State of Kansas
Special District
2026

CERTIFICATE

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

YES

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	19-3610	5	186.746	114.984	5.431
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Non-Budgeted Funds		6			
Totals		xxxxxxx	186.746	114.984	
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Neighborhood Revitalization					

	Final County Assessed Valuation	County Clerk's Use Only
	Russell County	10,400,734
	Osborne County	10,770,426
	Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation	21,171,160

Revenue Neutral Rate	5.170
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	**YES**

Assisted by:
Gudenkauf & Malone, Inc.

Address:
639 Main; PO Box 631
Russell, Ks 67665
Email:
accountants@gmbinc.net

Date Attested: October 8, 2025

County Clerk

Governing Body

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Waldo-Paradise Fire District #3
Russell County

2026

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	109,559	4,315	102	1,622	114	62
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	109,559	4,315	102	1,622	114	62

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 4,315

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 102

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 1,622

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 114

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 62

MVT Factor 0.03939

RVT Factor 0.00093

16/20M Factor 0.01480

Comm Veh Factor 0.00104

Watercraft Factor 0.00057

2026

Waldo-Paradise Fire District #3
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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	45.000	39.654	39.654	KSA 19-3612c
	Totals	45000	39654	39654	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	45000	39654	39654	

*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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2026

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2025	Date Due		Amount Due 2025		Amount Due 2026	
					Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal
General Obligation:										
Total G.O.				0			0	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds:										
Total Revenue				0			0	0	0	0
Other:										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total				**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

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

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

FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	118,998	135,840	65,547
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	65,201	109,559	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	52		
Motor Vehicle Tax	1,691	5,527	4,315
Recreational Vehicle Tax	47	180	102
16/20M Vehicle Tax	247	991	1,622
Commercial Vehicle Tax		122	114
Watercraft Tax		74	62
Redemptions	320		
Osborne County	64,851		
In Lieu of Taxes (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**132,409**	**116,453**	**6,215**
Resources Available:	**251,407**	**252,293**	**71,762**
Expenditures:			
Salaries	31,520	40,000	40,000
Contractual	30,876	45,000	45,000
Commodities	8,171	35,000	35,000
Transfer to Sp. Equipment	45,000	39,654	39,654
Capital Outlay	0	27,092	27,092
Cash Forward (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**115,567**	**186,746**	**186,746**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	135,840	65,547	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority **Amount**	186,746	186,746	186,746
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr **Balance**	186,746
		Tax **Required**	114,984
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem **Tax**	114,984

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Waldo-Paradise Fire District #3 | **NON-BUDGETED FUNDS** | 2026

(Only the actual budget year for 2024 is reported)

Non-Budgeted Funds

(1) Fund Name:		(2) Fund Name:		(3) Fund Name:		(4) Fund Name:		(5) Fund Name:		
Special Machinery			**0**		**0**		**0**		**0**	
Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Unencumbered		Total
Cash Balance Jan 1	237,008	Cash Balance Jan 1		Cash Balance Jan 1		Cash Balance Jan 1		Cash Balance Jan 1		237,008
Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		Receipts:		
Transfer	45,000									
Total Receipts	45,000	Total Receipts	0	Total Receipts	0	Total Receipts	0	Total Receipts	0	45,000
Resources Available:	282,008	Resources Available:	0	Resources Available:	0	Resources Available:	0	Resources Available:	0	282,008
Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		Expenditures:		
Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	Total Expenditures	0	0
Cash Balance Dec 31	282,008	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	Cash Balance Dec 31	0	282,008 **
										282,008 **

** Note: These two block figures should agree.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Waldo-Paradise Fire District #3

Russell County

will meet on September 2, 2025 at 9:15AM at Russell County Courthouse Comm Room 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is avaiable at Russell County Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Russell County (home county) Osborne County. . .

