CERTIFICATE

2026

To the Clerk of Barton County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
Independent 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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Fund	K.S.A.				
General	79-1962		4,675	942	0.075
Debt Service	10-113				
Library	12-1220		33,750	29,128	2.325
Road	68-518c		121,625	106,051	13.729
Special Road	80-1413				
Noxious Weed	2-1318				
Fire Protection	80-1503				
Special Machinery					
Totals		xxxxxx	160050	136121.46	16.129
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Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate					

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

Township Only Funds Revenue Neutral Rate	13.654
Township/3rd Class City Funds Revenue Neutral Rate	2.392

Assisted by:

Address:
311 W Pine
Claflin, KS 67525
Email:
indtwpbtco@gmail.com

Attest: _____, 2025

_____
County Clerk

_____
Governing Body

Special Road Election held _____ for ___Mills for ___ years.
First levy in _____.

CPA Summary

Independent Township

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	0.172	51	191	1	3	7	9	0	8	1	4
***	Debt Service	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
***	Library	2.460	729	2,731	10	36	102	122	5	118	19	52
	Road	15.219	4,508		64		632		34		117	
	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
***		0.000	0	0	0	0	0	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
	Total	17.851	5,288		75		741		40		138	
	Total - 3rd Class City Levies (***)	2.632		2,921		39		131		126		56

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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	21,000	20,000	20,000	KSA 68-141g
	Total	21,000	20,000	20,000	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	21,000	20,000	20,000	

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

Independent Township
Barton 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										
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.

WORKSHEET FOR STATE GRANT-IN-AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Budgeted Year: 2026

Library found in: Independent Township
Barton County

As provided in KSA 75-2555 *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	$29,725	$29,128
Delinquent Tax	$0	$0
Motor Vehicle Tax	$2,921	$3,459
Recreational Vehicle Tax	$39	$47
16/20M Vehicle Tax	$131	$224
LAVTR	$0	$0
	$0	$0
TOTAL TAXES	$32,816	$32,858
Difference in Total Taxes:	$43	
Qualify for grant: Qualify		

Second test:

Assessed Valuation	#########	#########
Did Assessed Valuation Decrease?	No	
Levy Rate	2.460	2.317
Difference in Levy Rate:	(0.143)	
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 see the below narrative for assistance from the State Library.

Independent 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	3,563	4,461	1,424
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	3,633	1,977	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	124		
Motor Vehicle Tax	463	204	242
Recreational Vehicle Tax		3	3
16/20 M Vehicle Tax	53	17	16
Commercial Vehicle Tax	14	9	9
Watercraft Tax		712	5
Gross Earnings (Intangibles) Tax			0
			2,000
Interest on Idle Funds	27	40	40
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	20		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**4,335**	**2,962**	**2,314**
Resources Available:	**7,898**	**7,424**	**3,738**
Expenditures:			
Officers Pay			
Salaries & Wages		4,000	3,000
Employee Benefits			
Supplies	1,924	1,600	1,275
Equipment			
Buildings Maintenance	615		
Insurance	898	400	400
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 Avai			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**3,437**	**6,000**	**4,675**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	4,461	1,424	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	4,150	6,000	4,675
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	4,675
		Tax Required	937
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.5%	5
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	942

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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	16,566	0	186
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	107,263	106,059	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	1,596		
Motor Vehicle Tax	5,759	5,083	4,508
Recreational Vehicle Tax		72	64
16/20M Vehicle Tax	991	724	632
Commercial Vehicle Tax	35	31	34
Watercraft Tax		134	117
Special Highway/Gasoline Tax	5,248	4,583	4,583
O&C Cemetery	4,500	5,000	6,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	49		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% of Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**125,441**	**121,686**	**15,937**
Resources Available:	**142,007**	**121,686**	**16,123**
Expenditures:			
Officers Pay	5,736	6,000	6,000
Salaries & Wages	24,562	24,500	24,500
Employee Benefits			
Road Maintenance	12,332	13,000	13,000
Road Materials	44,356	25,000	25,125
Equipment	23,405	23,000	23,000
Insurance	10,459	10,000	10,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Transfer to Special Machinery	21,000	20,000	20,000
Does transfer exceed 25% of Resources Avail			
Miscellaneous	157		
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	**142,007**	**121,500**	**121,625**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	186	xxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	144,500	127,750	121,625
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	121,625
		Tax Required	105,502
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.5%	549
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	106,051

