

TCLMH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2026

Chairperson Eric Moden, called the June 24, 2026, meeting of the Trego County Lemke Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees to order at 7:04 am in the hospital conference room. Members present were Mary Jo Hafliiger, Brian Deines and Sandy Purinton. Also present were; Christine Adams- Cleland, CFO; Kerah Deines, Interim

CEO, CNO/Clinic Manager; Neva Hendrix, HR and JH Seitz, GPHA, via Zoom. Carrie Fritts served as recording secretary.

Sandy moved, and Mary Jo seconded to approve the Board agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Jo moved, and Sandy seconded to accept the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Kerah reported there was a patient fall in the pool area;

safety measures have been put in place.

There was a roof leak in acute after the rain. High Plains Roofing has been contacted and maintenance has it patched.

Ortho will start with HPM in August, Bryce Hendrix, Orthopedic Surgeon and Brandon Hendrix, PA-C.

Submitted application for the RHTP from KDHE for community Health Worker and Food is Medi-

cine program. Only 7 Hospitals will be selected. Kerah also reviewed the RHTP Evidence Based measures for Hospital and Clinic.

GPHA will have their annual meeting in Salina next month. Tyler will be attending this also.

We have 2 staff members enrolled in the apprenticeship program with KHA. 1 Coder and 1 Lab Tech.

Staffing in Acute and LTC is looking better, using less agency. The ER has been extremely busy as well as the Clinic and walk-in. There will be a fund raiser and bake sale to help with expenses for Jordan Gabel's house fire.

Kerah reported the following census: Acute-4, LTC-35, & Assisted Living-11.

Christine, CFO, reported that \$25,492.37 will be transferred to bad debt. 95% of that is from ER visits. She reviewed bad debt and bond expenditures. Still working on the Provider Assessment payment plan. She is also working on real-locating square footage for the 2025 Cost Report.

Christine C discussed the Budget Report. Mary Jo moved, and Brian seconded to accept the Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian moved, and Mary Jo seconded to approve the Reappointments: Brenda Dinges, APRN ER- Courtesy; Aaron Benner, MD Radiology-Courtesy; Disha Patel, PA ER-Courtesy; Casey Wettstein, APRN ER-Courtesy and Jerome Oborny, DC Chiropractic-Courtesy and new appointment of Aaron Splichal, DO Radiology-Courtesy. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:26, Mary Jo moved and Sandy seconded to go into Executive session for 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. The Board, JH (via Zoom), Christine, CFO, Neva and Kerah were invited to stay. The Executive session is required for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel. At 8:31, Sandy moved and Mary Jo seconded to return to Executive session for an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously. At 8:36 Mary Jo moved and Brian seconded to return to Executive session for an additional 5 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 8:41am.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 22nd, at 7:00am. Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Fritts Recording Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

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State of Kansas
Budget Form USD-A

USD #108
2026-2027

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 106 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 7:15 PM at 100 School St, Ransom, KS 67572 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 District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual		2025-2026 Actual		2026-2027 Proposed Budget		Est. Tax Rate* (7)
		Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	
OPERATING								
General	06	1,680,824	20.000	1,845,510	20.000	2,096,636	629,520	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	572,779	15.888	626,847	12.621	703,039	685,052	19.318
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	62,501		66,369		88,139		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	0		0		25,414		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	457,789		414,071		483,800		
Bilingual Education	14	50,291		41,581		50,000		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	412,072	6.268	330,530	8.000	733,960	283,697	8.000
Driver Training	18	0		0		16,038		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	193,456		181,789		233,919		
Professional Development	26	0		2,075		10,652		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	159,082		176,079		250,174		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	32,715		32,166		40,000		
Gifts and Grants	35	126,856		7,185		651,977		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	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		0		
KPIERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	183,543		182,560		224,549		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		0		0		
Activity Fund	56	48,045		49,130		0		
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	3,980,035	41.956	3,956,612	40.921	5,588,697	1,596,669	47.318
Less: Transfers	108	587,438		689,448		806,078		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,392,597		3,267,164		4,782,619		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,850,336		1,504,643		1,598,669		

*Sponsoring District Only
*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	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	40,000	0.822	51,578	0.980	75,400	70,924	2.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	40,000	0.822	51,578	0.980	75,400	70,924	2.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$1,688,193		\$1,542,950		\$1,699,593		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	126	\$37,441,608		\$34,803,635		\$31,496,018		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$41,059,277		\$38,620,189		\$35,462,172		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$40,998,473		\$38,580,144		\$35,462,172		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	136	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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Dan Ritten
Board President

Jaime Kleigh
Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year						
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Revenue Neutral						
	Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	\$696,073	20.000	\$696,073	22.100	\$629,920	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$499,010	12.621	\$499,010	14.071	\$685,052	19.318
Adult Education	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	\$308,960	8.000	\$308,960	8.712	\$283,697	8.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000	\$0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Calculation						
Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	\$1,504,043	40.921	\$1,504,043	44.883	\$1,598,669	47.318
Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	\$807,970	20.921	\$807,970	22.763	\$685,749	27.318

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NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Ellis Recreation Commission will meet on 8/26/26 at 7:00 pm at 1204 Washington Ellis Kansas 67637 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at Ellis Rec Office and will be available at this meeting.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Ellis (home county) Ellis, Trego

BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024/2025	Current Year Estimated 2025/2026	Proposed Budget Year 2026-2027
General	287,530	286,630	425,040
Employee Benefit/Insurance	51,000	50,801	60,570
Donation Fund			10,810
Totals	338,530	337,431	496,420

Lease Purchases:	2023	2024	2025
July 1,	0	0	27,856

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988	6.666
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate	7.000

Ellis Recreation Commission
Recreation Commission Secretary

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MEETINGS ARE ALSO LIVE STREAMED ON THE CITY OF WAKEENEY FACEBOOK PAGE

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TERM TO 2030

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TERM TO 2030

LANE KEITH
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TERM TO 2030

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TREGO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AND THE LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH, 5:00 P.M. AT THE TREGO CO. COURTHOUSE - COMMISSION ROOM, WAKEENEY

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JARED HAGER
COMMISSIONER, DIST. 3
TERM TO 2029

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