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General	115,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427
Debt Service							
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Totals	115,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*5.170*
Less: Transfers	45,000		39,654		39,654		
Net Expenditures	70,567		147,092		147,092		
Total Tax Levied	132,242		109,559		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	26,029,489		25,926,618		21,187,964		

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*

Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire 3 **HEREBY NOTIFIES THE RUSSELL COUNTY CLERK OF INTENT TO EXCEED THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;**

X Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 2025.

Our RNR mill levy rate is: 5.170

Our proposed mill levy rate is: 5.427

Our proposed ad valorem tax (dollar amount) is 114,984

The date of our hearing is: September 2, 2025

The time of our hearing is: 9:15 AM

The location of our hearing is: Commission Chambers Courthouse
401 N. Main St. Russell, KS 67665

Please include the Notice of Budget Hearing page when submitting this form.

_____ 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.

Please include the Notice of Budget Hearing page when submitting this form.

WITNESS my hand and official seal on July 16, 2025.

(Seal)

COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

Kristi A. Whitman

Clerk or Officer of 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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Debt Service							
Non-Budgeted Funds							
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						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*5.170*
Less: Transfers	45,000		39,654		39,654		
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Assessed Valuation:	26,029,489		25,926,618		21,187,964		

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

Kristi L. Whitman, County Clerk

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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	5,054,573	9.499	5,283,929	23.517	5,816,628	2,633,734	22.929
Debt Service			1,878				
Road & Bridge	2,709,512	19.253	2,845,300	10.330	3,035,300	1,403,995	12.223
Special Bridge	189,253	2.706	435,000	0.915	435,000	246,301	2.144
Noxious Weed	392,470	1.500	384,728	1.505	470,788	172,291	1.500
4-H Bldg Maintenance	70,123	0.110	85,000	0.556	85,000	54,671	0.476
Election Expense	155,791	1.132	210,000	0.829	210,000	144,959	1.262
Ambulance	1,032,722	6.110	1,064,300	5.607	1,139,300	518,293	4.512
Free Fair	25,521	0.207	50,000	0.419	25,000	20,655	0.180
Mental Health	41,291	0.340	40,364	0.324	52,203	48,851	0.425
Service for Eldery	121,000	1.000	124,617	1.000	125,421	114,842	1.000
County Health	508,618	1.852	460,120	0.132	473,334	20,031	0.174
Developmental Service	94,823	0.773	93,611	0.752	93,611	85,822	0.747
Appraiser	249,133	2.061	259,200	1.871	268,000	228,571	1.990
Special Road & Bridge	270,869	1.999	452,525	2.000	476,187	229,688	2.000
Employee Benefit	2,526,284	20.882	3,030,000	20.377	3,113,000	2,366,660	20.604
Historical Society	61,011	0.500	62,366	0.500	62,595	57,392	0.500
Hospital Board	719,702	5.898	735,525	5.900	739,085	677,720	5.900
Economic Development	250,000		250,000		250,000		
Solid Waste	586,362		603,200		604,000		
Emergency Telephone Se	55,140		119,765		194,799		
Special Alcohol	11,800		19,169		13,482		
Sheriff's Drug Fund			5,000		5,900		
Parks & Recreation	12,500		12,000		23,703		
Tourism and Convention	95,057		94,000		94,000		
Sheriff Concealed Carry			1,241		7,075		
Sheriff Offender Registra			11,390		6,842		
Oil & Gas Trust Fund	826						
Addiction Prevention (Op			18,015		17,827		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	662,894						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	321,581						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	326,263						
Totals	16,545,119	75.822	16,752,243	76.534	17,838,080	9,024,476	78.566
						*Revenue Neutral Rate ** *	*76.436*
Less Transfers	773,686		0		0		
Net Expenditure	15,771,433		16,752,243		17,838,080		
Total Tax Levied	8,644,251		8,760,539		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	114,005,317		114,707,441		114,865,325		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,

	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	850,000	430,000	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	850,000	430,000	0

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026				
Special District Funds	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimted Tax Rate*	*Revenue Neutral Rate**	July 1, 2025 Estimated Valuation
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Lucas Fire District #2	88,022	8.414	113,123	8.650	113,123	96,499	11.403	*8.842*	8,462,717
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Russell Fire District #5	117,061	7.056	160,161	7.333	180,000	147,616	8.170	*7.629*	18,068,326

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COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

Kristi A Whitman, County Clerk

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Affidavit of Publication

Frank Mercer, being first duly sworn, deposes and ays: That he is publisher of the ***Russell County News***, weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and ublished in and of general circulation in Russell County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a veekly basis in Russell County, Kansas, and that said ewspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publica- on.

