

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
Blaine Township  
Smith County

will meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.m. at 22081 180 Rd, Lebanon, 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. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk 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 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	7,952	1.934	11,035	1.823	11,626	6,992	1.721
Totals	7,952	1.934	11,035	1.823	11,626	6,992	1.721
Revenue Neutral Rate** 1.721							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	7,952		11,035		11,626		
Total Tax Levied	6,992		6,992		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	3,614,480		3,836,104		4,062,242		
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

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Karen Baetz  
Township Officer

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
Custer Cemetery District #3  
Smith County

will meet on August 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 8:00 P.m. at 22081 180 Rd, Lebanon, 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 be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Smith 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 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	1,815	1.445	3,800	1.566	5,601	2,547	1.638
Totals	1,815	1.445	3,800	1.566	5,601	2,547	1.638
Revenue Neutral Rate** 1.638							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,815		3,800		5,601		
Total Tax Levied	2,550		2,549		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,765,110		1,627,766		1,555,365		
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.	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
Garfield Township  
Smith County

will meet on August 18 at 3:00 P.m. at 23062 260 Rd, Fortis, 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. Detailed budget information is available at Smith 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 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,829	1.745	11,000	1.921	12,525	3,191	1.980
Totals	3,829	1.745	11,000	1.921	12,525	3,191	1.980
Revenue Neutral Rate** 1.980							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	3,829		11,000		12,525		
Total Tax Levied	3,192		3,192		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	1,829,253		1,661,230		1,611,250		
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		

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Dennis Plotcher  
Township Treasurer

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
Harcen Township  
Smith County

will meet on August 19 2025 at 7:00 P.m. at 14021 Hwy 9, Caylord, 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. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

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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 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	5,982	1.796	11,350	2.004	14,789	4,673	2.014
Totals	5,982	1.796	11,350	2.004	14,789	4,673	2.014
Revenue Neutral Rate** 2.014							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	5,982		11,350		14,789		
Total Tax Levied	4,677		4,674		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	2,603,797		2,332,602		2,320,650		
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		

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Randy Lehmkuhl  
Township Treasurer

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
Lane Township  
Smith County

will meet on Aug 18, 2025 at 8:00 A.m. at 14041 J Rd, Smith Center, 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. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

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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 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	10,152	2.508	21,500	1.984	27,625	8,535	2.103
Totals	10,152	2.508	21,500	1.984	27,625	8,535	2.103
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate** 0.000							
Funds Supported by Township and 3rd Class City - Revenue Neutral Rate** 2.103							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	10,152		21,500		27,625		
Total Tax Levied	8,541		8,540		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Total Assessed Valuation	3,405,103		4,303,959		4,059,476		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					3,522,715		
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		

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Richard Synoground  
Township Treasurer

The Smith Center City Land Bank board of trustees has accepted an offer of \$1,000 for the purchase of property located at 200 E. Kansas Ave., Smith Center (Smith Center Original, S22, T03, R13W, Block 14, Lot S68' 11-12, Section 22 Township 03 Range 13W; Quick Reference R3261).

The closing of this sale will commence following 30 days of this notice.

City of Smith Center, 119 W. Court St; phone 785-282-3812.

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Employment Opportunities

Gene's Heartland Foods

in Smith Center KS is currently accepting applications for several positions including:

**Deli/Bakery/Catering Manager**, part time evening and weekend help, and full-time help. Full time benefits include health insurance, 401K, PTO, and grocery discounts. Applications can be picked up in store or on our website at [www.heartlandfoodsstores.com](http://www.heartlandfoodsstores.com).

Employment Opportunities

Phillipsburg

Trinity Ag Coop is now **HIRING** for an Accounting Clerk in the Phillipsburg Feed and Elevator Departments. Excellent benefit package including Coop Retirement and competitive pay. Please contact Bruce or Kathy at 785-282-6813 or go to [www.trinityagllc.com/careers](http://www.trinityagllc.com/careers) for application.

Athol Shop

Athol Shop is looking for help in all areas of the Tire Department including Mechanics and a Tire Truck Driver. Excellent benefit package including Coop Retirement and competitive pay. Contact Bruce or Kathy at 785-282-6813 or go to [www.trinityagllc.com/careers](http://www.trinityagllc.com/careers) for application.

MIDWAY COOP, LEBANON STATION

We are currently seeking an experienced and talented Tire/ Lube Technician

(but would train the right person) to join our dynamic team. In this position, the qualified candidates will be responsible for maintaining and repairing all customers' vehicles within our capabilities. The candidate's duties will include but not limited to monitoring inventory, inspecting vehicles, oil changes, car passenger, truck and ag tire repairs, and light duty mechanical work. To succeed in this role, you should be physically fit, capable of lifting 100 plus pounds frequently and have a solid knowledge of basic mechanic's tools, service, and computer equipment. Our ideal candidate will have a strong attention to detail, with excellent communication and customer service skills. Midway Coop's benefit package includes Health, Life, Dental & Disability Insurance, paid holidays and vacations, two retirement plans: Coop retirement and 401K match retirement plans. For more information regarding this job opportunity or to get an application, please stop by the Lebanon Service Station or contact.

Timothy Kruciak (785-389-8561)

MIDWAY CO-OP, INC.

General Office  
P.O. Box 40  
Osborne, Kansas 67473-0040

Trinity Ag Coop's Energy Department is now **HIRING** for Class A preferred, Class B minimum, CDL/Hazmat drivers for our fuel and propane deliveries. Excellent benefit package including Coop Retirement and competitive pay. Please contact Bruce or Kathy at 785-282-6813 or go to [www.trinityagllc.com/careers](http://www.trinityagllc.com/careers) for application.

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