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## PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**NEW ISSUE  
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[BOOK-ENTRY ONLY]**

*In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing law and assuming continued compliance with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”): (1) the interest on the Bonds [(including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof)] is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations; (2) the interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas; and (3) the Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Code § 265(b)(3). See “TAX MATTERS – Opinion of Bond Counsel” in this Official Statement..*

**\$3,845,000\***  
**CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**  
**SERIES 2017**

**DATED: October 31, 2017**

**DUE: October 1, as shown  
on the inside cover page**

The General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 (the “Bonds”) will be issued by the City of Stockton, Kansas (the “City” or “Issuer”), as fully registered bonds, without coupons, and, when issued, [will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form,] in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (the “Authorized Denomination”). [Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the Bond owners or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined) of the Bonds.] Principal will be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the registered owners thereof at the office of the Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, as paying agent and bond registrar (the “Paying Agent” and “Bond Registrar”). Interest payable on each Bond shall be paid to the persons who are the registered owners of the Bonds as of the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to such registered owner, or in the case of an interest payment to Cede & Co., by electronic transfer. [So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Owner of the Bonds, such payments will be made directly to DTC. DTC is expected, in turn, to remit such principal and interest to the DTC Participants (herein defined) for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners.] Principal of the Bonds will be payable on each October 1, beginning in 2018, and semiannual interest will be payable on April 1 and October 1, beginning on April 1, 2018.

The Bonds and the interest thereon will constitute general obligations of the Issuer, payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer.

**MATURITY SCHEDULE\***  
(See inside cover page)

The Bonds maturing on October 1, 2025, and thereafter will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Issuer, on October 1, 2024, or thereafter as described herein. See “THE BONDS-Redemption Provisions” herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the City, subject to the approval of legality by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas, Bond Counsel to the Issuer. Certain other legal matters will be passed upon by Joe Gasper, Esq., counsel for the Issuer. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery [through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York] on or about October 31, 2017.

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**SEALED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF:  
THE CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS  
ON OCTOBER 17, 2017 UNTIL 11:00 A.M. CDT  
BY RANSON FINANCIAL GROUP, L.L.C.  
200 W. DOUGLAS, SUITE 600  
WICHITA, KANSAS 67202  
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The date of this Preliminary Official Statement is September 25, 2017.

\* Subject to change

**\$3,845,000\***  
**CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**  
**SERIES 2017**

**MATURITY SCHEDULE\***

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL AMOUNT*</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>YIELD</u>	<u>CUSIP<sup>(1)</sup> BASE:</u>
10/01/2018	\$85,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2019	75,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2020	75,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2021	80,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2022	80,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2023	80,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2024	85,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2025	85,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2026	90,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2027	90,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2028	95,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2029	95,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2030	100,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2031	100,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2032	105,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2033	105,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2034	110,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2035	115,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2036	115,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2037	120,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2038	125,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2039	130,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2040	130,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2041	135,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2042	140,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2043	145,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2044	150,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2045	155,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2046	160,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2047	165,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2048	170,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2049	175,000	_____ %	_____ %	
10/01/2050	180,000	_____ %	_____ %	

(all plus accrued interest, if any)

<sup>(1)</sup> CUSIP data is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by S&P Capital IQ, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, and is included solely for the convenience of the Owners of the Bonds. Neither the Issuer nor the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICES OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COUNCIL UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE BONDS ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COUNCIL. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF. NEITHER THESE JURISDICTIONS NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE GUARANTEED OR PASSED UPON THE SAFETY OF THE BONDS AS AN INVESTMENT, UPON THE PROBABILITY OF ANY EARNINGS THEREON OR UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT ARE "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" AS DEFINED IN THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995. WHEN USED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, THE WORDS "ESTIMATE," "INTEND," "EXPECT" AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS ARE INTENDED TO IDENTIFY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. SUCH STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE CONTEMPLATED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. READERS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, WHICH SPEAK ONLY AS OF THE DATE HEREOF.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS DEEMED TO BE FINAL (EXCEPT FOR PERMITTED OMISSIONS) BY THE ISSUER FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH RULE 15c2-12 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUER AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

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**\$3,845,000\***  
**CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**  
**SERIES 2017**

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## REGARDING THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the “Issuer” or by Ranson Financial Group, L.L.C. (the “Financial Advisor”) to give any information or to make any representations pertaining to the Bonds other than those contained in this Preliminary Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the City or the Financial Advisor. The information set forth herein concerning the Issuer has been furnished by the Issuer and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation, by the Underwriter.