Said newspaper is a weekly published one day a veek and has been published continuously and uninter- ıptedly in said county and state for a period of more ıan five years prior to the first publication of said otice; and has been admitted at the post office of ussell, Kansas, in said county as second class matter.

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and as published in the regular and entire issue of said

ewspaper for 1 consecutive week,

ıe first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on

ıe 31 day of July, 2025,

ith subsequent publications being made on the llowing dates:

_____, 20____ _____, 20____

_____, 20____ _____, 20____

_____, 20____ _____, 20____

Signed: [signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4

ıy of August, 2025.

AMY HOSS
Notary Public, State of Kansas
My Appointment Expires
11-23-26

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Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	850,000	430,000	0

Special District Funds	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 Year for 2026 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget Year for 2026 Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget Year for 2026 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*	Revenue Neutral Rate**	July 1, 2025 Estimated Valuation
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Russell Fire District #5	137,061	7.056	169,161	7.333	180,000	147,416	8.170	7.629	18,048,326

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COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

Kristi A. Whitman, County Clerk

July 31

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Lucas Public Library Ne

The Lucas Public Library has received more infant/toddler and toddler/preschool activity kits from the Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center. These are available for check out.

There is still time to sign up for the Summer Library Program. Kids can come in the library, get a schedule, and see what fun things we have planned. Read books and earn prizes!

Our Fashion Show held on June 29, 2025, was quite successful, and so much fun. 21 children participated, and there were approximately 60 people in attendance to cheer them on. There were 4 categories, and the winners were: Leann Lamb (People's Choice), Wren Walter (Best Use of Chosen Color), Willow Dorman (Best Song Choice with Chosen Color), and Blakelyn Rickle[illegible] Representation of the Rainbow.

A Cook-Off was held on July 5, 2025. 4 teams competed, and created some fantastic dishes! The judges said the points were very close. The winning team was Chelsey and Logan Koehn. Congratulations!

A pulled-pork fundraiser meal and Pitch tournament was held on July 6, 2025. Approximately 45 people attended the meal, and 8 teams participated in the Pitch tournament. The winners were Johnny and Vicki, Robert of Paradise. Congratulations!

July 7 was the Summer Library Program "All About Yellow." 27 people attended the 2 sessions where the kids listened to books about the color yellow, made yellow [illegible]

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STATE OF KANSAS, RUSSELL COUNTY, ss:

being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is publisher of the **Lucas-Sylvan News**, a weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Russell County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a weekly basis in Russell County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

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

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular issue of said newspaper for **one (1)** consecutive week(s), the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the **24th** day of July, 2025, with subsequent publications being made on the following dates:

_____, 2025 _____, 2025

_____, 2025 _____, 2025

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Aug, 2025

LAREE BRETZ
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF KANSAS
My Appt. Exp. 7/16/28

Notary Public

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STATE OF KANSAS, RUSSELL COUNTY, ss:

