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**NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404,  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS (RIVERTON)**

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 404, Cherokee County, Kansas (Riverton) (the "District"), has heretofore, pursuant to resolution duly adopted, declared it advisable to make and finance certain improvements to District facilities pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.* Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the District that a bond election has been called and will be held on March 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 404, Cherokee County, Kansas (Riverton), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 to the costs to: (a) make certain District-wide safety and security improvements; (b) make various roofing and drainage improvements to district facilities including new roofing and repairs/resurfacing on various district buildings, as deemed necessary; (c) make plumbing, HVAC and energy conservation improvements at various District buildings; (d) make learning environment and program modernization improvements; (e) make certain exterior and envelope improvements; (f) make all other necessary improvements, including site, utility, furnishing, and equipment improvements appurtenant thereto (collectively, the "Project"); and (g) pay costs of issuance and interest on said general obligation bonds of the District during construction of the Project; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 *et seq.*?

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, press the word "Yes" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes" on the paper ballot. To vote against it, press the word "No" on the voting machine or completely darken the oval to the left of the word "No" on the paper ballot.

☐ YES  
☐ NO

The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on March 3, 2026, the election day. The voting places in the District, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

<u>Voters Residing In Precinct</u>	<u>Will Vote At</u>	<u>Location</u>
All USD 404 Voters	House of Prayer Church	6090 SE Hwy Alt 69, Riverton, KS 66770

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 *et seq.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Capital Improvement Fund ("CIF") has been established in the treasury of the State of Kansas to assist school districts with making principal and interest payments on voted general obligation bond issues. The amount of CIF funding each school district receives is based on a formula prescribed by statute and implemented by the State Board of Education ("Bond State Aid"). Based on the current formula, the District expects to receive Bond State Aid in the approximate amount set forth below to assist with making the principal and interest payments on the Bonds. No assurance can be given that Bond State Aid will continue at this or any amount in future years.

The following additional information is provided by the District with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the District. Certain portions of this information are based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the Bonds due to changing market conditions, any changes in assessed valuation of the District, changes in the amount of state financial aid received by the District and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The projected rates of property taxation to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds are based upon the current assessed valuation of the District, the assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings and the current level of Bond State Aid the District would receive with respect to the Bonds, all as shown below.

### Projected Summary of Project Costs

<i>Sources of Funds</i>		<i>Uses of Funds</i>	
Bonds to be Issued	\$8,500,000.00	Project Costs (including architectural/engineering services)	\$8,415,770.00
Interest Earnings/Bond Premium	<u>181,356.00</u>	Project Contingency or Interest During Construction	96,356.00
		Issuance Expenses (including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	<u>169,230.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,681,356.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,681,356.00</b>

### Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Principal payments over 20 years	Average Interest Rate	4.50%
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Total Interest Cost to Maturity	\$5,386,050	Assessed Valuation (2025)	\$57,311,133
Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments			\$694,303
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from Bond State Aid			48,601
Portion of average annual principal and interest payments from District funds			645,702

**Average Annual Property Tax Mill Levy Rate for Principal and Interest Payments**

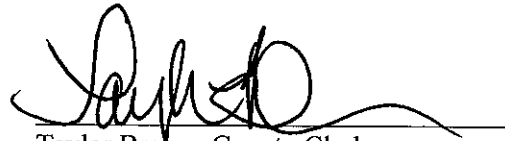
Total (without any Bond State Aid) after issuance of proposed bonds	11.626 Mills*
District Portion (with current level of Bond State Aid) after issuance of proposed bonds	11.050 Mills*

\*Represents the estimated future maximum annual property tax mill levy for the District's Bond & Interest Fund to provide for the payment of principal and interest on (i) previously issued general obligation bonds; and (ii) bonds authorized by the above proposition. The mill levy rate for the District's Bond and Interest Fund for November of 2025 was 11.050 mills, which levy is expected to decrease as the previously issued general obligation bonds are paid.

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Cherokee County, Kansas, whose address is 110 West Maple, P.O. Box 14, Columbus, Kansas 66725.

DATED: January 16, 2026.

(Seal)

  
Taylor Brown, County Clerk  
Cherokee County, Kansas

