LEGALS

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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King, Brennan & Albin, LLC
833 N. Waco Ave.
Wichita, KS 67203
316-263-0505
316-263-2128 (facsimile)

IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, TREGO COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT
SANDRA BRANCH, as ADMINISTRATOR of the ESTATE OF PHILIP BUCHHOLZ)
Plaintiff,))
v.)
Case No. TR-2026-CV-000020)
IMAS INT INC.,)
Defendant.)

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
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NOTICE OF HEARING

To: THE UNKNOWN LEGAL HEIRS OF PHILIP BUCHHOLZ; AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., a hearing will be held on a Motion to Approve Settlement Funds to the Estate of Philip Buchholz, deceased. Any person claiming to be a beneficiary of the Estate of Philip Buchholz may have a claim to said settlement funds. You are required to appear before the Honorable Thomas Drees at the Trego County Courthouse, 216 N. Main, WaKeeney, KS 67672 at the above date and time in order to assert a claim to said settlement funds. Failure to appear will result in your interest to the settlement funds being forfeited.

Dated this 17th day of August 2026. Sept. 3

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Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP):

This program is intended to promote the revitalization and development of the County of Trego by stimulating new construction and the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of the area in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the County by offering certain incentives, which includes tax rebates.

This is a tax rebate program meant to assist homeowners as well as commercial property owners/business owners who wish to improve their home and/or place of business in Trego County.

The five-year tax rebate schedule is as follows: Year 1 – 90%, Year 2 – 70%, Year 3 – 50%, Year 4 – 30%, Year 5 – 10%

Program applications are accepted by the Trego County Appraiser's Office from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

There must be a minimum increase of $20,000 in appraised value to receive a tax rebate for commercial or residential construction and a minimum investment of $20,000

Questions regarding which type of property improvements are allowed within the NRP as well as any other details should be addressed to the County Appraiser's Office.

785/743-5758 Aug. 27

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Millsap & Singer, LLC
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Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 339-9132
(913) 339-9045 (fax)

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

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC
By:
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Dwayne A. Duncan, #27533
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612 Spirit Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63005
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(636) 537-0067 (fax)
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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LEGAL ADVERTISING
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STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF TREGO
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT
AS OF JULY 31, 2026

COUNTY BUDGETED FUNDS	FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND	1,468,901.49
ROAD & BRIDGE FU	1,082,605.84
FAIR FUND	26,854.94
SPECIAL BRIDGE FU	154,536.16
HEALTH FUND	202,912.81
WIC	17,029.78
AMBULANCE FUND	42,047.18
HISTORICAL SOCIETY	9,093.49
NOXIOUS WEED FUND	242,893.09
NOXIOUS WD CAP OUT	118,836.82
MENTAL HEALTH FUND	10,229.79
INTELLECTUALLY CHAL	8,255.61
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	1,091,128.30
ELECTION FUND	38,478.87
APPRAISAL FUND	116,426.53
HOSPITAL MAINTENAN	116,181.67
ECONOMIC DEVELOP	128,631.37
BOND & INTEREST F	20,538.80
SPECIAL ALCOHOL	32,099.07
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	1,195.21
SANITARY LANDFILL	130,931.45
RURAL FIRE DIST SPEC	209,525.42
WIRELSS/LANDLNE 911	192,960.58
REG OF DEEDS TECH	28,487.44
HLTH CARE SALES TX	1,151,063.06
TREASURER TECH	15,629.73
CLERK TECHNOLOGY	7,853.50

