

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLI-  
CATION TO PURCHASE  
BRANCH OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that Waypoint Bank, 747 Meridian Avenue, Cozad, NE 69130 has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for consent to purchase certain assets and assume substantially all of the deposit liabilities and other specified liabilities of the 105 S Saunders Avenue, Sutton, NE 68979 branch of Astra Bank, which is headquartered at 323 4th Street, Scandia, KS 66966. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated with Waypoint Bank operating the branch in Sutton, NE.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office located at 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 2100, Kansas City, MO 64106 not later than August 16, 2025. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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IN THE DISTRICT  
COURT OF REPUBLIC  
COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate

Terri L. Ritter, deceased.  
Case No. RP- 2025-PR-000017

(Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
THE STATE OF KANSAS  
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by Richard A. Barrett, Jr., brother of Terri L. Ritter, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Republic County, Kansas:

An undivided one-half (½) interest in and to Lot Fourteen (14), Block Fifty-seven (57), of the Original Townsite of Belleville, Republic County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate

owned by the Decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 2021-PR-021, the hearing will be conducted remotely by Microsoft TEAMS, using computer or cell phone or the Cloud County Courthouse Community Computer. Parties must contact the Court at (785) 527-7234 within three (3) days prior to the hearing to be included and shall provide an email address to participate in the remote hearing. Participants in the remote hearing shall abide by the Remote Hearing Procedures, a copy of which shall be emailed to the participants prior to the hearing.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on August 19, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Republic County Courthouse, in the City of Belleville, Republic County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Richard A. Barrett, Jr.,  
Petitioner

William “Ross” Van Horn  
Sup. Ct. 29756  
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IN THE DISTRICT  
COURT OF REPUBLIC  
COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate

Max E. Wickstrum, Deceased

Case No. RP-2025-PR-000019

(A Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING  
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS  
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on July 14, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Mike I. Wickstrum, the Executor of the “Last Will and Testament of Max E. Wickstrum”, deceased, dated April 20, 2021, requesting that the Will filed with the

Petition be admitted to probate and record; that Mike I. Wickstrum be appointed Executor without bond; and that the Executor be granted Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 19 2025, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Belleville, Republic County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should

you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Per Supreme Court Rule 2021-PR-021, the hearing will be conducted remotely via Microsoft TEAMS, using a computer, cell phone, or the Republic County Courthouse Community Computer. Parties must contact the Court at (785) 527-7234 at least three days before the hearing to participate and provide an email address. Remote Hearing Procedures

will be emailed to participants before the hearing.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall

be forever barred.

Mike I. Wickstrum  
Petitioner

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State of Kansas  
County  
2026

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Republic County**  
will meet on August 25, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the Republic County Courthouse 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 the Republic County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	3,053,187	18.458	3,241,438	11.644	3,499,431	1,538,122	16.300
Bond & Interest							
Road & Bridge	3,296,775	28.834	3,600,510	32.276	3,708,500	2,261,026	23.960
Special Bridge	372,708	2.000	66,909	2.000	899,894	188,744	2.000
Health	611,954	2.197	666,045	1.907	654,700	180,234	1.910
Appraiser's Cost	215,748	1.456	258,912	2.594	282,616	254,423	2.696
Noxious Weed	60,786	0.755	111,500	1.077	124,956	87,237	0.924
Ambulance	883,362	4.611	902,500	5.375	953,270	539,581	5.718
Transportation	75,498		105,172	0.296	133,848	40,316	0.427
Hospital Maintenance	575,000	5.432	567,000	5.662	588,725	566,073	5.999
County Building	236,261	1.000	100,000	1.000	312,776	94,368	1.000
Employee Benefits	2,196,246	16.031	2,608,651	22.751	2,976,500	2,759,897	29.247
Special Alcohol & Drug	2,000		12,000		11,983		
Special Parks & Recreation			500		19,890		
Republic County 911	63,970		65,000		114,221		
Solid Waste	319,675		433,340		743,755		
Special Ambulance Equipm			235,000		188,647		
Fuel Center	314,934		481,000		487,292		
Hospital Sales Tax	1,316,266		1,250,000		1,250,000		
Opioid Program					33,228		
Non-Budgeted Funds:							
Page 1	2,602,834						
Page 2	7,128						
Page 3	1,805,609						
Totals	18,009,941	80.774	14,705,477	86.582	16,984,232	8,510,021	90.181
Revenue Neutral Rate **							86.723
Less: Transfers	477,900		40,000		55,000		
Net Expenditure	17,532,041		14,665,477		16,929,232		
Total Tax Levied	7,812,880		8,183,017		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	96,731,380		94,491,760		94,365,361		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1, G.O. Bonds Revenue Bonds Other Lease Pur. Princ. Total	2023
	0
	0
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2024	2025
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
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0	0

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

Kathleen Marsicek  
County Clerk

NOTICE OF BUDGET AND RATE HEARING

Special District Funds	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Yr Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget Year 2026			
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	July 1, 2025 Estimated Valuation	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
Fire District No. 1	38,508	7.326	38,604	7.842	38,542	36,819	4,437,045	8.298
Fire District No. 2	12,004	5.002	11,955	5.401	11,969	11,253	2,032,605	5.536

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Kathleen Marsicek  
County Clerk



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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Liberty Cemetery #2**  
Republic County

will meet on August 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Liberty Cemetery 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 available at Republic County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,428	0.510	7,825	0.544	7,943	1,500	0.565
Debt Service							
Totals	1,428	0.510	7,825	0.544	7,943	1,500	0.565
Revenue Neutral Rate**							0.565
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	1,428		7,825		7,943		
Total Tax Levied	1,500		1,500		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	2,942,299		2,760,384		2,654,249		

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\*\*Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Raymond Kuhlmann  
Treasurer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**National Cemetery #5**  
Republic County

will meet on August 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Acreage Steakhouse, Hubbell 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 available at Republic County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget Year for 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	4,664	2.245	6,441	2.390	6,068	4,160	2.488
Debt Service							
Totals	4,664	2.245	6,441	2.390	6,068	4,160	2.488
Revenue Neutral Rate**							2.490
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	4,664		6,441		6,068		
Total Tax Levied	4,162		4,162		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	1,853,655		1,741,650		1,671,709		

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Roger Novak  
Treasurer

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Jefferson Township**  
Republic County

will meet on August 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Merle Hadack residence 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 Republic County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	488		1,108	0.296	1,098	900	0.304
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	488	0.000	1,108	0.296	1,098	900	0.304
Revenue Neutral Rate**							0.305
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	488		1,108		1,098		
Total Tax Levied	0		900		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation: Township	3,054,169		3,043,658		2,957,370		

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

Kelly Melton  
Treasurer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of  
**Freedom Township**  
Republic County

will meet on August 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM at Tom Moravek Residence 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 Republic County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Proposed Budget 2026		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	552		1,900		1,900		
Debt Service							
Library							
Road							
Special Machinery							
Totals	552	0.000	1,900	0.000	1,900	0	0.000
Revenue Neutral Rate**							0.000
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	552		1,900		1,900		
Total Tax Levied	0		0		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation: Township	4,873,720		4,694,376		4,536,748		

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

Donna Moravek  
Treasurer