

# All Things Kansas: One powerful tool to understanding the Sunflower State

Across Kansas, individuals, businesses and communities are navigating a rapidly changing world. Whether searching for child care options, broadband access or economic development opportunities, Kansans need resources they can trust and tools that meet them where they are.

All Things Kansas, an online platform developed by Kansas State University, is helping residents, business owners and local leaders make more informed decisions — faster.

The site serves as a centralized hub for county-specific data. It highlights everything from demographic and health statistics to workforce insights, education levels and infrastructure access.

The real value of All Things Kansas goes beyond numbers and charts.

“This isn’t a top-down data tool — it was built with Kansans, for Kansans,” said Jessica Gnad, K-State’s director of Economic Development. “We work with K-State Extension, our academic experts, and community leaders to ensure it reflects needs and real use cases across the state.”

## A dynamic snapshot of Kansas

At its core, All Things Kansas is a free interactive website that offers a county-by-county overview of key indicators affecting local growth and quality of life.

The platform includes intuitive graphics and easy-to-navigate dashboards powered by publicly available datasets. Users can explore and compare population trends, educational attainment, workforce participation, income levels and more across all 105 counties.

For Jennifer Tidball, communications director for K-State Economic

Development, the tool exemplifies the university’s mission of making data accessible.

“All Things Kansas has access to more than 34,000 data layers from more than 120 state and national sources,” Tidball said. “You could go to several different websites and find all this content yourself, but this tool saves people time by making it a one-stop shop.”

The platform’s design supports the university’s Next-Gen K-State strategic plan and reflects its commitment to advancing community vitality through engagement and innovation.

## From small towns to state-wide solutions

One of the platform’s greatest strengths is its ability to lower the barrier of entry for users, said Greg Erickson, enterprise business intelligence and data analyst in K-State’s Office of the President.

“All Things Kansas takes data that might require multiple searches across different databases and makes it as simple as typing into a search box, just like you would on Google,” he said.

For the Clay Center native, the project’s impact is personal.

“It just seemed like a really good project to try to get involved with,” Erickson, a Clay Center native, said. “There’s a shared desire to help people, help our neighbors.”

This ease of use opens the door to a wide range of users—from policymakers and entrepreneurs to non-profit leaders and grant writers.

“This data tool is now a part of the conversation when Kansans walk into congressional offices,” Gnad said. “It gives decision-makers a clearer view of local challenges and

opportunities — and that helps tell a more complete story of our state’s economic potential.”

## Designed to evolve

All Things Kansas is not a static site. It’s a living platform, built to grow alongside the state it serves.

Community visits and user feedback have shaped new features, added data layers and guided ongoing development, Tidball said.

“Every time we go out to communities and do demo sessions, people say, ‘Hey, we have great data we’d love to add,’” Tidball said. “And we do.”

Thanks to its collaborative infrastructure with the University of Missouri’s Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems, the site is updated regularly with the most current data available. K-State’s team works with partners like Child Care Aware of Kansas and the Kansas Health Institute to visualize local challenges and opportunities.

“It’s about helping Kansans make better decisions,” Tidball said. “Whether you’re expanding your business, applying for a grant or trying to understand broadband gaps, we want this tool to give you clarity.”

The platform’s flexibility makes it a valuable resource for entrepreneurs and small business owners. Tidball shared an example of how users can explore population trends, workforce statistics, housing markets and infrastructure to identify the best location for a new business or support an expansion.

“We even have a map that shows business births and deaths over time,” she said. “It gives you an economic snapshot of what’s happening in the state.”

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## Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Co.

**Total for the Week – Cattle – 2310**  
**Bulls – \$220 - \$231.50    COWS – \$165 - \$176**

Strs		Hftrs	
300-400	\$530.00-560.00	300-400	\$525.00-550.00
400-500	\$490.00-505.00	400-500	\$440.00-457.00
500-600	\$450.00-460.00	500-600	\$385.00-397.50
600-700	\$400.00-430.00	600-700	\$372.00-385.00
700-800	\$370.00-380.00	700-800	\$360.00-372.00
800-900	\$340.00-354.00	800-900	\$310.00-323.50
900-1000	\$315.00-339.00	900-1000	NO TEST

**Thursday, August 21st, Start Time: 10am.**  
100 blk/bwfv s&h 500-550 home raised, 30 days weaned, 2 rnd vacc; 60 blk s&h 500-750 home raised, spring vacc; 41 str 900-1000 home raised, long weaned, off grass; 80 blk s&h 500-625 weaned 35 days, vacc, ope, knife cut, no implant; 44 s&h 600-700 home raised, long weaned, vacc; 9 blk s&h 600-750 home raised, vacc, open; 120 blk str 850-900 off grass; 55 blk str 825-850 off grass plus more by sale time.

