# The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners intend to vote on this Resolution 26-13 on August 31, 2026. Please contact your commissioner with any questions or concerns.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-13**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE PERCENT (1%) COUNTYWIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES CURRENTLY FINANCING THE COUNTY HOSPITAL AND TO FINANCE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY BY THE COUNTY HOSPITAL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq*., as amended, including K.S.A. 12-187(b)(5) and K.S.A. 12-189 (the "Act"), authorizes the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Ottawa County, Kansas (the "County") to submit to the electors of the County the question of imposing a one percent (1%) Countywide retailers' sales tax for the purpose of financing health care services in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board deems it advisable to provide for the calling of a special question election in the County for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the question of imposing a one percent (1%) Countywide retailers' sales tax (the "Health Care Sales Tax"), with 25% of such tax to be applied to reduce property taxes currently financing the County hospital, and with the balance of such tax otherwise applied for the purpose of financing health care services in the County by the County hospital and emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to authorize such Health Care Sales Tax, it is deemed advisable to call a special question election in the County to be held on November 3, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Care Sales Tax, if approved, would commence on April 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1**. In order to reduce property taxes currently financing the County hospital and to otherwise finance health care services in the County by the County hospital and emergency medical services, it is necessary and advisable pursuant to the authority of the Act to institute the Health Care Sales Tax. Collection of the Health Care Sales Tax, if approved by the electors of the County, would commence on April 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as possible.

**SECTION 2.** The implementation of the Health Care Sales Tax shall not be effective unless a majority of the qualified electors of the County voting on the proposition shall vote in favor thereof at a special question election to be held in the County for that purpose.

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed that a special question election shall be and is hereby called to be held in the County on November 3, 2026, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

> Shall Ottawa County, Kansas, be authorized to impose a one percent (1%) retailers' sales tax (the "Health Care Sales Tax"), with 25% of the sales tax proceeds applied to reduce property taxes currently financing the County hospital, and with the balance of sales tax proceeds otherwise applied for the purpose of financing health care services in the County by the County hospital and emergency medical services, with collection of such Health Care Sales Tax to commence April 1, 2027, or as soon thereafter as possible, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq*., as amended?

**SECTION 4.** The vote at said question submitted election shall be by ballot, and the special proposition stated above shall be printed on the ballot, together with voting instructions as provided by law.

**SECTION 5**. The County Clerk shall give notice of the question submitted election as provided by law by publishing a Notice of Special Question Election in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A* on the County election office website and once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, with the first publication to be not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the question submitted election, and the last publication being not more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the question submitted election.

**SECTION 6.** This Resolution shall be effective from and after its adoption.

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**ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, Kansas, on August 31, 2026.

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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County Clerk