State of Kansas
Special District

CERTIFICATE

2026

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

certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted
maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2026; and (3) the
Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2026 Budget.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	17-330	5	25,945	1,605	0.713
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County Clerk's Use Only

2,248,999

Nov. 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate 0.713

Assisted by:
Morris County Clerk
Chelsey Schmidt
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Council Grove, KS 66846
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cschmidt@morriscountyks.org

George Herpich
James Engel

Attest: October 23, 2025
Chelsey Schmidt
County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK SEAL MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Governing Body

CPA Summary

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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	1,603	77	1	23	2	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,603	77	1	23	2	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 77

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 1

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 23

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 2

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.04803

RVT Factor 0.00062

16/20M Factor 0.01435

Comm Veh Facto 0.00125

Watercraft Facto 0.00000

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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
NONE					
	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.

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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:										
NONE										
Total G.O.				0			0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds:										
NONE										
Total Revenue				0			0	0	0	0
Other:										
NONE										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total				**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Items Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
NONE							
			Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	25,135	25,089	24,237
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	1,609	1,603	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax	86	95	77
Recreational Vehicle Tax	1	2	1
16/20M Vehicle Tax	27	22	23
Commercial Vehicle Tax	3	1	2
Watercraft Tax			0
LAVTR			0
In Lieu of Taxes			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**1,726**	**1,723**	**103**
Resources Available:	**26,861**	**26,812**	**24,340**
Expenditures:			
Clarks Creek Cemetery			
Latimer Zion Lutheran Cemetery			
St. John's Cemetery			
Maintenance/Mowing	1,700	2,500	3,000
RNR & Budget Publications	72	75	75
Cash Forward (2026 column)			22,870
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**1,772**	**2,575**	**25,945**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	25,089	24,237	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	21,700	23,965	25,945
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	25,945
		Tax Required	1,605
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	1,605

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FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,772	0.744	2,575	0.742	25,945	1,605	0.713
Debt Service							
Totals	1,772	0.744	2,575	0.742	25,945	1,605	0.713
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.713*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,772		2,575		25,945		
Total Tax Levied	1,603		1,603		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,154,286		2,161,292		2,251,609		

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*

George Herpich

Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF CLARK'S CREEK CEMETERY DISTRICT, HEREBY NOTIFIES THE MORRIS COUNTY CLERK OF INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

_____ Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and our proposed mill levy rate is _____. The date of our hearing is _____ at _____ AM/PM and will be held at _____ address in _____, Kansas.

__x__ No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 2025.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on 7-20-, 2025.

(Seal)

Cindy Schmidt

Clerk or Officer of Governing Body

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Affidavit of Publication

Joann M. Kahnt, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the publisher of The Prairie Post, which is a newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, published in and of general paid circulation on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis in Morris County, Kansas, is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication, is published at least weekly fifty (50) times a year, has been so published continuously and uninterrupted in said County and State for a period of more than one year prior to the first publication of the notice attached, and has been entered at the post office as Periodicals Class mail matter. That a notice was published in all editions of the regular and entire issue for the following subject matter: Clark's Creek Cemetery District Notice of Budget Hearing: published on July 17, 2025.

Joann M. Kahnt
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of July, 2025

Notary Public Brooke Hirt

My commission expires: 12/19/27

Brooke Hirt
Notary Public-State of Kansas
My Appt. Exp. 12/19/27

Alta Vista City Council News

May 19, 2025
City Council Meeting

Present were as follows: Mayor Armbrust, Council members Travis Richardson, Charles Walker, Josh Kaster, Dale Peterson and City Clerk Pamela McDiffett.

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

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Minutes:

Council member Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 council meeting minutes. Council member Walker seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Financial Report:

The April financials were reviewed.

Approval and Payment of the Bills

Council member Walker made a motion that the bills be paid by Ordinance B-5-2025. Council member Peterson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Clay Glessner was absent.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Jeff Ginnett was absent but sent a written report that included the following…

• Received prices on new & used meters from Morris RWD #1. The council would like to know the actual number of meters needed and what they have available. Tabled to the next meeting.

• Estimate from Franks Plumbing to move a water meter out of a customer's basement on Cable City so the meter can be read correctly was reviewed. Council member Walker made a motion to approve the estimate for $1600 from Franks Plumbing. Council member Richardson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

• Jeff also reported that he has replaced some boards on picnic tables at the city park along with the normal mowing, weed eating and cutting trees at the lagoons.

Clerk's Report:

Past due list was reviewed.

Old Business:

Selling a lot at the north end of the park was discussed. A bid for the property has been received. Council member Peterson made a motion to publish public notice regarding this offer and further discuss at the next meeting. Council member Walker seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Council members Peterson, Walker, & Kaster voting Yes. Council member Richardson abstained from voting.

