State of Kansas
Special District

CERTIFICATE

2023

To the Clerk of PRATT, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY

certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted
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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	0	5	5,400	2,526	
Debt Service	10-113				
Totals		xxxxxxxxx	5,400	2,526	
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate - Budget Hearing Notice					
RNR Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					Nov. 1, 2022 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate: 0.357

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: 8-25, 2022

County Clerk

Governing Body

CPA Summary

PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY
PRATT

2023

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

2022 Budgeted Funds	Tax Levy Amount in 2022 Budget	Allocation for Year 2023				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	2,536	70	1	7	2	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,536	70	1	7	2	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 70

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 1

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 7

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 2

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.02764

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Comm Veh Facto 0.00068

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2023

PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY
PRATT

Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2021	Current Amount for 2022	Proposed Amount for 2023	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 2022 and/or 2023 from a non-budgeted fund.

State of Kansas
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PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY
PRATT

2023

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2022	Date Due		Amount Due 2022		Amount Due 2023	
					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, 2022	Payments Due 2022	Payments Due 2023
			Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY
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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

2023

State of Kansas
Special District

Adopted Budget General	Prior Year Actual for 2021	Current Year Estimate for 2022	Proposed Budget Year for 2023
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	3,163	4,704	2,826
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	2,632	2,536	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	8		
Motor Vehicle Tax	76	70	70
Recreational Vehicle Tax	2	1	1
16/20M Vehicle Tax	10	15	7
Commercial Vehicle Tax	2		2
Watercraft Tax			0
LAVTR			0
In Lieu of Taxes			
Donation			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**2,730**	**2,622**	**81**
Resources Available:	**5,893**	**7,326**	**2,907**
Expenditures:			
Wages	189		200
Operations	1,000	4,500	5,200
Cash Forward (2023 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% Total Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	**1,189**	**4,500**	**5,400**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	4,704	2,826	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2021/2022/2023 Budget Authority Amount	5,000	4,500	5,400
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	5,400
		Tax Required	2,493
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	1.3%	33
		Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	2,526

CPA Summary

State of Kansas
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY

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General	1,189	0.379	4,500	0.368	5,400	2,526	0.354
Debt Service							
Totals	1,189	0.379	4,500	0.368	5,400	2,526	0.354
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.357*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,189		4,500		5,400		
Total Tax Levied	2,637		2,536		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	6,973,605		6,907,273		7,127,345		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,	2020	2021	2022
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*

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PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY
130337 NE 70TH ST,
PRESTON, KS 67583

Budget Notice

THAT said newspaper has been published at least weekly fifty (50) times a year and has been so published for at least five years prior to the first publication of the attached notice;

THAT said paper was entered as second-class mail matter at the post office of its publication;

Ed O'Neal Circulation Manager , Being duly sworn, doth depose and say that she/he is an authorized representative of the Pratt Tribune, a daily newspaper published in the city of Pratt, Pratt County, Kansas, and that an advertisement of which the annexed a true copy, taken from said paper, which was published therein on:

Ed O Neal

Ed O'Neal

PUBLISHED ON: 8-10-2022
TOTAL COST: $ 90
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Witness my hand this 11th Day of Aug 2022

SUBSCRIBED and Sworn to Before Me This 11th Day of August , 2022

Notary Public, Ford County, Kansas

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas
LLOYD L. GUM
My Appt. Exp. 02/12/2024

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(Published in the Pratt Tribune 8/10/22)

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
The governing body of
Pratt Cemetery
will meet on August 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Cullison Fire Station 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 is available at the Cullison Fire Station and will be available at that hearing.

State of Kansas
Special District
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FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,080	0.401	7,000	0.381	7,250	7,018	0.381
Debt Service							
Totals	2,080	0.401	7,000	0.381	7,250	7,018	0.381
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	2,080		7,000		7,250		
Total Tax Levied	6,761		6,761		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	19,653,752		18,345,309		18,722,265		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	2020	2021	2022
Jan 1,			
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*

Beth Rose
Treasurer

(Published in the St John News 8-10-22)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
City

The governing body of
St. John
will meet on September 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM at City Hall 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. 2023
Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at the hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
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Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2021		Current Year Estimate for 2022		Proposed Budget for 2023		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	893,892	50.000	996,000	50.000	1,000,000	887,779	44.000
Library	87,142	3.869	89,000	4.011	90,000	75,329	3.331
Special Highway	37,534				208,864		
TIF	38,445		41,148		40,988		
Special Parks			4,000		11,400		
Water System Capital Impr			50,000		998,043		
Storm Water Utility			31,462		30,000		
2% Ck Sales Tax	87,868		181,000		471,288		
Sewer Service	94,247		117,863		128,493		
Solid Waste	151,317		145,000		150,000		
Water & Light	1,711,840		1,800,700		1,831,028		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	638,811						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	92,998						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	154,703						
Totals	3,980,164	58,279	3,341,781	70,246	4,748,270	497,656	35,210
					Revenue Neutral Rate		64.911
Less: Transfers	368,825		763,000		763,000		
Net Expenditures	3,271,509		2,088,781		3,485,270		
Total Tax Levied	783,042		683,178		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	9,287,719		9,333,824		9,545,199		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

January 1,	2020	2021	2022
G.O. Bonds	0	0	710,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	667,868	618,100	781,000
Lease Purchase Principal	3,868	18,408	96,412
Total	671,857	636,508	1,587,412

