

# LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

2026

The governing body of

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Neosho County

will meet on July 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m at Jim Neely, 9050 140th Rd Chanute, KS 66720 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.

Detailed budget information is available at County Clerks 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	Actual	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Actual	Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	4,745	1.729	8,500	1.907	10,558	4,110	1.969
Debt Service							
Totals	4,745	1.729	8,500	1.907	10,558	4,110	1.969
Revenue Neutral Rate**							1.969
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	4,745		8,500		10,558		
Total Tax Levied	4,110		4,110		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	2,155,283		2,155,283		2,087,734		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Jan 1,

G.O. Bonds

Revenue Bonds

Other

Lease Pur. Princ.

Total

2023

2024

2025

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

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

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General	9,027	3.889	70,000	4.401	99,228	19,525	4.591
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	9,027	3.889	70,000	4.401	99,228	19,525	4.591
Revenue Neutral Rate**							4.591
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	9,027		70,000		99,228		
Total Tax Levied	19,527		19,525		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:							
Township	5,021,589		4,436,893		4,252,408		
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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Jim Neely

Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary

Charles & Carol Harris

♥

Love Coleen & Tammy, Bill, Ronda

# Audit

FROM FRONT PAGE

For each line item, the firm divided the number by five (for each month) then multiplied that figure by 12 (creating a yearly estimate based on a monthly average).

The term “Revenue Neutral Rate” has become a term when the state legislators passed a law years ago, requiring government entities, including school districts, to contact the county clerk and publish notice of an intent to “exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.” The deadline for filing with the county is July 20 and requires public mailings of the notice.

Publishing the proposed budgets in legal newspapers is nothing new to Kansas politics, but the Revenue Neutral Rate implies the tax rate (property taxes) for the current year would generate the same property tax revenue as levied the previous year. This does not necessarily mean the same mill levy, depending on assessed property

values for the entity. The Kansas Revenue Neutral Rate took effect beginning with the 2022 budget cycle. It was an attempt to enhance transparency in property taxation when it passed in March 2021 (as Senate Bill 113).

The CPA firm suggested the council to “not exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.” While the council did not take any action on the budget or the audit, if the city follows the suggestion, it would have until Oct. 1 to file the budget with the county clerk.

The council also briefly discussed the Erie Market. Late Monday afternoon, a fire started near the utility pole behind the building (south side). The Erie Volunteer Fire Department and Erie Police Chief Brett Ross responded. The fire was likely an electrical issue at the top of the utility pole, and the grass and weeds sprayed near the area caught fire, but was quickly distinguished.

# Taxes

FROM FRONT PAGE

“Someone should check on the governor because she is not making any sense,” Hawkins said.

Hawkins credited Republican supermajorities in the House and Senate with aiding Kansas taxpayer dollars and energizing the economy.

“Moving forward, we will continue with the budgeting re-

forms we implemented this year to reduce wasteful spending and ensure a strong financial future for our state,” he said.

At the time Republicans passed tax cuts and the budget, Democrats criticized them for failing to deliver on meaningful property tax relief, a major campaign topic for 2024 candidates of both parties.

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Maintenance Technician - \$18/hour

Custodian - \$14.75/hour

Paraprofessionals - \$14.25/hour

# SHERIFF’S REPORT

Weekly Deputy Activity Report

07/01 Traffic stop; U169 Hwy. and Neosho, Thayer. Cited the driver, Karen Hopkins, 61, McKinney TX, for speeding and no proof of insurance.

07/02 Incident report; 4305 Harper Rd., Chanute.

07/02 Car/deer accident report; 80th Rd. .5 mile west from Gray, Thayer.

07/03 Grass fire report; 22500 140th Rd., Erie.

07/03 Aggravated assault report; 100 E. Neosho, Thayer. Arrested Curtis Hodges, 30, Thayer, for aggravated assault.

07/03 Interference with parental rights report; 425 W. Neosho, Thayer.

07/04 Car/deer accident report; 160th Rd. .5 mile west from Marshall Rd., Erie.

07/05 Structure fire report; 10750 220th Rd., Chanute.

07/06 Incident report; U169 Hwy. and 10th Rd., Thayer.

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SERVING NEOSHO COUNTY SINCE 1876

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

REGULAR

In County.....\$42.00

In State.....\$50.00

in US.....\$58.00

SENIOR/MILITARY

In County.....\$27.50

In State.....\$35.00

In US.....\$40.00

100th Birthday Celebration and Card Shower for Loucile Swan

Who will be 100 on July 30th Please join us for a celebration on Saturday July 19th at the Erie senior center from 2 to 4 P.M.

Erie Market

The weekly lunch special at Erie Market for the week of July 14 to July 19

MONDAY

Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich

TUESDAY

Tacos

WEDNESDAY

Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich

THURSDAY

Chicken sandwich

FRIDAY

Fish & Shrimp

Also, we are serving breakfast specials Mondays through Fridays from 7 to 10 a.m daily.