2026

State of Kansas
City

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Smith County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
City of Kensington
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 expenditure for the various funds for the year 2026; and
(3) the Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	12-101a	7	201,008	120,278	44.101
Debt Service	10-113	8			
Library	12-1220	8	9,115	7,367	2.701
Special Highway		9	17,349		
Park & Recreation		9	5,122		
Solid Waste		10	58,633		
Water		10	181,343		
Sewer		11	125,320		
Swimming Pool		11	18,524		
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Neighborhood Revitalization		15			Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate: 44.953

Assisted by:
Mapes & Miller LLP

Address:
PO Box 266
Phillipsburg, KS 67661
Email:

Date Attested: _____ 2025

County Clerk

Governing Body

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City of Kensington

2026

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	115,450	16,133	417	130	1,584	210
Debt Service						
Library	7,154	1,000	26	8	98	13
TOTAL	122,604	17,133	443	138	1,682	223

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 17,133

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 443

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 138

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 1,682

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 223

Motor Vehicle Factor 0.13974

Recreational Vehicle Factor 0.00361

16/20 Vehicle Factor 0.00113

Commercial Vehicle Factor 0.01372

Watercraft Factor 0.00182

City of Kensington 2026

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	Capital Improvements				12-1,118
Solid Waste	Capital Improvements		10,000	18,000	12-825d
Sewer	Capital Improvements		10,000	20,000	12-825d
Water	Capital Improvements			10,000	12-825d
	Totals	0	20,000	48,000	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	0	20,000	48,000	

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

City of Kensington

2026

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:											
KS Public Water Supply	2/1/2017	2/1/2038	1.56	306,935	218,898	02/01 08/01	02/01 08/01	4,113	14,359	3,837	14,635
Total G.O. Bonds					**218,898**			**4,113**	**14,359**	**3,837**	**14,635**
Revenue Bonds:											
Water Rights/Land	9/1/2016	9/8/2035	5.00	92,358	63,477	9/8	9/8	3,174	4,468	2,950	4,692
Total Revenue Bonds					**63,477**			**3,174**	**4,468**	**2,950**	**4,692**
Other:											
Total Other					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Indebtedness					**282,375**			**7,287**	**18,827**	**6,787**	**19,327**

City of Kensington

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 Kensington
Smith 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	$7,154	$7,367
Delinquent Tax	$200	$200
Motor Vehicle Tax	$950	$1,000
Recreational Vehicle Tax	$34	$26
16/20M Vehicle Tax	$22	$8
LAVTR	$0	$0
	$0	$0
TOTAL TAXES	$8,360	$8,601
Difference in Total Taxes:	$241	
Qualify for grant: Qualify		

Second test:

Assessed Valuation	$2,593,365	$2,727,329
Did Assessed Valuation Decrease?	No	
Levy Rate	2.759	2.701
Difference in Levy Rate:	(0.058)	
Qualify for grant: Not 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 Library.

City of Kensington 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	7,798	858	3,312
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	103,807	115,450	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	1,104	2,000	2,000
Motor Vehicle Tax	17,986	15,074	16,133
Recreational Vehicle Tax	454	535	417
16/20M Vehicle Tax	365	357	130
Commercial Vehicle Tax	1,776	1,607	1,584
Watercraft Tax		132	210
Gross Earning (Intangible) Tax	11,862	11,731	22,264
LAVTR			0
City and County Revenue Sharing			0
Local Alcoholic Liquor	966	1,214	911
Franchise Tax	15,583	16,100	16,200
Licenses & Permits	379	500	500
Fines	148	300	300
Reimbursed Expenses	7,018	5,000	5,000
Grants			
In Lieu of Tax (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds	7,828	10,500	9,500
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate	-2,335	-624	-1,604
Miscellaneous	9,377	6,000	6,000
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**176,318**	**185,876**	**79,545**
Resources Available:	**184,116**	**186,734**	**82,857**
Expenditures:			
General Government	134,410	139,700	147,550
Debt Service	18,472	18,472	18,472
Swimming Pool Personal Services	20,030	20,500	21,000
Police Contractual	2,400	2,500	3,000
Street Material	7,896	2,250	10,486
Parks & Rec-Ground Maint			500
Transfer to Capital Improvement			
Cash Forward (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous	50		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**183,258**	**183,422**	**201,008**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	858	3,312	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	191,336	196,772	201,008
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	201,008
		Tax Required	118,151
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	1.8%	2,127
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	**120,278**