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Russell County

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

Russell County

will meet on September 2, 2025 at 9:15 AM at Russell County Courthouse Comm Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax and Revenue Neutral Rate.
Detailed budget information is available at Russell County Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	5,054,573	9.499	5,283,929	23.517	5,816,628	2,633,734	22.929
Debt Service			1,878				
Road & Bridge	2,709,512	19.253	2,845,300	10.330	3,035,300	1,403,995	12.223
Special Bridge	189,253	2.706	435,000	0.915	435,000	246,301	2.144
Noxious Weed	392,670	1.500	384,728	1.505	470,788	172,291	1.500
4-H Bldg Maintenance	70,123	0.110	85,000	0.556	85,000	54,671	0.476
Election Expense	155,791	1.132	210,000	0.829	210,000	144,959	1.262
Ambulance	1,032,722	6.110	1,064,300	5.607	1,139,300	518,293	4.512
Free Fair	25,521	0.207	50,000	0.419	25,000	20,655	0.180
Mental Health	41,291	0.340	40,364	0.324	52,203	48,851	0.425
Service for Eldery	121,000	1.000	124,617	1.000	125,421	114,842	1.000
County Health	508,618	1.852	460,120	0.132	473,334	20,031	0.174
Developmental Service	94,823	0.773	93,611	0.752	93,611	85,822	0.747
Appraiser	249,133	2.061	259,200	1.871	268,000	228,571	1.990
Special Road & Bridge	270,869	1.999	452,525	2.000	476,187	229,688	2.000
Employee Benefit	2,526,284	20.882	3,030,000	20.377	3,113,000	2,366,660	20.604
Historical Society	61,011	0.500	62,366	0.500	62,595	57,392	0.500
Hospital Board	719,702	5.898	735,525	5.900	739,085	677,720	5.900
Economic Development	250,000		250,000		250,000		
Solid Waste	586,362		603,200		604,000		
Emergency Telephone Se	55,140		119,765		194,799		
Special Alcohol	11,800		19,169		13,482		
Sheriff's Drug Fund			5,000		5,900		
Parks & Recreation	12,500		12,000		23,703		
Tourism and Convention	95,057		94,000		94,000		
Sheriff Concealed Carry			1,241		7,075		
Sheriff Offender Registra			11,390		6,842		
Oil & Gas Trust Fund	826						
Addiction Prevention (Op			18,015		17,827		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	662,894						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	321,581						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	326,263						
Totals	16,545,119	75.822	16,752,243	76.534	17,838,080	9,024,476	78.566
						Revenue Neutral Rate **	*76.436*
Less: Transfers	773,686		0		0		
Net Expenditure	15,771,433		16,752,243		17,838,080		
Total Tax Levied	8,644,251		8,760,539		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	114,005,317		114,707,441		114,865,325		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	850,000	430,000	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	850,000	430,000	0

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026				
Special District Funds	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*	*Revenue Neutral Rate**	July 1, 2025 Estimated Valuation
Gorham Fire District #1	145,822	9.615	182,907	4.078	182,907	137,922	7.838	*4.031*	17,584,044
Lucas Fire District #2	88,032	8.414	113,123	8.650	113,123	96,499	11.403	*8.842*	8,462,717
Waldo-Paradise Fire District #	113,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427	*5.170*	21,187,964
Dorrance Fire District #4	85,770	12.362	160,123	7.212	163,123	81,339	7.355	*6.933*	11,058,685
Russell Fire District #5	117,061	7.056	160,161	7.333	180,000	147,616	8.170	*7.629*	18,068,326

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

COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

Kristi A. Whitman, County Clerk

STATE OF KANSAS
Osborne
COUNTY ss.

Affidavit of Publication

Frank Mercer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is publisher of the ***Osborne County Farmer***, a weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Osborne County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a weekly basis in Osborne County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

Said newspaper is a weekly published one day a week and has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice; and has been admitted at the post office of Downs, Kansas, in said county as second class matter.

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for One consecutive week, the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the 24th day of July, 2025 with subsequent publications being made on the following dates:

_____, 20___ _____, 20___
_____, 20___ _____, 20___
_____, 20___ _____, 20___

Signed: [signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 2025

AMY HOSS
Notary Public, State of Kansas
My Appointment Expires
11-23-26

[signature]
Notary Public's Signature

Publication Fee	$ 97.50
Affidavit, Notary's Fee	$ 1.00
Additional copies ___ @___	$ _____
Total Publication Fee	$ 98.50

(Published Thursday, July 24, 2025 in the Osborne County Farmer)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Waldo-Paradise Fire District #3
Russell County
will meet on September 2, 2025 at 9:15AM at Russell County Courthouse Comm Room 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Russell County Clerk Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Russell County (home county) Osborne County. . .

