



REMINISCING

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1976

Proposed budget for USD 417 requires one-mill increase...Hayes Oil Company is low bidder at 47.09 cents a gallon for USD 417 fr rst bulk shipment of gasoline...Mayor Cal Hunter appoints Claire Hutchinson, Barbara Harkness, Cleon Linton, Bill Stoddard and Craig McNeal to recreation advisory board.

1986

Shanda Kasten wins three events, and Dawn Sanford and Jaryl Seth one apiece at Rossville track meet during final regular season competition for the White City Chargers track team...Mr. and Mrs. David Dennis, McPherson, parents of son, Sean David...Pvt. Charles Downes completes Army basic training at Fort Knox, KY.

1996

Card shower is planned for Madge Brockelman on her 90th birthday... Nathan Lietzan enters grand champion and reserve grand champion market lambs at Morris County Fair... Lisa Zerbe enters grand champion poultry exhibit at the local fair.

2006

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Knopp, Woodbine, parents of Megan Cheyenne... Eric Blythe and Tyler Blythe receive red ribbons for wiring kit construction projects at the county fair.

2016

The food auction at the Morris County Fair receives bids totaling \$1,960...Emma Bigham, 15, Herington, in Washington, D.C., last week to participate in an anti-tobacco leadership workshop sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.



FOR SALE

COLORADO PEACHES available in Council Grove on August 8 9:00-11:00 in the courthouse parking lot. Also available in White City the 8th after 9:00 at 783 S 2100 Road. Need to pre-order for pick up at White City by calling Nellie Hultgren at 785-349-2334. Price \$48.00. 121-1c

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9 BLACK STEERS, weight close to 650 lbs. Northwest of Wisley. HP on right ribs. Ruby Hertlein, 620-794-1660. 118-5c

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STORAGE PLUS – Secure storage for boats, RV, household goods. 620-767-6540. 101-tfc

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CLASSIFIEDS

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NOTICES

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MISC.

"The 36-Hour Day" Support Group meets 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Morris County Hospital Chapel. It is free, safe, confidential and open to anyone caring for a friend or loved one with dementia. For info, call Jan at 303-775-5901 or Liz at 785-466-1590.

ARE YOU Concerned about someone else's drinking? Al-Anon can help! 785-561-0157.

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AGING ROOF? New Homeowner? Storm Damage? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call 1-833-889-4107 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Morris County

will meet on September 8th, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at 501 West Main, Council Grove (Courthouse Downstairs Meeting Room) 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 Morris County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2027 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,583,781	24.995	3,586,293	19.318	3,708,876	1,940,789	18.852
Debt Service	255,200	2.508	256,100	2.359	286,900	229,275	2.227
Road & Bridge	3,580,714	28.195	3,213,000	27.380	4,601,326	2,874,914	27.926
Special Bridge	212,314		131,763		1,432,522		
County Health	134,403	1.233	139,022	1.316	145,946	132,929	1.291
Hospital Maintenance	188,806	1.716	198,044	1.916	210,392	190,726	1.853
Noxious Weed	190,948	0.526	262,250	1.271	251,712	83,815	0.814
Employee Benefits	1,668,154	13.421	1,796,300	17.287	2,205,100	1,743,891	16.940
Mental Health	73,500	0.656	73,500	0.709	75,000	67,503	0.656
Reappraisal	173,647	1.867	200,000	1.699	215,025	147,029	1.428
Ambulance	294,100	2.795	308,066	2.625	328,839	265,500	2.579
Solid Waste	418,358		532,300		553,160		
Morris County 911	132,054		121,400		277,628		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	1,885,500						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	19,227						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	459						
Non-Budgeted Funds-D	46,182						
Totals	12,857,347	77.912	10,818,038	75.880	14,292,426	7,676,371	74.566
Revenue Neutral Rate **							73.008
Less: Transfers	1,100,000		885,000		200,000		
Net Expenditure	11,757,347		9,933,038		14,092,426		
Total Tax Levied	7,355,145		7,514,746		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	94,404,474		99,040,773		102,946,403		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2024		2025		2026		
G.O. Bonds	2,715,000		2,510,000		2,305,000		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Pur. Princ.	416,984		346,394		257,810		
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Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk

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Special District Funds	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027			
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*	Revenue Neutral Rate**
Fire District No. 1	5,109	2.238	5,219	2.225	6,389	4,977	2.309	2.153
Fire District No. 3	60	0.171	60	0.296	90	65	0.279	0.280
Fire District No. 10	3,064	2.263	3,215	2.523	4,422	3,273	2.391	2.365
Fire District No. 11	7,265	3.070	7,664	2.918	9,195	7,147	3.052	2.723
Fire District No. 14	11,827	2.582	12,540	1.936	15,156	9,698	1.847	1.848

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