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OPTIONAL DETAIL PAGE FOR ANY FUND

Adopted Budget Fund - Detail Expend	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Expenditures:			
General Government			
Personal Services	31,803	32,000	35,000
Maintenance	2,343	4,000	10,000
Supplies	2,402	4,000	5,000
Office Exp	5,524	5,600	6,000
Utilities	21,752	22,000	22,150
Health Insurance	23,685	24,000	14,500
Professional Fees	9,970	9,500	10,000
Attorney			500
Mileage	0	100	100
Contractual	360	500	2,500
Freight & Express		100	500
Insurance	27,608	28,000	29,000
Grants & Donations	200	150	500
Property Taxes	4,979	5,500	6,500
Miscellaneous	584	900	1,200
Alcoholic Beverage Cont	50	50	100
Remittances	1,180	1,100	1,500
Reimbursement	720	900	1,000
Training & Education			
Food/Concessions		100	
Machinery & Equipment	1,250	1,200	1,500
Total	**134,410**	**139,700**	**147,550**
Debt Service			
System Improvements			
Loan Principal	14,089	14,359	14,635
Loan Interest	3,580	3,359	3,134
Debt Service Fees	803	754	703
Total	**18,472**	**18,472**	**18,472**

Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

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Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**

Page Total	**152,882**	**158,172**	**166,022**

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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		0	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			
Recreational Vehicle Tax			
16/20M Vehicle Tax			
Commercial Vehicle Tax			
Watercraft Tax			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Basis Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	0	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	1.8%	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	167	167	632
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	6,542	7,154	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	73	200	200
Motor Vehicle Tax	1,222	950	1,000
Recreational Vehicle Tax	31	34	26
16/20M Vehicle Tax	24	22	8
Commercial Vehicle Tax	121	101	98
Watercraft Tax		8	13
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate	-147	-129	-99
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**7,866**	**8,340**	**1,246**
Resources Available:	**8,033**	**8,507**	**1,878**
Expenditures:			
Appropriation to Library	7,866	7,875	9,115
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**7,866**	**7,875**	**9,115**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	167	632	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	8,537	8,200	9,115
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	9,115
		Tax Required	7,237
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	1.8%	130
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	7,367

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Qualifies for

City of Kensington 2026

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	29	1,109	5,479
Receipts:			
State of Kansas Gas Tax	10,877	11,870	11,870
County Transfers Gas		0	0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**10,877**	**11,870**	**11,870**
Resources Available:	**10,906**	**12,979**	**17,349**
Expenditures:			
Repairing & Servicing	100	200	1,000
Machine & Equipment			
Equipment Maintenance	320	300	529
Rent Equipment	8,125	4,000	8,000
Office Supplies		500	750
Equipment Main Supplies		500	1,270
Street Material	600	1,000	4,800
Fuel	652	1,000	1,000
Cash Forward (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**9,797**	**7,500**	**17,349**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1,109	5,479	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	20,205	13,079	17,349

Adopted Budget **Park & Recreation**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	1,655	2,298	2,611
Receipts:			
Liquor Tax	966	1,213	911
Park & Rec Fees	583	500	600
Grants			1,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total R			
Total Receipts	**1,549**	**1,713**	**2,511**
Resources Available:	**3,204**	**4,011**	**5,122**
Expenditures:			
Maintenance	104	300	1,887
Utilities	802	700	1,479
Supplies		400	1,756
Cash Forward (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total E			
Total Expenditures	**906**	**1,400**	**5,122**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	2,298	2,611	0
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	3,779	4,735	5,122

