LEGALS

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IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING AT WAKEENEY

In the Matter of the)
Estate of)
Berniece A. Shank,)
deceased)
Case No. TR-2026-PR-000001

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Mark E. Shank, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Berniece A. Shank, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Berniece A. Shank, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the City of Wa-Keeney, Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Mark E. Shank
Petitioner

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IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING AT WAKEENEY

In the Matter of the)
Estate of)
Barbara Peacock Minton,)
deceased)
Case No. TR-2026-PR-000014.

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on July 22, 2026, a Petition has been filed in this Court by Gina Minton Luck, one of the heirs of Barbara Peacock Minton, praying that the Foreign Will of Barbara Peacock Minton, deceased, be admitted to probate and record in this court; that no administration of the estate is necessary; that the Will of the decedent be construed; and that the Kanss real estate owned by decedent located in Trego County, Kansas, described as follows:

An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to:

Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Fifteen (15), North Addition to the City of Wa-Keeney, Trego County, Kansas.

be assigned in accordance with the terms of said Will of the decedent.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court, in the City of Wa-Keeney, Trego County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Gina Minton Luck
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Trego County, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2026-1
Plaintiff,
vs.
Ralph W Bryant, et al.
Defendants,)
Case No.TR-2026-CV-000007
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Trego County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Trego County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on August 27, 2026 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Trego County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

LOTS EIGHT (8), NINE (9) AND TEN (10) IN BLOCK FORTY (40), ORIGINAL TOWN OF COLLYER, KANSAS, Parcel ID No. 0980630504008004000. Commonly known as 106 E 6th St., Collyer, KS 67631 ("the Property") MS231973

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisement and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Trego County Sheriff

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2026-1 IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Know your Elected Officials

The following officials are locally-elected representatives for WaKeeney City Council, Collyer City Council, USD #208 School Board, Trego County elected positions, and State & US officials

WaKeeney City Council

WaKeeney City Council meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 6:15 p.m. at WaKeeney City Hall - Council Chambers
Meetings are also live streamed on the City of WaKeeney Facebook page

Irene Dirks, *Mayor* — Term to 2028
Brent Deines, *Council member* — Term to 2030
Curtis Flax, *Council member* — Term to 2028
Courtney Berning, *Council member* — Term to 2030
David Anderson, *Council member* — Term to 2030
Shane Pfeifer, *Council member* — Term to 2028

USD 208 Board of Education

USD 208 BOE meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at Trego Grade School Conference Room

Clayton Wilson, *President* — Term to 2028
Eric Kinderknecht, *Board member* — Term to 2028
Becky Windholz, *Board member* — Term to 2028
Seth Albers, *Vice President* — Term to 2030
Carey Fose, *Board member* — Term to 2030
Unfilled, *Unexpired 2-yr term* — Term to 2028
Ashley Conness, *Board member* — Term to 2030

Collyer City

Collyer City Council meets the 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the City Building

Larry Walt, *Mayor* — Term to 2028
Robert Hardman, *Council member* — Term to 2028
Jennifer Ricker, *Council member* — Term to 2028
Jeff Knop, *Council member* — Term to 2030
Adam Schneider, *Council member* — Term to 2030
Lane Keith, *Council member* — Term to 2030

Trego County Commission

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

Kurtis Brock, *Chairman, Dist. 1* — Term to 2027
Jerry White, *Commissioner, Dist. 2* — Term to 2029
Jared Hager, *Commissioner, Dist. 3* — Term to 2029

Trego County Officials

Edward Pritchard, *Sheriff* — Term to 2029
Lori Augustine, *Clerk* — Term to 2029
Renee Neff, *Treasurer* — Term to 2029
Abraham Pfannenstiel, *Attorney* — Term to 2029
Brenda Brock, *Register of Deeds* — Term to 2029
Richard Hanks, *Dist. Magistrate Judge* — Term to 2027
Adam Wilson, *Appraiser* — Apointed
Tiffany Gillespie, *Clerk of Dist Court* — Appointed

Voters in Trego Co.
US House Kansas District 1
Senate District 40
House of Representatives District 118

US Senate

Jerry Moran, *Senator* — Hays: 785-628-6401
Dr. Roger Marshall, *Senator* — Salina: 785-829-9000

US House of Rep.