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

	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	115,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427
Debt Service							
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Totals	115,567	5.080	186,746	4.225	186,746	114,984	5.427
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	5.170
Less: Transfers	45,000		39,654		39,654		
Net Expenditures	70,567		147,092		147,092		
Total Tax Levied	132,242		109,559		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:	26,029,489		25,926,618		21,187,964		

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

[signature], County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

Resolution #2025- 05

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALDO PARADISE NATOMA FIRE DISTRICT 3, RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire District 3 was calculated as 5.170 mills by the Russell County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire District 3 will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 2, 2025, allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire District 3, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF

The Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire District 3 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 5.170 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 2nd day of September 2025 and SIGNED by the Governing Body.

Steve Reinhardt

Jason Krug

Duke Strobel

Dean Haselhorst

Alan Kuntzsch

COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

Attested:

Kristi Whitman, County Clerk

Roll Call Vote

Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire #3
Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate:
Resolution #2025- 8

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	Abstained/ Absent
Steve Reinhardt	✓		
Jason Krug	✓		
Duke Strobel	✓		
Dean Haselhorst	✓		
Alan Kuntzsch	✓		
TOTAL	5		

Attested: Kristi A. Whitman

COUNTY CLERK Seal RUSSELL CO. KANSAS

STATE OF KANSAS
RUSSELL
COUNTY SS.

Affidavit of Publication

Frank Mercer, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is publisher of the ***Russell County News***, a weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Russell County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a weekly basis in Russell County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

Said newspaper is a weekly published one day a week and has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice; and has been admitted at the post office of Russell, Kansas, in said county as second class matter.

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for _____ consecutive _____, the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, with subsequent publications being made on the following dates:

_____, 20____ _____, 20____
_____, 20____ _____, 20____
_____, 20____ _____, 20____

Signed:_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

AMY HOSS
Notary Public, State of Kansas
My Appointment Expires
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Notary Public's Signature

Publication Fee $ _____
Affidavit, Notary's Fee $ _____
Additional copies ___ @___ $ _____
Total Publication Fee $ _____

Legal Notice

(Published in the *Russell County News* Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025)

Resolution #2025-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALDO PARADISE NATOMA FIRE DISTRICT 3, RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF

The Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire District 3 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 5.170 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 2nd day of September 2025 and SIGNED by the Governing Body.

Duke Strobel, Chairman

s/Steve Reinhardt
Steve Reinhardt, Member

s/Alan Kuntzsch
Alan Kuntzsch, Member

s/Dean Haselhorst
Dean Haselhorst, Member

s/Jason Krug
Jason Krug, Member

ATTEST:
s/Kristi A. Whitman (seal)
Kristi A. Whitman, County Clerk

Sept. 11

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, RUSSELL COUNTY, ss:

Rita Sharp, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is publisher of **The Lucas-Sylvan News,** a weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Russell County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a weekly basis in Russell County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

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

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular entire issue of said newspaper for one (1) consecutive week(s), the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the 11th day of September, 2025, with subsequent publications being made on the following dates:

_____, 2025 _____, 2025

_____, 2025 _____, 2025

Rita M Sharp

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day Oct, 2025

LAREE BRETZ
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF KANSAS
My Appt. Exp. 11/6/28

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Notary Public

Printer's fee $ 47.60

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in *The Lucas-Sylvan News*, Thursday, (September 11, 2025)1t

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF

The Waldo Paradise Natoma Fire District 3 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 5.170 mills.

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ADOPTED this 2nd day of September 2025 and SIGNED by the Governing Body.

s/Duke Strobel
Duke Strobel, Chairman

s/Steve Reinhardt
Steve Reinhardt, Member

s/Alan Kuntzsch
Alan Kuntzsch, Member

s/Dean Haselhorst
Dean Haselhorst, Member

s/Jason Krug