CERTIFICATE

2026

To the Clerk of McPherson County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Empire Township
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held; (2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was approved and adopted as the maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2026; and (3) the Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations for the 2026 Budget.

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Final County Assessed	County Clerk's Use Only
Empire Township	
Galva	
0	
Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation	-

Township Only Funds Revenue Neutral Rate	23.563
Township/3rd Class City Funds Revenue Neutral Rate	0.045

Assisted by:
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Attest: 8-13, 2025
Hollie O. Melroy
County Clerk

Phil Larson
Mark Hopper
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Governing Body

Special Road Election held for Mills for years.
First levy in

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2026

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

	Budgeted Funds for 2025	Tax Levies in the 2025 Budget	Allocation for Year 2026									
			MVT - Township	MVT - City	RVT - Township	RVT - City	16/20M - Township	16/20 - City	CommVeh - Twnshp	CommVeh - City	Wtrcraft - Township	Wtrcraft - City
***	General	0.047	42	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0	0
***	Debt Service	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
***	Library	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Road	25.393	22,463		573		742		2,956		121	
	Special Road	0.000	0		0		0		0		0	
	Noxious Weed	0.000	0		0		0		0		0	
	Fire Protection	0.000	0		0		0		0		0	
***		0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
***		0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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***		0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
***		0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	25.440	22,505		574		743		2,961		121	
	Total - 3rd Class City Levies (***)	0.047		0		0		0		0		0

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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	Special Machinery	-	-	-	
General	Special Machinery	-	-	-	
Road	Special Machinery	-	-	-	
	Total	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
G.O. Bonds										
Total G.O. Bonds				0			0	0	0	0
Other										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total				**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Items Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
				Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

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

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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 January 1	344	904	465
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	1,619	940	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	10	2	2
Motor Vehicle Tax	21	70	42
Recreational Vehicle Tax	1	1	1
16/20 M Vehicle Tax	2	2	1
Commercial Vehicle Tax		10	5
Watercraft Tax		1	0
Gross Earnings (Intangibles) Tax			0
Oil Royalty	175	260	180
Interest on Idle Funds	440	50	50
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**2,268**	**1,336**	**282**
Resources Available:	**2,612**	**2,240**	**747**
Expenditures:			
Officers Pay	1,478	1,500	1,500
Salaries & Wages			
Employee Benefits			
Supplies	230	275	225
Equipment			
Buildings Maintenance			
Insurance			
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Transfer to Spec. Mach.(No Levy)			
Does the General Fund have a tax levy			
Transfer to Spec. Mach.(Gen has Levy)			
Transfer can not exceed 25% Resources Avail			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**1,708**	**1,775**	**1,725**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	904	465	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	2,050	1,775	1,725
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	1,725
		Tax Required	978
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	2.0%	20
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	998

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget

Road	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	8,113	16,777	8,428
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	289,999	287,211	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	1,738	500	500
Motor Vehicle Tax	21,281	21,897	22,463
Recreational Vehicle Tax	567	421	573
16/20M Vehicle Tax	633	622	742
Commercial Vehicle Tax	2,842	3,140	2,956
Watercraft Tax		160	121
Special Highway/Gasoline Tax	4,355	4,350	4,300
Donation	1,000		
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	160		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**322,575**	**318,301**	**31,654**
Resources Available:	**330,688**	**335,078**	**40,082**
Expenditures:			
Officers Pay	7,176	9,000	9,000
Salaries & Wages	47,188	53,000	52,000
Employee Benefits	17,537	15,000	16,000
Road Maintenance	53,771	54,000	54,000
Road Materials	135,392	86,250	106,250
Equipment	51,065	74,800	54,000
Insurance	1,032	33,000	34,600
Accounting	750	1,600	1,600
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Transfer to Special Machinery			
Does transfer exceed 25% of Resources Avail			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**313,911**	**326,650**	**327,450**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	16,777	8,428	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	314,825	326,650	327,450
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	327,450
		Tax Required	287,368
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	2.0%	5,747
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	293,115

Special Machinery K.S.A. 68-141g	2024 Actual
Unencumbered Cash Balance, Jan 1	2,164
Transfers from:	
Road Fund	0
General Fund (No Levy)	0
General Fund (Gen has Levy)	0
Interest on Idle Funds	
Other	
Resources Available:	**2,164**
Total Expenditures	
Unencumbered Cash Balance, Dec 31	**2,164**

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Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machinery							
Totals	315,619	25.601	328,425	25.440	329,175	294,113	23.607
					*Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate***		*23.563*
					*Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate***		*0.045*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	315,619		328,425		329,175		
Total Tax Levied	294,746		294,031		xxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	19,948,980		20,719,411		22,035,947		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					12,439,996		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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State of Florida
County of Orange

JESSICA GORDON-THOMPSON
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH301658
Expires on August 17, 2026

Signed or attested before me on this: 07/31/2025

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF **Empire**

HEREBY NOTIFIES THE MCPHERSON COUNTY CLERK OF INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE:

_____ Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate

Our proposed mill levy rate is: _____

Our proposed ad valorem tax (dollar amount) is: _____

The date of our hearing is: _____

The time of our hearing is: _____

The location of our hearing is: _____

_____

__X__ No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before August 25, 2025.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on 7-18, 2025

(Seal)

Rick Wilt, Co Admin
Governing Body

NOTE: Notice required to be sent to County Clerk on or before 5 p.m. on July 20, otherwise Revenue Neutral Rate cannot be exceeded. Signed notice may be scanned and sent electronically.

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