

# SALINE COUNTY, KS



## 2025 Budget In-Brief

### 2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Each year, the Board of County Commissioners adopts an annual budget, which funds County programs, services, and projects. The budget controls spending and honors our commitment to providing affordable and quality services to our citizens. Some of the highlights in the 2025 budget include:

- Total Expenditures of \$68,521,545
- 2 additional positions, one that is completely grant funded
- 3% Cost of Living increase in salaries
- Increased funding for Senior Services for food expenses and the Sheriff's office for the new medical contract for the Jail.
- Anticipated increase of 0.013 mills over the 2024 mill levy
- Reduction to one-half mill instead of a full mill for Special Road Construction

### SALINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monte Shadwick, District 1  
Robert Vidricksen, District 2  
Rodger Sparks, District 3  
James Weese, District 4  
Joe Hay Jr, District 5

### REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

On July 9th, 2024 the County Commission authorized staff to proceed with notice to the County Clerk to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. A few facts of the Revenue Neutral Rate notices that property owners received:

- If a taxing entity collects even one more dollar in property tax revenue, it exceeds the Revenue Neutral Rate and is required to hold a hearing in addition to their regular budget hearing.
- No taxing entity can exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate without approval of a resolution or ordinance.
- In Saline County, property tax is divided among several property-taxing entities including the City, County, Airport, School Districts and more.
- Notices state a tax estimate calculated using last year's mill levy. Actual tax statements are sent out around the end of November.
- Saline County's Revenue Neutral Rate was 39.684 mills and the proposed mill rate for 2025 is 39.880.

### JOINT FACILITIES STUDY

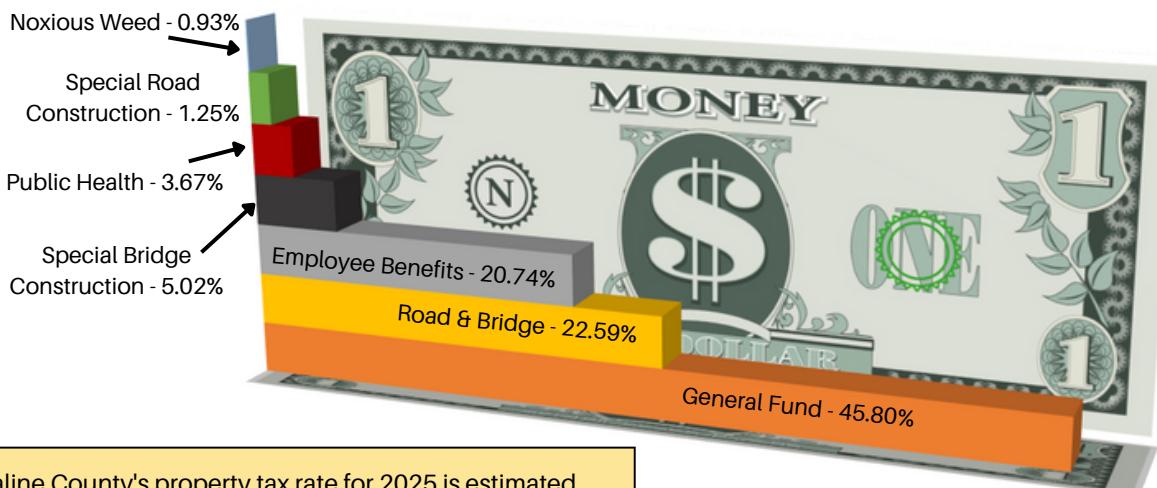


The County partnered with the City of Salina and entered into a contract with TreanorHL and Olsson Studios to complete a study that evaluates several buildings and spaces that are owned or occupied by each entity. The County was able to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to cover the County's portion of this study. The County Commission have expressed visions of addressing the needs of the Health Department as well as a few other County offices to create efficiency, address needs, and provide the public with appropriate spaces to conduct government business.

We plan to have a final report in December of 2024 which will provide us time in the 2026 budget process to evaluate their findings and develop plans moving forward.