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

City of Kensington

will meet on September 8, 2025 at 5:00 pm at City Office 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 City Office 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.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget 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	183,258	43.443	183,422	44.517	201,008	120,278	44.101
Debt Service							
Library	7,866	2.738	7,875	2.759	9,115	7,367	2.701
Special Highway	9,797		7,500		17,349		
Park & Recreation	906		1,400		5,122		
Solid Waste	29,860		40,000		58,633		
Water	144,981		117,342		181,343		
Sewer	31,193		42,250		125,320		
Swimming Pool	7,989		4,900		18,524		
Non-Budgeted Funds	95,364						
Totals	511,214	46.181	404,689	47.276	616,414	127,645	46.802
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*44.953*
Less: Transfers	0		20,000		48,000		
Net Expenditure	511,214		384,689		568,414		
Total Tax Levied	113,017		122,604		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,447,257		2,593,365		2,727,329		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	246,810	232,987	218,898
Revenue Bonds	0	0	63,477
Other	75,261	67,733	0
Lease Purchase Principal	322,071	300,720	0
Total	644,142	601,440	282,375

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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

Amber Hardacre

City Official Title: City Clerk

City of Kensington

Summary of Significant Assumptions and Selected Information - Substantially All Disclosures Required By The Regulatory Basis Of Accounting As Prescribed By The State of Kansas Are Not Included.

Year Ending December 31, 2026

Note A: NATURE OF THE PROJECTION

This financial projection presents, to the best of Management's knowledge and belief, the City's results of operations and significant changes in financial position for the projection period if the hypothetical assumptions occur. Accordingly, the projection reflects Management's judgment as of June 26, 2025 the date of this projection, of the expected conditions if the hypothetical assumptions occur. There will usually be differences between projected and actual results, because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material. This summary of assumptions is not all-inclusive and the budget is based on circumstances and conditions existing at the time it was prepared.

Note B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS

Receipts –

a. Budgeted property tax revenues for 2026 are based on estimates provided by the County Treasurer, and the property valuation provided by the County Clerk.

b. Water sales and sewer charges budgeted for 2026 were increased based on increases or potential increases to rates.

c. Other 2026 budgeted receipts are deemed to be similar to prior years with increases anticipated.

Expenditures –

a. Budgeted expenditures for personal services in 2026 were increased due to expected annual pay rate increases and increased costs of employee benefits.

b. Budgeted payments for debt are based on the amortization schedules for each bond.

c. Other 2026 budgeted expenditures are deemed to be similar to prior years with increases anticipated due to inflation.

d. The City anticipates potential repairs and upgrades to the infrastructure in 2025 and into 2026.

e. There will not be any catastrophic events or circumstances beyond the City's control that would affect the above assumptions.

Note C: BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

All legal annual operating budgets are prepared using the regulatory basis of accounting, in which regulatory receipts are recongnized when cash is received and expenditures include disbursements, accounts payable, and encumbrances, with disbursements being adjusted for prior year's accounts payable and encumbrances.

Resolution No. 2025-02

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

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Kensington was calculated as 44.953 mills by the Smith County Clerk; and

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 8, 2025, allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Kensington, 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 KENSINGTON:

The City of Kensington shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 46.802 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 8th day of September, 2025, and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Max Kuhlmann, Mayor

Attested:

Amber B. Hardacre, City Clerk

Kensington City Council Meeting

Sept. 8, 2025

Location: City Office

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE/BUDGET HEARING – 5:00PM

Mayor Max Kuhlmann called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Present were councilmembers Don Dodds Jr., Don Dodds Sr., Charlie Grimm, and Blayne Bienhoff. Also present were employees Amber Hardacre and Troy Conaway. Guests in attendance were Jennifer Corbett, Lorin Corbett, and Don Johnson.

