

2027

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Webster Township Smith County will meet on Aug 24 at 7:00 P.M. at 27031 1220 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'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 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	8,885	4.731	13,000	4.943	16,514	8,112
Totals	8,885	4.731	13,000	4.943	16,514	8,112
Revenue Neutral Rate** 5.079						
Less: Transfers 0						
Net Expenditure 8,885						
Total Tax Levied 8,121						
Assessed Valuation: 1,716,473						
Township 1,640,966						
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1 2024 0						
G.O. Bonds 0						
Other 0						
Lease Purchase Principal 0						
Total 0						

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Roger Allen
Township Treasurer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Logan Township Smith County will meet on Aug 25 at 8:00 P.M. at 29052 20 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's Office and will be available at this hearing.

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Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	5,229	3.134	11,300	3.308	13,709	6,103
Totals	5,229	3.134	11,300	3.308	13,709	6,103
Revenue Neutral Rate** 3.488						
Less: Transfers 0						
Net Expenditure 5,229						
Total Tax Levied 6,103						
Assessed Valuation: 1,947,761						
Township 1,845,264						
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1 2024 0						
G.O. Bonds 0						
Other 0						
Lease Purchase Principal 0						
Total 0						

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Judy McCartney
Township Treasurer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Houston Township Smith County will meet on Aug 20 at 8:00 P.M. at Dennis Lehmann Residence, Gaylord, 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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Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	2,985	0.785	4,200	0.834	6,787	2,776
Totals	2,985	0.785	4,200	0.834	6,787	2,776
Revenue Neutral Rate** 0.852						
Less: Transfers 0						
Net Expenditure 2,985						
Total Tax Levied 2,776						
Assessed Valuation: 3,536,699						
Township 3,327,526						
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1 2024 0						
G.O. Bonds 0						
Other 0						
Lease Purchase Principal 0						
Total 0						

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Dennis Lehmann
Township Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of German Township Smith County will meet on August 24 at 7:00 P.M. at 5022 F Rd, Kensington, 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

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Fund	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate 2026		Proposed Budget 2027	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax
General	2,134	1.829	5,000	1.882	8,106	2,242
Totals	2,134	1.829	5,000	1.882	8,106	2,242
Revenue Neutral Rate** 1.891						
Less: Transfers 0						
Net Expenditure 2,134						
Total Tax Levied 2,244						
Assessed Valuation: 1,227,137						
Township 1,191,612						
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1 2024 0						
G.O. Bonds 0						
Other 0						
Lease Purchase Principal 0						
Total 0						

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Tammie Wheelbarger
Township Treasurer

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iii.Amotionwasmadeby-Coletogiveauthoritytoexecuteagrand application as well as supporting documentation required that accompany the grant application for the currently available federal funding for the Schedule A portion of the project totaling \$915,843. The motion was seconded by Wick, motion carried.. iv.AmotionwasmadebyKingsburytogiveauthoritytosubmitand Out of Cycle grant application to KDOT for the additional funding to make the Schedule B- KDOT portion of the project totaling \$111,113. The motion was seconded by Wick, motion carried.

v. A motion was made by Kingsbury to approve the total construction cost \$1,637,599, Schedule A- FAA \$1,248,749 and Schedule B- KDOT \$388,850 making the total FAA Share for Schedule A construction phase \$1,169,665 and the total City Share for Schedule A construction phase \$388,850. Total KDOT share for Schedule B construction phase \$349,965, and the City share for Schedule B construction phase \$38,885. The motion was seconded by Wick, motion carried.

IV. New Business

a. Petition for Permanent Road Closure- A request has been submitted to the council by Tim and Annette Riley to close the road starting at Blaine Street and West Third. Niles will publish a notice of hearing on petition to vacate a section of a public street and will also investigate any utilities that may be placed in the street. It was the census of the council to schedule the hearing for September 14th, 2026.

b. 2013 Dodge Charger Repairs- The council was presented an estimate from Mace Body Shop for the damage incurred to the 2013 Dodge Charger. A motion

was made by Kingsbury to accept the bid from Mace Body Shop in the amount of \$2117.14. Wick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

c. KDHE Technical Assistance Referral- The city received information regarding assistance from KDHE as well as KRWA regarding wastewater treatment system operations and exam preparation. A motion was made by Kingsbury and seconded by Cole to accept the assistance offered.

V. Department Reports/Committee & Board Reports

a. Police Department- Officer Niles gave an update regarding the maintenance on all 3 of the police Chargers. During discussion, it was decided to look into purchasing a new police vehicle in 2027 and again in 2028.

A motion was made Cole to enter into executive session for 10 minutes at 6:40 PM to discuss non-elect personnel with Colby, Niles and Owen present. Executive session ends at 6:50 PM. No action taken

A motion was made by Cole to enter back into executive session for 5 minutes at 6:50 PM to discuss non-elect personnel with Colby, Niles and Owen present. Executive session

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ends at 6:55 PM. Following executive session, a motion was made by Wick to notify the board members of Western Plains regarding the lack of reimbursement to the city regarding their employee wages as well as request an audit of employee Larry

Pennington's hours. The motion was seconded by Kingsbury and the motion carried.

Upon review of employment application, a motion was made by Kingsbury to hire Jordon Hommon as the Maintenance - Custodian full time position at pay scale #6, with a probationary period of 6 months, then to be moved to pay scale #7. Cole seconded the motion by Kingsbury and the motion carried.

b. Clerk - Niles updated the council on Ordinance 1053 violation at 708 E 4th Street. The council agreed to have the police department issue her a citation to be discussed further at city court.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Wick and seconded by Kingsbury. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

•Blue Side

land owners have gated their beautiful properties. Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Dept of Interior, owns a \$22 million condo there and is part owner of the Yellowstone Club. The approval of the land grab came the same month he was sworn in as Secretary of Interior. Google Yellowstone Club and land swap. It will be a blueprint for other billionaires to use and smells of so much corruption!

4)Trump has officially launched a new subscription that allows paying customers to access posts from Truth Social's biggest accounts, including President Donald Trump's account, before other users. The

service went live Saturday and provides trading firms and institutional subscribers with faster access to posts that could influence financial markets. Customers can pay up to \$100,000 a month for the service! His posts move the markets, so those paying this fee will have the potential to make millions more by having information before anyone else. How is this legal!?! 5)Criminal charges against a former Olympian

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accused of vandalizing the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool were dropped after Donald Trump's administration admitted that the damage to the recently installed blue liner was "the result of flawed installation by the contractor." Trump is so fixated on not admitting that his "pool man" messed up the reflecting pool that he still continues to go after this innocent US citizen!

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