897**	**429,553**	**469,549**
Expenditures:			
Salaries & Wages	66,697	61,742	63,594
Employee Benefits & Taxes	12,884	7,899	8,136
Office Expense, Fees, Reimbursements	8,714	7,290	9,000
Capital Outlay	5,000		63,420
Facilities Expense, Maint & Repair	11,256	26,446	12,000
Utility Services	224,023	226,743	230,000
Vehicle/Fuel & Oil/Tools & Supplies	32,352	26,913	35,000
Transfer to General			
Debt Repayment	37,261	37,971	48,399
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**398,187**	**395,004**	**469,549**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	710	34,549	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	455,212	540,810	469,549

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH NO TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Cemetery**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	0	0	5,000
Receipts:			
Charges to Customers			
General Fund Transfer		5,000	5,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**0**	**5,000**	**5,000**
Resources Available:	**0**	**5,000**	**10,000**
Expenditures:			
Cemetery Improvement & Deferred Maint.			10,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**10,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	5,000	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	0	10,000	10,000

Adopted Budget **0**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	0	0	0
Receipts:			
Charges to Customers			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	0	0	0

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

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General	215,369	70.742	223,288	91.814	254,748	114,779	91.813
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						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*88.409*
Less: Transfers	0		5,000		5,000		
Net Expenditure	628,840		628,081		752,122		
Total Tax Levied	89,840		110,522		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,199,538		1,150,362		1,250,141		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	33,102	29,524	25,802
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	296,096	274,500	305,835
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	329,198	304,024	331,637

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

** *Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Krysta Cash

City Official Title: City Clerk

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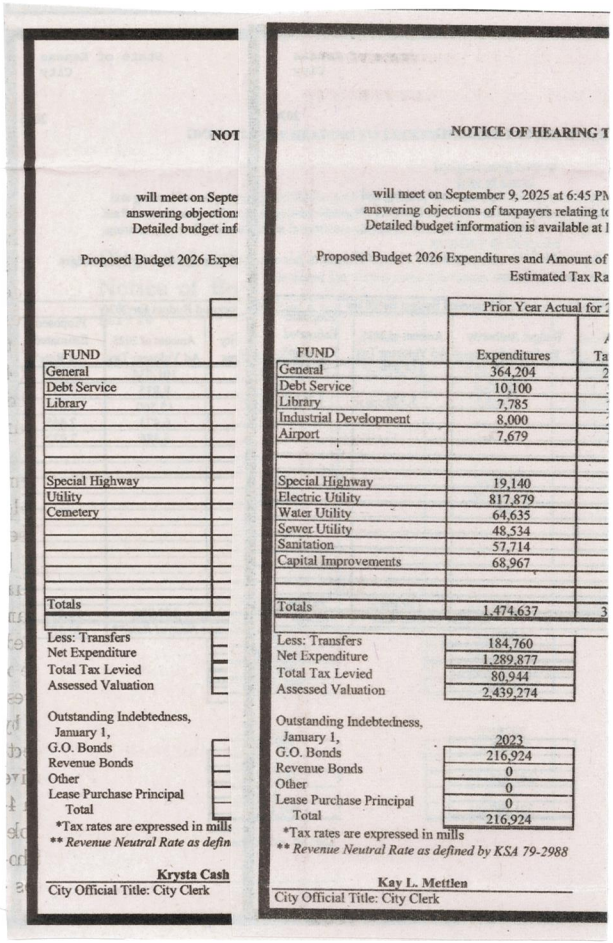
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FUND	Prior Year Actual for	Expenditures	Ta
General		364,204	2
Debt Service		10,100	
Library		7,785	
Industrial Development		8,000	
Airport		7,679	
Special Highway		19,140	
Electric Utility		817,879	
Water Utility		64,635	
Sewer Utility		48,534	
Sanitation		57,714	
Capital Improvements		68,967	
Totals		1,474,637	3
Less: Transfers		184,760	
Net Expenditure		1,289,877	
Total Tax Levied		80,944	
Assessed Valuation		2,439,274	

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,

	2023
G.O. Bonds	216,924
Revenue Bonds	0
Other	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0
Total	216,924

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_____, 2025 _____, 2025

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Rita Sharp

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day Sept, 2025

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Art in the Afternoon in Luray Ends







For the end of Art in the Afternoon the City of Luray employees roasted hot dogs in the city park, handed out bags of chips and drinks. The Luray Coop donated the ice to keep the drinks cold on a hot day. FCE of Luray donated some of the drinks and snacks, City of Luray donated the hot dogs, chips and some of the drinks.

