Budgets promote transparency, efficiency

As with last week's *Citizen,* today's edition contains several budgets, for cities, townships and cemetery districts in Wilson County. This is common for late July and August, as governmental entities are required to publish their respective proposals for Fiscal Year 2027 before the end of August.

"Why should I be interested in these?", readers might ask.

That's a simple answer: because the official published budget — for cities, school districts, counties, townships, and other taxing districts — legally authorize how each of those entities will spend its resources. And that is information that taxpayers need to know.

In the case of larger entities, the published budget sets the framework for delivering public services. A legal document, the budget is an accountability mechanism that shapes the community's priorities and financial health.

Budgets authorize expenditures up to certain amounts set by the respective entity and must be prepared and adopted according to state law. The budget reflects the entity's priorities — such as road maintenance, public safety, education, and community programs. It shows how much will be spent on each area and what level of taxes The legal adoption procedures — including public inspection, hearings, and filing with the county ensures transparency.

A well-prepared budget aligns spending with projected revenues, helping to avoid overspending or underfunding. It also supports economic stability by guiding tax levels, investment in infrastructure, and efficient use of resources.

Budgets prevent unauthorized spending, and ensure that funds are used for their intended purposes.

When preparing a budget proposal, officials in charge of a particular entity address activities, staffing needs, and resource allocations for the coming year.

Drafting a budget requires disciplined spending and ensures that public goods and property are produced and maintained efficiently.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Cedar Creek Watershed #56
Wilson County
will meet on August 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at 14188 Yale Rd, Chanute, KS 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 is avaiable at Alfred Crawshaw's residence and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Wilson County (home county) Neosho County

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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.

	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	985	1.866	22,955	1.767	123,660	15,061	1.598
Debt Service							
Totals	985	1.866	22,955	1.767	123,660	15,061	1.598
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*1.598*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	985		22,955		123,660		
Total Tax Levied	15,705		15,680		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	8,421,863		8,901,864		9,427,611		

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*

Alfred Crawshaw
Officer

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CEDAR CREEK JOINT WATERSHED DISTRICT #56

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting for members of Cedar Creek Joint Watershed District #56, will be held at 14188 Yale Rd, Chanute, Kansas following the Budget Hearing scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. The regular meeting will follow the annual meeting.

July 28, 2026 - Headcount: 694

No true test of the market today except on 800 to 1,000 lb. steers. The hot weather and the limit down futures kept most cattle at home. Steers off grass weighing 800 to 1,000 lbs. selling in load lots were cheaper than two weeks ago, but sold well with several buyers wanting cattle. No test on weigh cows or bulls. **Special Weaned Calf Sale next week with several big strings of weaned cattle.** Check us out on Facebook. Call with your consignments or to have cattle videoed. If you have grass to lease, please give us a call.

Steers
15hd, blk,Parsons,677lbs.,$364.00
27hd,blk,ElkCity,779lbs.,$347.50
31hd,mix,ElkCity,782lbs.,$344.00
56hd,mix,Uniontown,870lbs.,$327.50
53hd,blk,Uniontown,949lbs.,$328.50
53hd,blk,Uniontown,973lbs.,$323.00

Steers, continued
50hd,mix,Uniontown,981lbs.,$309.50
53hd,blk,Uniontown,981lbs.,$321.50
53hd,blk,Uniontown,992lbs.,$317.50
47hd,mix,Uniontwn,1004lbs.,$303.50
50hd,mix,Uniontwn,1019lbs.,$302.00
No data on heifers.

The market report is based on choice stocker & feeder calves.

Pairs: $3,500-$4,250
Weigh Cows: No Test
Bred Cows: $2,000-$2,850
Weigh Bulls: No Test

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of New Albany
will meet on September 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Albany United Methodist Church 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 Brenda Baugher's residence and will be available at this hearing.
BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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.

	Prior Year Actual for 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget for 2027		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	2,914	14.749	7,604	13.236	14,575	2,392	12.938
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway			3,000		5,500		
Totals	2,914	14.749	10,604	13.236	20,075	2,392	12.938
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*12.938*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	2,914		10,604		20,075		
Total Tax Levied	2,392		2,406		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	162,162		180,706		184,887		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2024	2025	2026
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

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Allison Miller
City Official Title: Clerk

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Grandview Cemetery District #28
Wilson County
will meet on August 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Arthur & Sidna Small's residence 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 is avaiable at John Gutschenritter's residence and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
Wilson County (home county) Montgomery County

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2027 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 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.

	Prior Year Actual 2025		Current Year Estimate for 2026		Proposed Budget Year for 2027		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2026 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,486	0.328	6,610	0.305	17,040	3,083	0.296
Debt Service							
Totals	3,486	0.328	6,610	0.305	17,040	3,083	0.296
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*0.296*
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	3,486		6,610		17,040		
Total Tax Levied	3,064		3,081		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	9,333,063		10,106,338		10,421,817		

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

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John Gutschenritter
Officer

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