COUNTY FUNDS - NON-BUDGETED	FUND BALANCE
GENERAL EQUIP RES	104,201.46
HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	9,741.97
CAPITAL BUILDING RES	628,946.49
R&B CAP BUILDG RES	160,412.96
ELECTION EQUIP RES	16,173.61
LANDFILL EQUIP RES	198,121.00
SPECIAL VEHICLE RES	79,435.68
ECO DEV SP PROJ RES	76,050.67
AIRPORT CAP OUTLAY	246,351.63
EM MGMT EQUIP RES	65,276.20
SPECIAL MACHINERY	524,142.95
SPEC HWY IMPROVE	756,166.87
AMBULANCE CAP OUT	258,701.28
AMBULANCE MEMORIAL	6,181.00
RESTITUTION FEES	3,459.52
TOURISM PROMO FUND	191.37
MED CAFETERIA PLAN	7,088.89
ST KS HAZMAT GRANT	2,204.26
EXHIBIT/LIVESTCK BLDG	1,600.00
CONCEALED WEAPON	2,253.59
WAMPUM MONEY	24,365.00
OIL & GAS DEPL TRUST	8,947.32
FAIR DONATION	4,627.99
ECO DEV MICRO LOAN	40,781.00
MUNICIP FIGHT ADDICT	13,056.26
LACTF	49,058.61
REG OFFENDER TECH FEE	60.00
MOTOR VEHICLE FUND	26,262.50
PROSECUTING ATTY	12,073.85
SPEC PROSEC TRUST	21,651.91
SHERIFF ASSET FORF	61,156.36
SPEC LAW ENFOR TRST	20,268.25
DRIVER LICENSE REN	341.50
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	295.00

REVENUE FUNDS	FUND BALANCE
CURRENT TAX HOLDING	51,185.06
DELINQUENT TAXES	146,445.75
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,490.66
VEHICLE RENT EXCISE TAX	15.54
AUTO	1,859.13
ROYALTY PLATES	85.00
KCoVRS REGISTRATION	4,307.14
ESCROW MOTOR VEHICLE	179.72
TAX ESCROW	4,353.02
DMV ELEC REG FEE	58.33
LICENSE PLATE REPLACE	50.00
PARK RES AUTHOR	150.00
KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL	90.00
LECTF/SGF	56.25
SALES AND COMP TAX	62,053.49
RV AUTO TAX	2,986.87
MV AUTO TAX	120,845.28
KCoVRS TAX	3,216.15

RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS	FUND BALANCE
RURAL FIRE GEN FUND	165,744.15
RURAL FIRE MEM FUND	2,600.00
RURAL FIRE BOND & INT	11,679.37

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	FUND BALANCE
COLLYER CITY SPECIALS	350.00

TOTAL CASH IN TREASURY 10,674,775.86

STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF TREGO

I do solemnly swear the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God. Renee Neff, Trego County Treasurer

SEAL

(First published in the Western Kansas World Thursday, August 20, 2026)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Rural Fire District
Trego County
:et on September 8, 2026 at 5:15 pm at Trego County Commisioners' Room; 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, KS for the purpose of heari
answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of tax to levied and the revenue neutral rate.
:iled budget information is available at Trego County Clerk's Office; 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, KS 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 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual 2025 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate for 2026 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate for 2026 Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	221,978	3.646	238,900	3.254	244,900	209,459	3.517
Debt Service							
Rural Fire Special Equipr	96,000		250,000		43,000		
Totals	317,978	3.646	488,900	3.254	287,900	209,459	3.517
					*Revenue Neutral Rate***		*3.297*
Less: Transfers	42,000		42,000		42,000		
Net Expenditures	275,978		446,900		245,900		
Total Tax Levied	217,208		196,423		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	59,571,454		60,360,395		59,551,710		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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

Lori Augustine
Trego County Clerk

(First published in the Western Kansas World Thursday, August 20, 2026)

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 395 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 7:10 PM at 400 Washington Street, La Crosse, KS 67548 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 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	3,216,044	20.000	3,358,332	20.000	3,510,713	635,873	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	1,041,485	20.940	1,095,889	22.539	1,150,932	860,748	22.057
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	132,655		107,665		128,603		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	343,612		419,830		461,307		
Capital Outlay	16	350,647	7.481	1,200,804	8.000	1,110,000	312,188	8.000
Driver Training	18	45,818		4,927		20,106		
Food Service	24	250,771		259,634		338,887		
Professional Development	26	290		0		6,922		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	1,444		2,224		6,982		
Special Education	30	668,500		708,542		890,600		
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	177,714		208,446		72,545		
Gifts and Grants	35	73,312		129,344		300,000		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	320,529		328,133		403,603		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	27,769		23,830				
Activity Fund	56	222,374		287,416				
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	516,046	14.982	710,350	14.991	732,475	580,716	14.881
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	7,389,010	63.403	8,845,366	65.530	9,133,675	2,389,525	64.938
Less: Transfers	105	1,400,776		1,373,677		1,340,422		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	5,988,234		7,471,689		7,793,253		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	2,102,474		2,218,389		2,389,525		
1. Sponsoring District Only								
*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills								
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$28,503,485		$28,986,982		$31,793,673		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	$34,991,556		$35,970,893		$39,023,512		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	$34,814,942		$35,859,625		$39,023,512		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		10,975,000		10,735,000		
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	0		10,975,000		10,735,000		

