CERTIFICATE 2026

To the Clerk of Morris County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Highland 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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General	79-1962	5	10,591	8,005	2.276
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Road	68-518c				
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Totals		xxxxxx	10,591	8,005	2.276
Budget Hearing Notice		6			County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice					3,516,536
Rate Hearing Notice					
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation

Revenue Neutral Rate 2.274

Assisted by:
Morris County Clerk
Chelsey Schmidt
Address:
501 West Main Street
Council Grove, KS 66846
Email:
cschmidt@morriscountyks.org

Jeremy Harmison treasurer Jeremy Harmison
Karen Harmison clerk Karen Harmison
Jamye Comp trustee Jamye Comp

Attest: October 23, 2025
Chelsey Schmidt
County Clerk

COUNTY CLERK SEAL MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

Governing Body

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

CPA Summary

Highland Township
Morris County

2026

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

Budgeted Funds for 2025	Tax Levy Amount in 2025 Budget	Allocation for Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	8,005	448	5	116	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library	0	0	0	0	0	0
Road	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,005	448	5	116	0	0

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate 448

County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate 5

County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate 116

County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate 0

County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate 0

MVT Factor 0.05597

RVT Factor 0.00062

16/20M Factor 0.01449

Comm Veh Factor 0.00000

Watercraft Factor 0.00000

2026

Highland Township

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	-	-	-	
NONE					
	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.

Highland Township
Morris County

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
G.O. Bonds										
NONE										
Total G.O. Bonds				0			0	0	0	0
Other										
NONE										
Total Other				0			0	0	0	0
Total Indebtedness				**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**

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

Highland Township 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 January 1	1,465	1,831	2,017
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	8,009	8,005	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	108		
Motor Vehicle Tax	741	512	448
Recreational Vehicle Tax	8	5	5
16/20 M Vehicle Tax	47	165	116
Commercial Vehicle Tax			0
Watercraft Tax			0
LAVTR			0
Gross Earnings (Intangibles) Tax			0
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**8,913**	**8,687**	**569**
Resources Available:	**10,378**	**10,518**	**2,586**
Expenditures:			
Fire Contract to White City (2.5 mills)	8,455	8,406	8,804
RNR & Budget Publications	92	95	95
Cash Forward (2026 column)			1,692
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	**8,547**	**8,501**	**10,591**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1,831	2,017	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	10,089	10,170	10,591
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	10,591
		Tax Required	8,005
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.0%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	8,005

CPA Summary

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	8,547	2.366	8,501	2.381	10,591	8,005	2.273
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*2.274*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	8,547		8,501		10,591		
Total Tax Levied	8,000		8,005		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	3,381,963		3,362,567		3,521,704		
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		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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

Jeremy Harmison
Highland Township Treasurer

Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

THE GOVERNING BODY OF HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP, 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)

_____
Clerk or Officer of Governing Body

Karen Harmison Karen Harmison

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July 31, 2025

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Joann M. Kahnt
Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of August, 2025.

Notary Public Brooke Hirt

My commission expires: 12/19/27

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

PEACHES - Colorado peaches will be available August 9 from 9-11 am at the Morris County Courthouse in Council Grove or after 9 am at 783 South 2100 Road, White City. $46 per box. Must pre-order by calling 785-349-2334.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: Self-storage space in Dwight and White City. For information, call Jack York (785) 482-3285. *RI/mc/1-11*

FOR RENT: R & L Storage in Alta Vista. Call 785-499-5312. *RI/mc/1-11*

THANK YOU

We would like to again take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked on coordinating and preparing for the 17th Annual Jeremy Hopper Memorial Softball Tournament. The family would like to thank all the teams that participated in the tournament to make it another big success. A special thank you goes out to our coordinators, Mr. Nicholas Morgan, Mrs. Kilynn Elliott and Mrs. Jenna Brown and new member Mr. Jaren Nittler. Congratulations go out to the winners, Quit Yo Pitchin, it was a long, hard, fought battle against one of our familiar winners Whiskey Stix.

