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are not the only budgets that will be cut. Concisely, Republicans say these cuts will streamline administrative operations in each of these agencies and the cuts will not be to recipients, but to administration of the program.

On the other hand, Democrats fear an increasingly intense bureaucracy that would cause unnecessary delays in administering benefits.

As the politicians battle it out, the health care industry is concerned that reimbursement to critical access hospitals will be reduced with the possibility resulting in decreased services, loss of qualified personnel, an increase in rates and in certain cases, closing.

That is how this issue becomes local.

Next week we will talk with the administrators at Lincoln County Hospital to see what challenges they face in view of the proposed budgets.

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

State of Kansas
Special District

The governing body of
Central Kansas Library System
Barton County

will meet on August 27, 2025 at 10:00 am at 1430 S Fossil St, Russell, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to levied and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at 1409 Williams, Great Bend, KS and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES

Barton County (home county) Cloud County, Ellis County, Ellsworth County, Jewell County, Lincoln County Mitchell County, Osborne County, Ottawa County, Phillips County, Republic County, Rooks County Rush County, Russell County, Saline County, Smith 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 for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
FUND						
General	2,117,449	1.273	2,382,000	1.287	2,462,000	1.536
Employee Benefits	264,970	0.235	358,000	0.177	383,000	0.201
Non-Budgeted Funds	229,171					
Totals	2,611,590	1.508	2,740,000	1.464	2,845,000	2.431.063
						1.737
						Revenue Neutral Rate**
						1.434
Less: Transfers	0		0		0	
Net Expenditures	2,611,590		2,740,000		2,845,000	
Total Tax Levied	2,092,243		2,145,590		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Assessed Valuation	1,396,699,026		1,466,763,271		1,399,628,021	
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.	9,530		5,280		0	
Total	9,530		5,280		0	

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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

Gail Santy
Director

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Lincoln Center

will meet on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall 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 City Hall 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 for 2026	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax
FUND						Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,095,663	30.086	1,029,895	30.080	1,692,137	28.067
Bond & Interest	49,904		49,672		49,408	
Library	68,578	8.594	70,364	8.593	71,000	63.859
Employee Benefits	29,543	2.854	48,500	2.854	55,000	20.809
Special Liability	5,760		6,500		68,623	
Special Highway	171,182		55,000		104,412	
Special Park & Rec	974		1,180		28,582	
Recreation	64,747		138,300		203,193	
Solid Waste	106,531		108,500		135,389	
Electric	1,902,080		2,086,172		5,393,278	
Water	360,073		410,048		719,960	
Sewer	152,134		231,000		735,191	
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	163,838					
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	18,500					
Totals	4,189,507	41.534	4,235,131	41.527	9,256,173	300.330
						39.086
						Revenue Neutral Rate**
						39.090
Less: Transfers	487,904		486,672		471,408	
Net Expenditure	3,701,603		3,748,459		8,784,765	
Total Tax Levied	300,334		300,330		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Assessed Valuation	6,591,813		7,232,561		7,683,821	
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
January 1,	2023		2024		2025	
G.O. Bonds	456,000		391,000		353,000	
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0	
Other	1,150,774		1,056,025		1,006,642	
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0	
Total	1,606,774		1,447,025		1,359,642	

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Beverly

will meet on September 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at 203 N Main Street 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 City Hall 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 for 2026	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax
FUND						Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	51,036	26.697	123,760	25.232	69,855	15.127
Debt Service						18.011
Library						
Special Highway	4,817		5,000		17,915	
Water Utility	41,252		52,804		43,369	
Sewer Utility	32,207		18,303		30,303	
Refuse	13,421		6,473		11,000	
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	111,653					
Totals	254,386	26.697	206,340	25.232	172,442	15.127
						18.011
						Revenue Neutral Rate**
						19.217
Less: Transfers	0		80,000		0	
Net Expenditure	254,386		126,340		172,442	
Total Tax Levied	16,890		16,140		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
Assessed Valuation	632,648		640,427		839,891	
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
January 1,	2023		2024		2025	
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0	
Revenue Bonds	176,281		164,522		158,244	
Other	12,207		6,192		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	6,000		0		0	
Total	194,488		170,714		158,244	

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Rhonda I. Bell
Official Title: City Clerk

County Fair Results



Tyra Meyer, GC Breeding Beef



Nash Seehafer, GC Breeding Ewe



August Battenhoff, GC Bucket Calf Showman



Ty Mueller, Open Class, RGC Bucket Calf

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

Here's a fresh summer salad that is right on 'cue-cumber'



some garlic powder in my version.

Cucumber and Basil Salad

Ingredients

- 1 large English or regular cucumber
- 3 tablespoons fresh basil, cut into thin ribbons
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- salt and pepper, to taste

Directions

Cut the cucumber into about one-inch slices, and then cut the slices into bite-sized pieces. Place them in a mixing bowl.

Add the basil, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic powder, salt and pepper, and stir well to make sure the cucumber is well coated. (I used a mixing bowl with a lid and just shook it gently to coat it all more quickly.)

Cover the bowl and refrigerate the salad for about two hours or until it's completely chilled. Give it another good stir, and serve.

This was extremely simple, was really quick to make and it only made a couple servings, so it was the perfect amount for our small household.

I was a little worried I wouldn't like the lemon juice, but it wasn't overpowering at all, and the mixture really let the cucumber and basil shine.

Plus, it used up a whole cucumber, which—if my calculations are correct—means I and everyone else reading this only needs to make this five times apiece to use up all of this year's crop.

Let's get to it, everybody.

Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at spiceup-kitchen.net.