

CITY OF TYRO

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NOTICE OF 2026 BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of the City of Tyro, Kan., will meet on the 22nd day of September, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyro 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 the Tyro City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY: Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits for the 2026 Budget. The "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 for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	48,850	16.550	31,766	15.829	40,934	13,476	15.509
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	12,807		10,000		12,585		
Sewer	35,690		47,114		60,115		
Totals	97,347	16.550	88,880	15.829	113,634	13,476	15.509
					Revenue Neutral Rate**		15.509
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	97,347		88,880		113,634		
Total Tax Levied	13,512		13,476		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	814,281		851,371		868,890		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2023		2024		2025		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	63,921		48,608		32,858		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	63,921		48,608		32,858		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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

Janie Blakemore

City Official Title: City Clerk

USD 283 ELK VALLEY

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NOTICE OF 2025-26 BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of the Unified School District 283 will meet on the 9th day of September, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. at 701 Delaware, Longton, KS 67352 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, including budget profile, building needs assessment, and Board state assessments review, is available at the USD 283 Board of Education Office, on the district website and will be available at this hearing. The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits for the 2025-26 Budget. The "Estimated Tax Rate" (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2023-2024 Actual		2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Proposed Budget		
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	1,713,638	20.000	10,372,096	20.000	17,651,054	288,806	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	547,390	28.432	595,000	31.395	710,000	478,585	28.923
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	170,774		209,868		197,545		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	35,900		35,900		35,900		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Educational Fund	13	333,026		409,119		376,328		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		6,970,520		15,847,211		
Capital Outlay	16	196,409	8.000	214,942	6.006	756,541	132,373	8.000
Driver Training	18	2,931		2,521		7,324		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	159,658		151,728		192,000		
Professional Development	26	18,070		8,115		12,500		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	571,348		903,526		1,450,000		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	54,325		42,689		80,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	93,549		93,736		80,537		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	130,453		132,874		177,055		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		0				
Activity Fund	56	1,978		2,057				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	4,029,449	56.432	20,144,891	57.401	37,573,995	899,764	56.923
Less: Transfers	105	1,100,500		9,412,786		16,587,228		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	2,928,949		10,732,105		20,986,767		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,101,869		887,172		899,764		

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,101,869		\$887,172		\$899,764		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$18,582,016		\$14,116,812		\$14,440,300		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$19,993,025		\$16,127,471		\$16,546,590		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$19,993,025		\$16,127,471		\$16,546,590		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2023		2024		2025		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	0		0		0		

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Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year						
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Revenue Neutral						
	2024-2025		Revenue	Revenue	2025-2026	
	Actual Taxes	Actual			Proposed	Proposed
General	\$282,332	20.000	\$282,293	19.549	\$288,806	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$508,374	31.395	\$506,276	30.597	\$478,585	28.923
Adult Education	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$96,466	6.006	\$96,863	5.854	\$132,373	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000			\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$887,172	57.401	\$885,432	56.000	\$899,764	56.923
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$604,840	37.401	\$603,139	36.451	\$610,958	36.923

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The water fountain at Pfister Park has been refurbished and is set for reopening at a ceremony on Friday, Aug. 29. PHOTO BY CITY OF COFFEYVILLE

Pfister Park water fountain to be reopened on Friday

COFFEYVILLE — Step back in time with the City of Coffeyville as it celebrates the revival of the Pfister Park Fountain, also known as the Sunken Garden Fountain

Originally built in 1935 as part of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project that also developed Pfister Park's pool house and nearby Roosevelt Drive, this beloved landmark has been carefully restored to preserve its beauty and legacy for future generations.

After decades of memories, the fountain will once again take its place as a centerpiece of Pfister Park. The community is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 29.

Guest speakers for the event will include Mayor Deborah Maples, Dr. Ron Bryce, Kansas House Representative; and Lisa Brookover.

Westlake Ace Hardware acquires two local stores

Westlake Ace Hardware announced today it has agreed to acquire Olson's Ace Hardware, a family-owned hardware retailer with two locations in Kansas: 1318 W. 8th in Coffeyville and 200 N. 18th in Parsons. The acquisition will be completed on Nov. 2, 2025.

Following the acquisition, the stores will be rebranded as Westlake Ace Hardware and remodeled later in 2026. The terms of the sale ensure a smooth transition, with the majority of current employees being retained in day-to-day operations.

Charlie and Rosie Olson founded Olson's Ace Hardware in 1956 in Parsons. Ben and Beth Ryan purchased the business in 2007.

In 2019, Olson's Ace added a second location in Coffeyville, Kan.

"Throughout our history, providing outstanding customer service has always been at the heart of what we do," said Ben and Beth Ryan. "We make sure that every customer is taken care of, and our employees are the number one reason for that."

They added, "Westlake Ace Hardware is the best choice for the next phase of Olson's Ace because they will not only take care of our employees, but under their ownership, the stores will continue to prosper and make a meaningful impact on the communities we serve."

"For nearly 70 years, Olson's Ace has delivered the highest levels of product

knowledge and service to their customers in Coffeyville and Parsons," said Joe Jeffries, president and CEO of Ace Retail Holdings, the parent company of Westlake Ace Hardware. "It is an honor to continue that tradition. We are also eager to meet our new friends, neighbors, and customers and show them how we live the Ace Helpful Promise every day through world-class service, helpful advice, and the leading products they need to get their projects done right."

Westlake Ace has been part of the Ace Hardware Cooperative since 1959. From its headquarters in the Kansas City area, the company currently owns and operates more than 175 stores in 13 states.

Coffeyville Chamber to host Canva workshop for small businesses

COFFEYVILLE — The Coffeyville Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a special hands-on workshop designed to help small businesses, entrepreneurs, and non-profits create professional marketing materials with ease. The Canva Workshop will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Chamber office, located at 807 Walnut in Coffeyville.

Participants will learn how to use Canva, a free and user-friendly design tool, to build eye-catching marketing pieces while saving money on professional design costs. The workshop is geared toward first-time and new users but will also provide helpful tips and tricks for those already familiar with Canva. Attendees will gain practical skills to create everything from social media graphics and flyers to logos and presentations.

"This is a practical workshop that gives our members tools they can immediately put to

use," said Candi Westbrook, president/CEO of the Coffeyville Area Chamber of Commerce. "We know small businesses are always looking for ways to market effectively while being mindful of cost. Canva is an affordable solution that levels the playing field for business owners of all sizes."

The workshop is offered to Chamber members at a discounted rate of just \$20, which includes lunch and materials. Non-members are also welcome to attend for \$40.

As part of the Chamber's mission to support local business growth and success, this workshop is one of several professional development opportunities being offered throughout the year.

Registration is required. To sign up or learn more, contact the Coffeyville Area Chamber of Commerce at (620) 251-2550 or visit www.coffeyvillechamber.com under the calendar of events.

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