As the kids finished their meal preparation for the last craft of the summer began. As it was being set up they enjoyed playing on the equipment in the park. The kids were called back and handed a canvas board and asked to put several blobs of paint on the board of different colors. After the paint was applied to the board they walked down to the tennis court and throw their boards with the blobs of paint on them like a Frisbee. They threw their boards several times and the paint spread out over the board and became a painting. Many of the kids made several of these paintings. If the board flipped upside down, they just wiped off the grass or sand, added a little more paint and threw it again.

Now that they finished their craft a prize was given out for the best attendance for the summer. This year the winner was Irish who was able to attend every event. As the kids prepared to leave, they gathered their pictures, that had been drying and was handed a fun gift bag to take home.

The Luray Fire Department also donated to Art in the Afternoon. The fire department has come to show the kids their gear and trucks several times in the past and were always a big hit.

All those who donated monetary for supplies, their time, drinks and snacks was gratefully appreciated.

Art in the Afternoon will return next summer. Hope to see everyone then.

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Lucas City Council holds meeting

(From the Unofficial and Unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Lucas City Council held August 12, 2025)

Lucas City Council Regular Meeting
August 12, 2025
Lucas Civic Center
7:00 PM

Mayor: Trent Leach

Council Members: Kimberly Steinle, Tarry Dougherty, Jeff Shirley, Adam Baker, Joan Pool

Employees: Amanda Horner, Michael Gilmore, Kay Mettlen, Ryan Cook, Rodney Seirer

City Attorney: Paul Kasper

Citizens Present Tammy Hower, Barry Maupin

7:00 PM Mayor Trent Leach called the meeting to order. Tarry Dougherty moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented. Kimberly Steinle seconded the motion. Motion carried five yes votes.

7:01 PM Barry Maupin asked for permission to allow CMB sales in the park during Adam's Apple Festival on August 23, 2025. Jeffrey Shirley moved to approve Resolution 25-02 allowing for the sale of Cereal Malt Beverages in the city park during the 2025 Adam's Apple Festival on August 23rd. Tarry Dougherty seconded. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

7:05 PM Mike Gilmore gave his employee report. A new utility poles was set in the city park and at a property on South Fairview, a 33KVA transformer was delivered this week, the airport resurfacing has been completed, and striping will be added in a couple of weeks. Adam Baker moved to purchase three pallets of asphalt patch material at a cost not to exceed $2800. Jeffrey Shirley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yes votes. Adam Baker moved to approve the purchase of mosquito spray not to exceed $1,000. Joan Pool seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yes votes. Compliance Officer informed the Council that one Citizen owing a fine from court regarding their dog asked for additional time to pay the fine. City Attorney Paul Kasper suggested allowing an additional 30 days to make payment.

7:22 PM Tarry Dougherty asked the council if William and Gary Anschutz could have the utility poles at the burn pile that are unusable to the city. Council consensus was to allow them to take the poles.

7:25 PM Kay Mettlen gave the Clerks report. The application period to re-submit the KDOT costs share application for Greeley Street between Third and Harvest. Corina Cox of Northwest Planning and Development will assist with the application. Council will instruct her to increase the amount of the city's match and will gather more letters of support for the project. Council was informed of a new program from the Department of Agriculture that will pay 75% of the cost to spay and neutering cats and dogs up to $4,000. Council instructed the Clerk to look into the program and apply for the grant. Adam Baker moved to allow $300 to be spent on activities to promote Public Power Week October 6th to 11th. Kimberly Steinle seconded motion carried. 5 yes votes. The plat of the lots on the railroad property has been registered with Russell County. Attorney Paul Kasper said we are waiting for the gas company to complete a survey of their line that runs through the area before the quit claim deeds can be approved, and the city can move forward with selling the lots. New water and sewer rates will be put into the utility program before the August meter reading are entered. A payment of $24,498.67 on the water tower and nitrate project loan is due.