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

John H. Irvin — Board President
Jessica Dillett — Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 395 will meet on the 14 day of September 2026 at 7:00 PM at 400 Washington Street, La Crosse, KS 67548 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 District Office and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral

	2025-2026 Actual Taxes	2025-2026 Actual	2025-2026 Revenue	2025-2026 Revenue	2026-2027 Proposed	2026-2027 Proposed
General	$579,740	20.000	$579,725	18.234	$635,873	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$811,401	22.539	$809,814	20.776	$860,748	22.057
Capital Outlay	$288,000	8.000	$287,426	7.374	$312,188	8.000
Bond and Interest #1	$539,248	14.991	$538,603	13.818	$580,716	14.881

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	$2,218,389	65.530	$2,215,568	60.202	$2,389,525	64.938
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$1,638,649	45.530	$1,635,843	41.968	$1,753,652	44.938

John H. Irvin — Board President
Jessica Dillett — Clerk of the Board

Trego County *(First published in the Western Kansas World Thursday, August 20, 2026)* 2027

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Trego County
will meet on September 8, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Trego County Commission Chambers, 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, 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 and Revenue Neutral Rate.
Detailed budget information is available at Trego County Clerk's Office, 216 N Main St, WaKeeney, KS 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 Expenditures	Prior Year Actual for 2025 Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate for 2026 Expenditures	Current Year Estimate for 2026 Actual Tax Rate*	Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Budget Authority for Expenditures	Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Budget Year for 2027 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	2,217,031	15.973	2,491,833	17.714	2,609,618	1,335,844	17.088
Debt Service	458,530	5.906	458,530	5.781	488,530	423,640	5.419
Road & Bridge	1,605,327	17.886	1,851,783	14.465	1,802,990	1,214,348	15.534
Special Bridge	28,674		80,000	0.416	80,000	3,072	0.039
EMS Ambulance	281,935	3.487	293,349	3.161	303,305	280,237	3.585
County Health	256,640	1.580	250,061	1.190	291,279	118,647	1.518
Appraiser	119,014	1.779	162,946	1.857	177,614	123,855	1.584
Election	25,277	0.245	50,000	0.322	51,200	35,628	0.456
Historical Society	21,600	0.273	22,800	0.278	22,800	21,128	0.270
Noxious Weed	253,742	1.742	300,196	1.839	305,204	189,340	2.422
County Hospital	300,000	3.727	300,000	3.633	300,000	281,279	3.598
Fair	82,738	1.031	82,738	1.037	82,738	74,669	0.955
Economic Development	81,329		104,887		97,321		
Mental Health	25,883	0.315	25,902	0.321	26,979	25,232	0.323
Intellectually Challenged	22,442	0.275	22,000	0.267	22,000	20,957	0.268
Employee Benefits	1,275,218	15.492	1,638,094	15.843	1,672,195	1,287,439	16.469
Hospital No Fund Warran							
Special Alcohol & Drug	3,950		21,000		22,033		
Special Parks & Recreatio	1,428		2,600		1,524		
Noxious Weed Cap Outla			74,500		54,337		
Landfill	89,068		136,862		152,810		
Wireless/Landline 911	48,040		80,000		165,120		
Health Care Sales Tax	660,277		663,479		673,240		
Municpal Fight Addiction	1,000		9,400		11,282		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	134,175						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	1,127						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	57,316						
Non-Budgeted Funds-D	79,325						
Non-Budgeted Funds-E	42,571						
Totals	8,173,657	69.711	9,122,960	68.124	9,414,119	5,435,315	69.528
						*Revenue Neutral Rate **	*67.702*
Less: Transfers	464,754		364,000		359,000		
Net Expenditure	7,708,903		8,758,960		9,055,119		
Total Tax Levied	5,309,565		5,293,071		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	76,166,128		77,699,847		78,175,097		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	12,465,000	11,975,000	11,470,000
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	552,874	404,225	252,539
Total	13,017,874	12,379,225	11,722,539

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

Lori Augustine
Trego County Clerk
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