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## Legal Notice

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**Lincoln County**  
**Accepting Sealed Bids**

The Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Kansas will be accepting sealed bids for the following real estate and property listed below on a cash rent basis:

**Tract 1:** 41.3 +/- acres of prime farm ground located in the Wollerson Addition of Section 38, Township 11 South, Range 8, West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Lincoln County KS. The land is comprised of 38.22 acres, dryland farm acres and 3.08 acres of native grass and waterways.

**Tract 2:** 32.28 +/- acres of prime farm ground located in The Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ in Section 34, Township 11, and Range 8 in Lincoln County, KS, except land at the north end of the east side of existing cells 1 and 2, The land is comprised of 26.59 acres dryland farm acres and 5.69 acres native grass and waterways.

To request a bid packet contact:  
Adam Robertson  
Lincoln County Administrator  
216 E. Lincoln, Ave  
Lincoln, KS 67455  
785-420-1224  
[arobertson@lincolncoks.org](mailto:arobertson@lincolncoks.org)

Bids will be accepted until Friday September 12, 2025, at 4:30 PM at the office of the Lincoln County Administrator. Bids will be opened on Monday September 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse. **The Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.**

Contact Lincoln County Administrator at 785-420-1224 to receive a copy of the proposed lease agreement.

## Legal Notice

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### NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Lincoln County** will meet on September 10, 2025 at 7:15 PM at Lincoln County Courthouse Courtroom 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Lincoln County Clerk's Office 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.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026				
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*		
General	3,348,481	37.330	3,424,854	40.015	3,552,799	2,548,036	39.119		
Debt Service									
Road & Bridge	1,982,708	24.230	2,063,500	26.510	2,189,543	1,744,301	26.780		
Special Bridge	63,815	3.526	300,000	3.042	300,000	47,509	0.729		
Noxious Weed	115,128	1.640	74,000	1.158	111,488	71,678	1.100		
Law Enforcement	63,565	0.310	70,000	0.896	70,000	55,444	0.851		
County Health	280,381	0.521	281,640	1.879	231,908	154,805	2.377		
Ambulance	517,821	4.738	507,891	4.835	509,294	270,620	4.155		
Employee Benefits	1,528,461	27.885	1,760,309	16.657	1,873,684	1,341,977	20.603		
Lincoln 911	55,475		50,000		259,886				
Refuse	330,334		312,344		389,930				
Ambulance Capital Outlay					119,181				
County Health Capital Outlay	40,615				65,337				
Home for Aged Improvement	29,656		25,000		166,409				
Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	62,870				16,859				
Appraiser Capital Outlay					17,976				
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	28,771								
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	626,127								
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	512,390								
Non-Budgeted Funds-D	183,125								
Non-Budgeted Funds-E	102,472								
Non-Budgeted Funds-F	123,191								
Non-Budgeted Funds-G	369,768								
Non-Budgeted Funds-H	66,889								
Non-Budgeted Funds-I	7,080								
Non-Budgeted Funds-J	284,783								
Non-Budgeted Funds-K									
Totals	10,723,906	100.180	8,869,538	94.992	9,874,294	6,234,369	95.714		
Revenue Neutral Rate **							95.287		
Less: Transfers	772,157		137,659		69,317				
Net Expenditure	9,951,749		8,731,879		9,804,977				
Total Tax Levied	6,522,352		6,205,999		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx				
Assessed Valuation	65,109,337		65,334,703		65,134,978				
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,									
G.O. Bonds	2023		2024		2025				
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0				
Other	3,915,000		3,665,000		3,410,000				
Lease Pur. Princ.	0		0		0				
Total	54,752		171,600		116,180				
	3,969,752		3,836,600		3,526,180				
*Tax rates are expressed in mills									
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988									
Dawn Harlow County Clerk									
<b>NOTICE OF BUDGET AND RATE HEARING</b>									
	Prior Year Actual 2024	Current Yr Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget Year 2026					
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	July 1, 2025 Estimated Valuation	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*	Revenue Neutral Rate**
Special District Funds									
Free Mission Cemetery	600	0.356	1,500	0.366	3,618	600	1,583,516	0.379	0.380
Rosette Cemetery	910	0.464	2,000	0.483	6,436	951	1,929,112	0.493	0.494
Spillman Cemetery	1,990	0.443	3,000	0.452	20,079	2,155	4,662,748	0.462	0.463
Vesper Cemetery	4,797	1.663	4,000	1.688	16,040	2,000	1,171,103	1.708	1.709
Barnard RFD	40,857	3.622	33,403	3.729	38,460	32,279	8,457,264	3.817	3.818
Beverly RFD	48,034	2.985	45,821	3.057	45,151	41,500	13,263,524	3.129	3.130
First RFD	82,457	4.131	68,191	4.128	67,250	62,418	14,825,942	4.210	4.211
Hunter RFD	46,252	2.671	43,204	2.773	46,580	42,500	13,879,153	3.062	2.883
Sylvan Grove RFD	45,496	2.269	37,655	2.237	36,782	33,495	15,262,125	2.195	2.195
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