7:50 PM Amanda Horner gave the assistant clerks report. A representative of the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust visited and informed the city that following his safety inspection the city was approved for a Gold Star Award and will receive a 5% reduction in the premium for 2026. The dog kennels were inspected and passed.

7:51 PM Ryan Cook gave the Treasurer's report. He said he had no concerns about the financials at this time but that a transfer from the Electric Fund to the General Fund should be considered at the September council meeting.

7:55 PM Adam Baker moved to approve publication of the budget and a notice that the 2026 budget will exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Tarry Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yes votes. Date for the budget hearing is set for September 12, 2025 at 6:45.

8:01 PM Adam Baker moved to accept the bid of $200 from JE Shirley Painting Company to repair the hole in the wall of the Community Center and repaint after the repair is completed. Kimberly Steinle seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 yes votes. Jeffrey Shirley abstained due to conflict of interest. A letter for reimbursement of the costs will be sent to the family after an invoice is received for the repairs.

8:05 PM Tarry Dougherty moved to approve the bills as presented. Adam Baker seconded. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

8:06 PM There was no report on the utility, employee or industrial development from council representatives. Jeffrey Shirley reported that patching of potholes will be starting by the first of the week. Adam Baker reported that baseball season is completed, 60 games were played on our field this summer and over 2000 hamburgers were served at the concession stand. Plans are being made to move the concession stand to below the press box, remove the old concession stand and re build the dugouts. The Lions Club will be heading the se projects. Adam reported the grass is not coming up on the lots south of the ball field and he will research what can be used as ground cover. Ideas for future use of the lots is being considered. Adam also reported that new mulch may be needed to go under the playground equipment at the city park.

8:10 PM Tarry Dougherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Kimberly Steinle seconded. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

Kay Mettlen, City Clerk

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USD #299
2025-2026

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 299 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:10 PM at 504 W 4th Street, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481 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, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual Actual Expenditures (1)	2023-2024 Actual Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2024-2025 Actual Actual Expenditures (3)	2024-2025 Actual Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2025-2026 Proposed Budget Budgeted Expenditures (5)	2025-2026 Proposed Budget Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	2025-2026 Proposed Budget Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	2,888,468	20.000	3,294,600	20.000	3,295,444	641,920	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	582,639	14.259	718,043	16.879	990,000	765,725	19.137
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	296,149		95,571		77,561		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	72,064		72,044		107,500		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	411,100		368,531		426,131		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		1,557		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	609,986	6.000	389,661	5.977	845,984	240,073	6.000
Driver Training	18	3,401		2,954		11,050		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	282,942		273,657		361,788		
Professional Development	26	1,523		569		7,000		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	521,245		558,906		567,724		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	115,311		119,453		139,900		
Gifts and Grants	35	159,311		100,229		105,500		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	256,699		247,760		275,540		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	5,374		27,466				
Activity Fund	56	57,403		107,453				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES'								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	6,263,615	40.259	6,376,897	42.856	7,215,679	1,647,718	45.137
Less: Transfers	105	1,255,267		1,208,714		1,207,794		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	5,008,348		5,168,183		6,007,885		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,457,593		1,587,413		1,647,718		

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	$1,457,593		$1,587,413		$1,647,718		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$34,139,564		$31,316,121		$32,095,994		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	$38,030,419		$37,220,961		$40,012,194		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	$38,030,419		$37,074,176		$40,012,194		

Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023	2024	2025
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0	0	0
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0	0	0