Special Machinery K.S.A. 68-141g	2024 Actual
Unencumbered Cash Balance, Jan 1	
Transfers from:	
Road Fund	21,000
General Fund (No Levy)	0
General Fund (Gen has Levy)	0
Interest on Idle Funds	
Other	
Resources Available:	**21,000**
Total Expenditures	
Unencumbered Cash Balance, Dec 31	**21,000**

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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	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			0
Recreational Vehicle Tax			0
16/20M Vehicle Tax			0
Commercial Vehicle Tax			0
Watercraft Tax			0
Interest on Idle Funds	0		
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expendit			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amou	0	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.5%	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	1,087	1,250	848
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	27,938	29,725	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	621		
Motor Vehicle Tax	3,524	2,921	3,459
Recreational Vehicle Tax		39	47
16/20M Vehicle Tax	184	131	224
Commercial Vehicle Tax	109	126	123
Watercraft Tax		56	71
Interest on Idle Funds	0	0	0
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			0
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Receipts			
Total Receipts	**32,377**	**32,998**	**3,924**
Resources Available:	**33,464**	**34,248**	**4,773**
Expenditures:			
Funds to Library Board	32,214	33,400	33,750
Miscellaneous			
Does misc. exceed 10% of Total Expendit			
Total Expenditures	**32,214**	**33,400**	**33,750**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1,250	848	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amou	32,215	33,400	33,750
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	33,750
		Tax Required	28,977
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	0.5%	151
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	29,128

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Independent Township
Barton County
will meet on August 12, 2025 at 8:00 PM at Randy Oeser residence, 101 6th St. Claflin, KS 67525 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.
Detailed budget information is available at Randy Oeser residence, 101 6th St. Claflin, KS 67525 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 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 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	3,437	0.336	6,000	0.172	4,675	942	0.075
Debt Service							
Library	32,214	2.585	33,400	2.460	33,750	29,128	2.317
Road	142,007	16.047	121,500	15.219	121,625	106,051	13.654
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machinery							
Totals	177,657	18.968	160,900	17.851	160,050	136,121	16.046
					*Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**		*13.654*
					*Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**		*2.392*
Less: Transfers	21,000		20,000		20,000		
Net Expenditure	156,657		140,900		140,050		
Total Tax Levied	150,314		137,761		xxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	10,707,962		11,428,443		12,569,163		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					7,767,237		

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*

Randy Oeser
Trustee

STATE OF KANSAS
BARTON COUNTY

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

SS.

Audra Musil

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is the Legals Clerk

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

THAT said paper has a general paid circulation on a daily, or weekly, or monthly, or yearly basis in

BARTON County, Kansas, and is

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That the attached notice was published in a regular issue of said newspaper

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(Sign) Audra Musil

Witness my hand this 4th day of Aug, 2025

SUBSCRIBED and Sworn to before me this 4th

day of August 2025

Linda Pringle

(Notary Public)

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF KANSAS
Linda Pringle
My Appt. Exp. 3-8-27

My commission expires _____

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THE GOVERNING BODY OF
INDEPENDENT TOWNSHIP,
BARTON COUNTY

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RANDY OESER RESIDENCE, 101 6TH STREET, CLAFLIN, KS
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.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

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	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budg. Author. Expenditures	Amount of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	3,437	0.336	6,000	0.172	4,675	942	0.075
Debt Service							
Library	32,214	2.585	33,400	2.460	33,750	29,128	2.317
Road	142,007	16.047	121,500	15.219	121,625	106,051	13.654
Special Road							
Noxious Weed							
Fire Protection							
Special Machin.							
TOTALS	177,657	18.968	160,900	17.851	160,050	136,121	16.046
					Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**		13.654
					Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate**		2.392
Less: Transfers	21,000		20,000		20,000		
Net Expenditure	156,657		140,900		140,050		
Total Tax Levied	150,314		137,761		xxxxxxxxx		
Ass'd Valuation	10,707,962		11,426,443		12,569,163		
Township Ass'd Valuation					7,767,237		

OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS, JANUARY 1

	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purch Princ	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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

Randy Oeser,
Township Trustee