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2023 TAX LEVY FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY
Rate of tax levied for 2023 on \$1,000, per assessed valuation
VALUES ARE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023
TANGIBLE VALUATION OF SHERIDAN COUNTY IS \$73,264,828, INCLUDING PENALTY OF \$64,316.

Table with columns for STATE, COUNTY FUNDS, REGIONAL LIBRARY, TWIN CREEK EXTENSION, and UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS. It lists various taxes and levies for different areas and services.

VALUATIONS LISTED ARE SHERIDAN COUNTY VALUATIONS ONLY. STATE OF KANSAS, SHERIDAN COUNTY, SS: Heather Bracht, Clerk of Sheridan County, Kansas hereby certifies the foregoing are the legal levies of Sheridan County, Kansas for the year 2023 as shown by the records on file in my office.

Table with columns for 2023 Levies by Taxing Unit and 2023 Levies by Taxing Units. It provides detailed breakdowns of levies for various taxing units like ADDILL TWP, BLOOMFIELD TWP, and BOWCREEK TWP.

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Commission Minutes
11/14/23

Now on this 21st day of November 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pratt advised the Board he had filed the Corrected Deed from the Sheridan County Board of Commissioners to Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) Properties, LLC, for the lot east of the hospital being used for the daycare duplex.

Several Treasurers adds and abatements were approved and signed by the board on a motion by Ahlenstorf and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Chad Koster and Rebecca Bird from the Sheridan County Health Complex came to the table to discuss Public Health. Koster advised the Board that a full-time nurse had been hired.

There was a discussion about the bill the County received from the hospital in the amount of \$6,275.49, which is what the hospital was short from services provided and what was paid. Koster advised that there is always going to be an additional cost to the County.

Bird gave a brief financial review of Public Health. Koster advised the Board that immunizations will remain with the clinic as they currently have the VFC status.

Graham Co. will continue servicing the WIC community at this time. Koster advised the Board that Behavioral Health is relocated to the Main St. office.

Koster asked about taxes and being exempt and was advised he needed to talk with the Appraiser's Office. The emergency room expansion is still a priority, but the Hospital Board of Trustees are struggling with the finances.

Dr. Gaede's practice is growing, and he will be having expanded services such as colonoscopy's, etc. Senator Moran is visiting the hospital on Wednesday, which will consist of a quick tour of the hospital then a short meeting in the conference room with the Board. Commissioners are invited to attend.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Herskowitz distributed information from a magazine on road groups. Herskowitz advised the Board that Teeter had completed the two miles of road and the County is now hauling gravel there.

Phase II of the Teeter bid was for 90S/100-130W, pulling shoulders and elevate at a cost of \$17,250. Mader made a motion to approve the bid from Teeter seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

By consensus, the Board approved getting a load of diesel from Bainter Oil. There was a vehicle rollover over the weekend, and it was claimed there were waves on the road. Herskowitz checked it out and it was cleaned up a

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little on Monday.

A drag bill was received from August/September. A note will be sent to the operator reminding that bills need to be turned in immediately. Several employees are using time off this week.

At 9:15 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0.

The door opened at 9:25 with no decision. Ahlenstorf made a motion to approve the November 14, 2023, Minutes, as amended.

The November 17, 2023 Payroll was approved on a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0.

At 9:35 the Board and Bracht convened to Herskowitz's county pickup and left the courthouse to inspect roads in the southeast part of the county, as well as several bridges.

The following Payroll was approved and signed by the Board:
General \$80,198.69
Road & Bridge \$27,871.32
Nox. Weed \$1,867.03
Public Transp. \$985.00
Landfill \$1,664.82
MV \$1,293.08

At 11:26 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Mike "Buck" Mader, Chairman

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending November 26, 2023, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 28% very short, 33% short, 35% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Cotton harvested was 80%, behind 90% last year, but ahead of 63% average. Sunflowers harvested was 92%, near 96% last year and 93% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 24% very poor, 30% poor, 34% fair, 11% good, and 1% excellent.

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Youth Taxidermy Workshop Offered

By University Communications
Hays - For those who would like to learn about preserving animals for study or display, the Kansas Wetlands Education Center is hosting a workshop in December.

Andrew Wittenberg, Ellinwood High School science teacher and local taxidermist, will help youth navigate the taxidermy process by creating a pheasant mount.

Limited to 10 participants, registration by Dec. 8 is required for the workshop. The cost is \$25 to cover supplies.

The Kansas Wetlands Education Center, affiliated with FHSU's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, is located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend along Kansas Highway 156 at Cheyenne Bottoms, 592 NE K-156 Hwy., Great Bend, KS 67530.

Project WILD is a KWEC monthly program geared toward school-age kids and their families. The program's mission is to get kids off screens and out in nature.

For more information, visit wetlandcenter.fhsu.edu or call 1-877-243-9268.

FHSU's Annual Toy-Building Event Set

By FHSU University Communications
Hays - As the 2023 holiday season commences, Fort Hays State University's annual toy-building event is approaching quickly.

The 34th Annual Fred Ruda's Teaming up for Tots event is set to take place on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Center for Applied Technology at Fort Hays State University.

Students in the Department of Applied Technology have designed the toy and all the processes, jigs, and fixtures needed to produce the toys on a mass scale.

"This is one of the best opportunities for our students to give back to the community," said Zach Pixler, Assistant Professor of Applied Technology.

Building will commence at 9 a.m. and will be completed by lunchtime. Join us for coffee and donuts before the event and pizza after the build.

For answers to any questions, contact the Department of Applied Technology at 785-628-4211.

\$400,000+ Invested in Kansas Ag Producers

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Kansas State Director Christy Davis announced today that USDA is investing \$418,318 in grants that will expand markets for agricultural producers and strengthen food and agriculture supply chains in rural Kansas.

This announcement is part of a larger national announcement that includes 36 other states and Puerto Rico. The details of the Kansas projects are:

A \$220,818 grant will be used to double the production of Elm Creek Beef's value-added products while implementing targeted marketing techniques to grow and diversify their customer base. Working Capital funds will be used for marketing, labor, raw agricultural commodity and retail supplies for this Hoyt business.

A \$192,500 grant will be used to expand Bow Creek Ranch LLC's packaged and frozen yak meat product line, diversify into new markets and increase sales.

Lincoln, NE - In the Northern Plains Region (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota) there were 37,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2023, down 3% from the July 2022 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$18.87 per hour during the July 2023 reference week, up 6% from the July 2022 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$19.37 per hour during the October 2023 reference week, up 6% from the October 2022 reference week.

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