Mayor Kuhlmann asked for comments from the public. There were no comments. Blayne moved, seconded by Charlie to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Votes recorded as follows: Don Dodds, Sr.—Aye, Charlie Grimm—Aye, Don Dodds, Jr.—Aye, Blayne Bienhoff—Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Amber read Resolution 2025-02 aloud. Charlie moved, seconded by Don Sr. to adopt Resolution 2025-02. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Max Kuhlmann adjourned the revenue neutral rate hearing at 5:06pm and called the budget hearing to order at 5:06pm. Jennifer and Lorin Corbett questioned the council on barking dogs, problem properties, mosquito spraying, the water tower, and council pay. Jennifer Corbett and Don Johnson left the meeting at 5:24pm. Charlie moved, seconded by Don Sr., to adopt the 2026 budget as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The budget hearing adjourned at 5:28pm. Lorin Corbett left the meeting at 5:28pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Max Kuhlmann called the regular meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Council reviewed minutes from the Aug. 11 meeting. Charlie moved, seconded by Blayne, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried 4-0. The bills were reviewed. Charlie moved, seconded by Don Jr. to approve the bills and issue payment. Motion carried 4-0. Amber presented the treasurer's report. Don Jr. moved, seconded by Charlie to approve the report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Country View Board—Don Sr. volunteered to fill the last open position on the Country View Village Board. Don Jr. moved, seconded by Blayne, appoint Don Sr. to the Country View Village Board. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacate request—David Levin has requested the city vacate North Lincoln Street on the block between Oak St. and Highway 36. It is a street that has never been developed and there is a building belonging to Levin Construction that occupies a few feet of what would be N. Lincoln St. Council will look into the process to vacate the street.

REPORTS

Time cards/leave reports—Council reviewed

Troy—Updated council on the waterlines on North Main. The Hoverson line is complete and the bore under the highway is complete, but the service line at Brenda Deibert's house still needs completed. The pickup will need tires before winter. Troy was instructed to get a quote from the tire shop in Athol and Hudson Tire. Troy is still planning on getting a new door for the chlorination building.

Pool—The pool closed for the summer on Aug. 3. It still needs tarped. Troy is planning on talking to Mr. Yoxall to get kids from the high school to assist.

Amber—Waiting on a return phone call from Tony Grant about the Water Projects Grant information. Amber will apply for SCCF, Dane G. Hansen, and HOME Foundation for pool grants. We received gifts of $1000 from Cedar Township and $1640 from the Cleon Dettmer Trust for the pool. The city has approximately $19,000 in the grant fund that can be used for the pool painting project. The Kansas Towns Grant is still in process—benches for Main were assembled by Max Kuhlmann, and we have trash cans that need installed at the roadside park. Troy wants to run cement for them to sit on. Two park benches still need ordered and three merry-go-rounds need refurbished in Hays before the grant will be complete. The first grant update is due at the end of September.

OTHER

East Cedar St. by the Brockelman house was discussed. It's in bad shape and should be barricaded or marked as minimum maintenance.

The intersection at S. Jackson and Walnut was discussed. A resident there has asked for a stop sign. There are children at that corner and the cars parking there make it a blind a dangerous corner. Amber will ask about the parking and if an ordinance is needed to erect a yield sign.

KORA complaint update—The county attorney reported that there has been no violation of the KORA.

Dog barking complaint—A resident would like to file a complaint, but Amber is waiting to hear back from the attorney about the complaint process.

Alvie Ratliff said he would spray this fall.

Amber will send letters about a dog walked off-leash, Health & Welfare violations on North Main St., and property clean up in the alley behind Main Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION--None

ADJOURN

Don Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08PM. Blayne seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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General	183,258	43.443	183,422	44.517	201,008	120,278	44.101
Debt Service							
Library	7,866	2.738	7,875	2.759	9,115	7,367	2.701
Special Highway	9,797		7,500		17,349		
Park & Recreation	906		1,400		5,122		
Solid Waste	29,860		40,000		58,633		
Water	144,981		117,342		181,343		
Sewer	31,193		42,250		125,320		
Swimming Pool	7,989		4,900		18,524		
Non-Budgeted Funds	95,364						
Totals	511,214	46.181	404,689	47.276	616,414	127,645	46.802
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*44.953*
Less: Transfers	0		20,000		48,000		
Net Expenditure	511,214		384,689		568,414		
Total Tax Levied	113,017		122,604		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,447,257		2,593,365		2,727,329		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	246,810	232,987	218,898
Revenue Bonds	0	0	63,477
Other	75,261	67,733	0
Lease Purchase Principal	322,071	300,720	0
Total	644,142	601,440	282,375

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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

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