**SEE THE STATE OF KANSAS FORMS FOR THE 2025 BUDGET AT [WWW.SALINECOUNTYKS.GOV](http://WWW.SALINECOUNTYKS.GOV)**

## TAX RATE SHARE BY TAX-SUPPORTED FUNDS

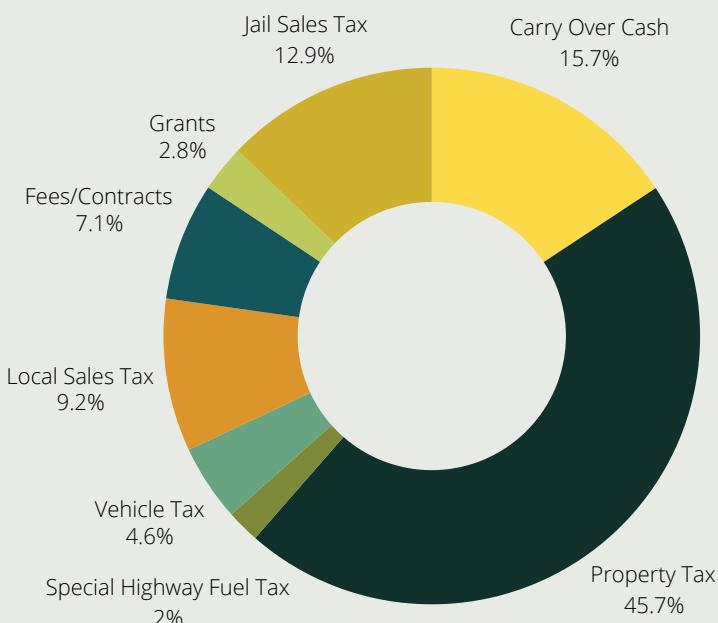
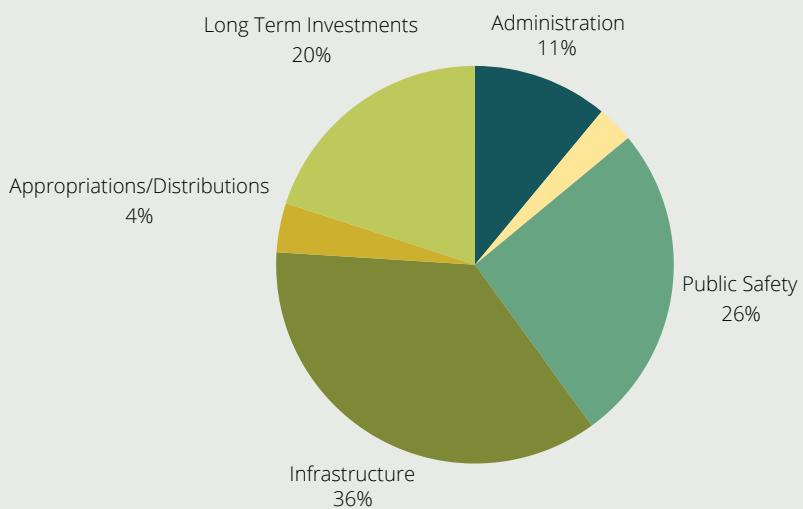


Saline County's property tax rate for 2025 is estimated at 39.880 mills or about \$39.88 in tax levied on every \$1,000 in taxable valuation. This graphic shows the breakdown of the 2025 tax rate by each of the County's tax-supported funds.

## HOW DOES THE COUNTY GET MONEY?

County operations are funded primarily from residential and business property tax. Additional funding comes from grants, sales tax, fuel/vehicle tax, and fees for services.

The County's mill levy is only part of the property tax bill incurred by a property owner. Within most of the City of Salina, for example, the County tax rate is about 28% of the total, with other levies coming from the State of Kansas, City, School District, Library, Airport Authority, and Extension District.



## HOW DOES THE COUNTY SPEND MONEY?

The pie chart shows the percentage of expenditures by function that the County is responsible for. The 2025 budget provides a total of \$68,521,545 in county-wide expenditure authority. The County contracts for a range of services including legal counsel, mental health, animal control, soil conservation, emergency medical services (EMS) and economic development.