**Tax Rates are expressed in Mills*

Board President — Clerk of the Board

State of Kansas
Budget Form USD-A

USD #299
2025-2026

Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget
Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 299 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 7:00 PM at 504 W 4th Street, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481 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, including budget profile, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral

	2024-2025 Actual Taxes Levied	2024-2025 Actual Tax Rate	Revenue Neutral Taxes	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	2025-2026 Proposed Taxes to be Levied	2025-2026 Proposed Tax Rate
General	$626,322	20.000	$626,322	19.514	$641,920	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$690,093	16.879	$690,093	17.247	$765,725	19.137
Adult Education	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	$270,998	5.977	$270,998	6.773	$240,073	6.000
Cost of Living	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Special Assessment	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Temporary Note	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Historical Museum	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	$0	0.000			$0	0.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	$1,587,413	42.856	$1,587,413	43.531	$1,647,718	45.137
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$961,091	22.856	$961,091	24.020	$1,005,798	25.137

Board President — Clerk of the Board

Earl Bane Foundation awards grant to Smoky Hills PBS

Smoky Hills PBS is honored to announce a generous grant from the Earl Bane Foundation to support our ongoing mission of providing trusted children's educational programming and local content to Central and Western Kansas.

This grant was awarded earlier this spring, during a time when our future was full of promise. However, with the recent elimination of all federal funding for public media, the landscape has dramatically shifted. Support like this is no longer just helpful – it is essential to our survival. We are deeply grateful to the Earl Bane Foundation for standing with us as we work to preserve the services and stories that matter most to our communities.

"This gift is deeply appreciated," said Betsy Schwien, General Manager of Smoky Hills PBS. "It helps us stay strong, local, and accessible – especially for the families and children who depend on us for FREE quality educational programming."

Smoky Hills PBS remains dedicated to its mission of providing local, educational content to the communities it serves. We are incredibly grateful to the Earl Bane Foundation for believing in that mission and helping to keep it alive.

The Earl Bane Foundation was established in 1994. Its giving supports primarily higher education, children, youth and social services for the educational, economic, scientific and religious benefit of Salina and Saline County.

For more information about Smoky Hills PBS and how you can support its mission, please visit SmokyHillsPBS.org or by calling 1-800-337-4788.

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2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Luray
will meet on September 10, 2025 at 6:45 PM at Luray Community Center, 115 S. Main St., Luray KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Luray Community Center, 115 S. Main St., Luray KS and will be available at this hearing.

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.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual for 2024 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate for 2025 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate for 2025 Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget for 2026 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget for 2026 Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget for 2026 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	215,369	70.742	223,288	91.814	251,718	114,779	91.813
Debt Service	4,929		4,929		4,931		
Library	5,040	4.153	7,860	4.262	7,074	5,329	4.263
Special Highway	5,315		2,000		10,820		
Utility	398,187		395,004		469,549		
Cemetery					10,000		
Totals	628,840	74.895	633,081	96.076	757,122	120,108	96.076
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*88.409*
Less: Transfers	0		5,000		5,000		
Net Expenditure	628,840		628,081		752,122		
Total Tax Levied	89,840		110,522		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,199,538		1,150,362		1,250,141		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	33,102	29,524	25,802
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	296,096	274,500	305,835
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	329,198	304,024	331,637

**Tax rates are expressed in mills*
*** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Krysta Cash
City Official Title: City Clerk

Resolution No. 9-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LURAY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, The Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Luray was calculated as 88.409 mills by the Russell County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Luray will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 10th, 2025 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Luray, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LURAY, KANSAS:

The City of Luray shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 88.409 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2025 and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Tammera Cline

Mayor – Tammera Cline

Attested:

Krysta J. Cash

City Clerk – Krysta J. Cash

Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the City of Luray, Kansas To Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate
Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on September 10th, 2025
Resolution No. 9-25

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
Benjamin Gruver	X		
LaDana Seirer			Absent
Alvin Webber	X		
Stacey Letsch			Absent
Monica Mullender	X		
TOTAL	**3**	**0**	

Certified: Krysta Cash - City Clerk

Krysta Cash