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Jamie Crawford
City Official Title: City Administrator

(Published in the Pratt Tribune 8-10-22)

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
CARMI CEMETERY
PRATT
will meet on AUGUST 23 at 7:00 PM at LEON STALCUP 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 is available at COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget Expenditures and Amount of 4 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the budget. Estimated 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*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 4 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	1,276	1.626	12,500	1.570	14,500	7,039	1.501
Debt Service							
Totals	1,276	1.626	12,500	1.570	14,500	7,039	1.501
*Revenue Neutral Rate**							1.661
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,276		12,500		14,500		
Total Tax Levied	7,281		7,954		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	4,661,835		4,811,962		4,701,337		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	1	2	3
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 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13.*

CARMI CEMETERY

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Debt Service							
Totals	1,169	0.379	4,500	0.368	5,000	2,526	0.354
					*Revenue Neutral Rate**		0.337
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,169		4,500		5,000		
Total Tax Levied	2,637		2,526		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	6,971,697		6,907,275		7,127,345		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,	2020	2021	2022
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
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PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETARY

(Published in the Kiowa County Signal August 10, 2022)

Ordinance Summary

The City of Greensburg, Kansas, on August 1, 2022 adopted Ordinance No. 1112, repealing Ordinance 1109 and amending Chapter XI, Section 11-101 and Chapter XIV, Section 14-101 of the Code of the City of Greensburg, Kansas. This ordinance adopts and incorporates the 2022 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities and the 2022 Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. The complete text of Ordinance 1112 may be viewed or obtained free of charge at the office of the City Clerk or may be read on the City's website www.greensburgks.org for one week after this publication.

I certify the above summary of Ordinance 1112 is legally accurate and sufficient.

Date: August 1, 2022 Clayton I. Kerbs, *City Attorney*

(First Published in the Pratt Tribune on July 27, 2022)

In the 30th JUDICIAL COURT DISTRICT COURT OF Pratt, COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of Petition of Jessica Ann Mounts, Present Name To change his/her Jessica Ana Travis New Name.

Case # 2022-CV-000033. Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF HEARING

Publication the State of Kansas who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that Jessica Ann Mounts. filed a Petition in the above on the 20th day of July, 2022, requesting a Judgment and order changing his/her name from Jessica Ann Mounts to Jessica Ann Travis. This petition will be heard Pratt County District, 300 So Nhnescah St, Pratt, KS. on 26th Day of Sept. at 1:30 PM.

If you have any objection to the requested name change, you are required to file a responsive pleading on or before 26th Day of September, 2022, in this court or appear at the hearing and object to the requested name change. If you fail to act, judgment and order will be entered upon the Petition as requested by Petitioner.

Jessica Ann Mounts
609 Country Club Road | Pratt, Kansas 67124
3tms Wednesdays

CORN VARIETIES Continued from B5

– High yield.
– Strong adaptation to Texas and the southern U.S.

Xu has developed a set of inbred lines from breeding crosses between corn and Tripsacum, thanks partly to funding from the Texas Corn Producers Board, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the National Corn Growers Association Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence and other funding agencies.

The genes from Tripsacum are helping to broaden the genetic basis of current U.S. corn production and add the native resistance to disease and insects that are otherwise absent in the cultivated corn germplasm pool, he said.

"We've evaluated these lines under heavy natural fall armyworm infestation pressure in Lubbock and Puerto Rico," Xu said. "Our results show that several of the hundreds of evaluated Tripsacum-derived lines are highly resistant to fall armyworm and can produce high-yielding hybrids."

The native resistance also can boost the efficacy of pest control from transgenic Bt genes and extend the lifespan of the Bt technology, Parajulee said.

Corn research goals

Over the next two years, the team will characterize the expression of native resistance from Tripsacum against fall armyworm and quantify if the native resistance to insects can lower mycotoxin accumulation in grains.

The team will also determine the additive value of native resistance and commercial Bt traits across the range of production conditions.

They will also develop specific production optimization models that maximize the net returns from the fall armyworm and aflatoxin-fumonisin management, empowering producers to optimize the input resources for sustainable corn production, Parajulee said.

Other scientists involved in this project are Tom Isakeit, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist in the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology; Donna McCallister, Ph.D., AgriLife Research assistant professor of agricultural and applied economics with a joint appointment at Texas Tech University in Lubbock; and Muhammad Haseeb, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Entomology at Florida A&M University.

AWARD FINALISTS Continued from B5

sas Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service of Kansas, Green Cover Seed, McDonald's, The Nature Conservancy, and a Kansas Leopold Conservation Award recipient.

In his influential 1949 book, A Sand County Almanac, Leopold called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage, which he called "an evolutionary possibility and an ecological necessity."

For more information, visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

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RANCHLAND TRUST OF KANSAS is a private, non-profit organization founded by members of the Kansas Livestock Association in 2003. The organization was created to provide assistance to ranchers and landowners who desire to conserve their land with conservation easements. Guided by their mission to preserve Kansas' ranching heritage and open spaces for future generations through the conservation of working landscapes, the Ranchland Trust of Kansas values a commitment to conservation, respect for private landownership, integrity, organizational excellence and collaboration with those who share their values. The Ranchland Trust of Kansas remains an affiliate of the Kansas Livestock Association. www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org