Selling the old park equipment was discussed. The council would like the equipment to be sold in an entire lot and picked up in 30 days. Council member Richardson made a motion to advertise the old park equipment by sealed bids to be received by Monday June 16, 2025 at 4pm. Council member Peterson seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Ordinance 1089 – An Ordinance Fixing Utility Rates And Users Fees was reviewed. Council member Walker made a motion to approve and have the mayor sign Ordinance 1089. Council member Kaster seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Council Member and Mayor Comments:

Mayor Armbrust commented that May 16th was the first steering committee meeting for the AV Area Wide Plan and looks to have a positive outcome for the community.

Council member Richardson commented that he will assist with setting up the water station for the Unbound Gravel Race on May 31st

.Council member Walker had no comments.

Council member Kaster commented on doing more with vacant houses in town. Mayor Armbrust commented that it's a very costly process to the city.

Council member Weaver was absent.

Council member Peterson commented that the property being used by Perfection II Masonry has really been cleaned up.

Council member Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Council member Kaster. The motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on June 16, 2025 at 7pm.

Pamela McDiffett
City Clerk

White City City Council News

The White City city council met July 9 with four council members (Ronnie Ryker was absent), mayor, clerk, maintenance, three visitors and one reporter present.

The council accepted the Schwab-Eaton RFQ and Engineering contract for the upcoming lift station project.

The council discussed the recent Independence Day celebration. They reported good response from volunteers with the various activities. Trash issues was discussed as was charging vendors fees. They tabled ideas concerning the rides for 2026. Overall, the council agreed it was a very successful celebration.

Sam Baseley reported on fixing pot holes, trimming trees and the usual mowing during his maintenance report.

Larry Barger, owner of a condemned house on North Elm street visited with the council about their plans to demolish the home. The council had received two bids for demolition of the property. They suggested Mr. Barger again visit with the school district about selling the property to them. He said he would call the superintendent.

Several other properties that are in dire condition were also discussed.

A building permit for a porch at 122 South 3rd Street was approved.

Joann Kahnt complimented everyone who helped in any way with the Independence Day celebration and Jeremy Hopper Memorial Softball Tournament that brought many people to White City. The fireworks show was a great ending to a very successful event for the White City community and those who traveled near and far to enjoy it.

Council member Therese Hoff was also very complimentary of the Independence Day celebration. She did discuss the need for better control of trash.

Council member Nick Morgan echoed the great weekend of activities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Next meeting will be August 13 at 6 pm at the White City Community Building.

USD #481 Board of Education Meeting

The USD #481 Board of Education July meeting was held Monday evening in White City with six members (Chris Barnes was absent), Superintendent Darlene Griffiths, BOE Clerk Trish Rhodes, two patrons and a reporter present.

First order of business was to elect president and vice president but due to a 3-3 tie on three motions, the issue was tabled until January.

The board approved the appointments of Trish Rhodes as board clerk and Ilona Rice as board treasurer.

Dillon Cook volunteered to serve as the board governmental representative and Jaren Nittler volunteered to be the Smokey Hill alternate. The board left the mileage reimbursement rate at 67¢.

During open forum, Mindy Stilwell, White City High School Alumni president, addressed the board about what would be placed on the finished gym floors. She encouraged the board to approve keeping each school with their own identity. She said the alumni board emphasized since each school continues to maintain their own buildings and school, it is important that they each continue to be White City Schools and Hope Schools. Even though they combine for a majority of their sports, they should continue to be the White City Huskies and Hope Lions and maintain that history and identity. She thanked the board for listening and encouraged them to honor each school.

Joann Kahnt visited with the board about her 30 years of owning the Prairie Post and what being able to cover the outstanding students and athletes of the school has meant to her. "My refrigerator journalism gives me joy!", she said. She encouraged the board to do everything possible to continue to have White City and Hope Schools in their respective

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Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,

	2023	2024	2025
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Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
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2026

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General	12,897	1.153	13,600	1.140	66,221	9,515	1.080
Debt Service							
Totals	12,897	1.153	13,600	1.140	66,221	9,515	1.080
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*1.080*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	12,897		13,600		66,221		
Total Tax Levied	9,500		9,502		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	8,241,153		8,340,896		8,809,424		

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

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Carolyn Holm

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

2026

The governing body of
Parker-Highland Cemetery District
Morris County
will meet on September 10th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Parkerville Park, Parkerville, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of tax to levied and the revenue neutral rate.
Detailed budget information is available at Morris County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

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FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,672	1.724	4,200	1.814	13,065	4,605	2.087
Debt Service							
Totals	3,672	1.724	4,200	1.814	13,065	4,605	2.087
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*1.859*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	3,672		4,200		13,065		
Total Tax Levied	4,103		4,102		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,377,311		2,260,422		2,206,063		

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

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Bill Hirt