Tracey Mann, *US House, KS-1* — Dodge City office: 620-682-7340

KS Senate

Rick Billinger, *Dist. 40* — Email rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov

KS House of Rep.

Jim Minnix, *Dist. 118 Represent.* — Email: jim.minnix@house.ks.gov

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State of Kansas
Budget Form USD-A

USD #106
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: Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual: Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget: Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	1,680,924	20.000	1,846,510	20.000	2,096,836	629,920	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	572,779	15.688	626,847	12.921	703,039	685,052	19.318
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	62,501		66,389		68,139		
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		483,900		
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	193,458		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	159,062		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				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	183,543		182,560		224,549		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	0		0				
Activity Fund	56	48,045		49,130				
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[1]								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	3,980,035	41.956	3,956,912	40.921	5,588,597	1,598,669	47.318
Less: Transfers	105	657,438		689,448		868,578		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,322,597		3,267,464		4,720,019		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,650,336		1,504,043		1,598,669		

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	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual: Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual: Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget: Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
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	0.922	51,576	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	0.922	51,576	0.980	75,400	70,924	2.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	$1,688,193		$1,542,590		$1,669,593		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$37,441,908		$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	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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Board President   Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year

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Revenue Neutral

	2025-2026: Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	2026-2027: 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	12.921	$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	22.783	$968,749	27.318

Board President   Clerk of the Board

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Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 208 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 5:35 PM at Trego Grade School, Room 120, 612 Junction Ave, WaKeeney, KS 67672 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 208 District Office, on the district website and will be available at this hearing.
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OPERATING								
General	06	3,972,546	20.000	4,116,449	20.000	4,562,309	1,169,969	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	1,362,290	19.297	1,388,823	19.594	1,521,837	1,357,316	19.724
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	198,759		138,922		94,209		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	0		0		45,000		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	457,478		440,383		768,202		
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	653,384	6.999	488,733	8.000	1,781,072	550,527	8.000
Driver Training	18	4,698		5,968		39,549		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	316,860		339,500		409,331		
Professional Development	26	2,321		13,646		52,114		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	861,126		744,987		1,158,877		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	69,588		69,034		196,981		
Gifts and Grants	35	52,199		79,840		92,430		
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				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	404,971		411,708		485,301		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	19,604		38,821				
Activity Fund	56	133,993		169,889				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	252,725	3.951	253,000	3.883	253,125	262,302	3.812
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[1]								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	8,762,542	50.247	8,699,703	51.477	11,460,337	3,340,114	51.536
Less: Transfers	105	1,620,877		1,641,136		1,446,384		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	7,141,665		7,058,567		10,013,953		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	3,104,682		3,268,327		3,340,114		

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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	153,000	2.210	145,000	2.103	140,000	135,547	1.970
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	48,000	0.696	58,000	0.863	50,000	48,634	0.707
TOTAL OTHER	120	201,000	2.906	203,000	2.966	190,000	184,181	2.677
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	$3,296,409		$3,468,756		$3,524,295		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$55,477,723		$57,086,575		$58,498,439		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	$65,382,306		$67,103,680		$68,815,910		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	$65,377,925		$67,100,111		$68,815,910		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	3,335,000		3,180,000		3,020,000		
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	3,335,000		3,180,000		3,020,000		

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Clayton Wilson, Board President   Kasandra Bliss, Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 208 will meet on the 24th day of August 2026 at 5:30 PM at Trego Grade School, Room 120, 612 Junction Ave, WaKeeney, KS 67672 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, is available at the USD 208 District Office, and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral

	2025-2026: Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	2026-2027: Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	$1,141,732	20.000	$1,141,597	19.515	$1,169,969	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$1,323,826	19.594	$1,314,659	19.104	$1,357,316	19.724
Adult Education	$0	0.000			$0	0.000
Capital Outlay	$540,334	8.000	$536,764	7.800	$550,527	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	$262,435	3.883	$260,537	3.786	$262,302	3.812
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/District	$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	$3,268,327	51.477	$3,253,557	50.205	$3,340,114	51.536
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$2,126,595	31.477	$2,111,960	30.690	$2,170,145	31.536

Clayton Wilson, Board President   Kasandra Bliss, Clerk of the Board
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