We also want to send a thank you to the FFA and the Senior Class for the concession stand. Thanks again to all the Pyro Crew for the spectacular fireworks display. The community for the wonderful Independence Day celebration. A lot of hard work goes into making each year bigger and better than the last.

If we have forgotten to mention anyone please know that you are truly appreciated.

The Jeremy Hopper Family

"We the People" Artist Meet & Greet Reception (book signing)

Abilene, Kan. - The Eisenhower Presidential Library is honored to welcome artist Mary Whyte for a reception and book signing event open to the public. Please join us on Friday, August 1, for a special reception preceding the Military Appreciation Night of the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo!

This complimentary event presents a unique opportunity to engage with the artist and her poignant exhibition "WE THE PEOPLE: Portraits of Veterans in America." This collection of watercolor paintings honors the contributions of American veterans from varied backgrounds and experiences across the 50 states. We welcome you to join us in this meaningful opportunity to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices made by our nation's veterans.

ugust 1, 2025 | 4 - 7 p.m.

4 p.m.: Reception & Presentation (Library Indoor Courtyard)

5 p.m.: Gallery Walk & Exhibit Visit (Museum Temporary Gallery)

6 p.m.: Book Signing (Museum Lobby)

This exhibit and special reception are made possible through the generous support of the Eisenhower Foundation.

Dog Show, cont. from pg. 6

man – Beatty Mayer

Junior Reserve Grand Champion Showman – Samantha McDonald

Pee Wee Division: Rylee Baseley, Red – WW; Ava Butler, Blue – DS;

Pee Wee Grand Champion Showman – Ava Butler

Pee Wee Reserve Grand Champion Showman – Rylee Baseley

Graduate Novice (for those receiving a qualifying score in Novice in the previous year requiring the following exercises: heel on leash, heel and figure 8, stand for exam off leash, drop on recall, three-minute sit, handler out of sight, five minutes down with handler out of sight.) – Castyn Andres – Red

Richard Allen Obedience Graduate Novice Award – Castyn Andres

Obedience:

Pre-Novice C (experienced handler 3 years or more with any dog): Cutler Kasten, Blue; Laramie Mayer, White; Samantha McDonald, Red; Lexi Todd, Blue; Alyvia Corgill, White

Champion Pre-Novice C – Lexi Todd

Reserve Champion Pre-Novice C – Cutler Kasten

Pre-Novice B (second year handler with any dog or first year handler with experienced dog): Memphis Burton, Red; Ava Butler, Blue; Beatty Mayer, White

Champion Pre-Novice B – Ava Butler

Reserve Champion Pre-Novice B – Memphis Burton

Pre-Novice A (first year handler and first year dog): Rylee Baseley, White; Riggin Parker, White; Conner Shearer, Red

Champion Pre-Novice A – Conner Shearer

Reserve Champion Pre-Novice A – Riggin Parker

Agility:

Off Leash: Castyn Andres, Blue; Lexi Todd, Purple

Off Leash Grand Champion: Lexi Todd

Off Leash Reserve Grand Champion: Castyn Andres

Large Dog over 20 inches: Ava Butler, Purple; Cutler Kasten, Purple; Riggin Parker, Purple; Conner Shearer, Blue

Large Dog over 20 inches Grand Champion: Ava Butler

Large Dog over 20 inches Reserve Grand Champion: Riggin Parker

Medium Dog Between 15-20 inches: Rylee Baseley, Purple; Memphis Burton, Blue; Laramie Mayer, Red; Samantha McDonald, Blue

Medium Dog Between 15-20 inches Grand Champion: Rylee Baseley

Medium Dog Between 15-20 inches Reserve Grand Champion: Memphis Burton

Small Dog Less Than 15 inches: Beatty Mayer, Blue

Grand Champion Dog Less than 15 inches – Beatty Mayer

Club Codes: DS – Dwight Sunflowers; NV – Neosho Valley; FH – Flint Hills; WW – Willing Workers

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In August 1762 the sandwich, as we know it, was created when the Earl of Sandwich requested meat between two pieces of bread.

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August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

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August also has two birth flowers – the vibrant multicolored gladiolus and the deep crimson poppy.

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