Neither the delivery of this Preliminary Official Statement, nor any sale made after any such delivery, shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date of this Preliminary Official Statement. The summaries of various statutes or documents considered herein are intended as summaries only and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the originals thereof, copies of which are available from the Underwriter or the Issuer. This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the securities offered hereby, by any person in any state in which it is unlawful for such to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

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Appendix B – Summary of Financing Documents

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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Equalized Assessed Tangible Valuation (1) (2) (See Page 13) .....	\$7,825,848
Outstanding General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness (3) (See Page 17) .....	\$3,845,000
Estimated Population.....	1,297
Per Capita General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness.....	\$2,965
Ratio of General Obligation Bonded Indebtedness to Equalized Assessed Valuation .....	36.44%
Direct and Overlapping Debt (See Page 16).....	\$5,120,779
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt .....	\$2,434
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Equalized Assessed Valuation .....	50.57%
Ratio of Statutory Direct Debt to Equalized Assessed Valuation.....	7.70%

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(1) Includes real estate, personal property, state assessed utilities and motor vehicle valuation.

(2) Source: County Clerk.

(3) Includes this issue and subject to change.

**This Financial Overview contains only a brief description of the financial condition of the City. It is not intended to be a summary of all material information with respect to the Bonds. Investors must read this entire Preliminary Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.**

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**CITY OF STOCKTON, KANSAS**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS**  
**SERIES 2017**

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

**General**

The purpose of this Preliminary Official Statement is to set forth certain information concerning the issuance and sale by the City of Stockton, Kansas (the “Issuer” or the “City”) of \$3,845,000\* aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 (the “Bonds”), dated October 31, 2017 (the “Dated Date”). The Issuer is a city of the third class, organized and existing under and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Kansas.

The Bonds will be issued pursuant to an ordinance and resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Issuer (jointly the “Bond Resolution”) and pursuant to the authority of and in full compliance with the provisions, restrictions and limitations of the Constitution and statutes of the State.

The Appendices are an integral part of this Preliminary Official Statement and should be read in their entirety.

Except for the information expressly attributed to other sources, all information has been provided by the Issuer. The presentation of information herein, including tables of receipts of various taxes, is intended to show historical information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the Issuer. No representation is made that the past experience, as might be shown by such financial or other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. Ranson Financial Group, L.L.C. Wichita, Kansas, Financial Advisor, has assisted in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement, but has not verified all of the factual information contained herein, nor has it conducted an independent investigation of the affairs of the City for the purposes of passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this Preliminary Official Statement. Bond Counsel has not assisted in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement, except to the extent described under the section captioned “LEGAL MATTERS” and accordingly express no opinion as to the accuracy or sufficiency of any other information contained herein.

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in “**APPENDIX B – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS.**”

**Continuing Disclosure**

The Securities and Exchange Commission has promulgated amendments to Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”), requiring continuous secondary market disclosure. In February 2017, the City adopted an Omnibus Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the “Disclosure Undertaking”) wherein the City covenants to provide annually certain Financial Information and Operating Data necessary to comply with the Rule, and to transmit the same to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. In the Bond Resolution, the City will covenant to make the Bonds subject to the provisions of the Disclosure Undertaking. This covenant is for the benefit of and is enforceable by the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The City of Stockton, Kansas Public Building Commission issued revenue bonds in 2017. The City agreed to make such bonds subject to the Disclosure Undertaking, with the first annual filing for such bonds due not later than December 1, 2017. Other than the City’s continuing disclosure obligations associated with such revenue bonds, during the last five years, the City has not had any outstanding obligations subject to continuing disclosure under the Rule.

For more information regarding the Disclosure Undertaking, see “**APPENDIX B – SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL FINANCING DOCUMENTS – THE DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING.**”

**AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE**

The Bonds are being issued under the authority of and pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State, specifically K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, K.S.A. 10-427 *et seq.*, and K.S.A. 10-620 *et seq.*, as amended, and the Bond Resolution. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refund all outstanding maturities of the City’s General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (the “Refunded Bonds”). See “The Refunding Plan” herein.

**THE BONDS**

**Security for the Bonds**

The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Issuer payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

\* Subject to change.

## **Levy and Collection of Annual Tax, Transfer to Debt Service Account**

The governing body of the Issuer shall annually make provision for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due by, to the extent necessary, levying and collecting the necessary taxes upon all of the taxable tangible property within the Issuer in the manner provided by law. Such taxes shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each of the several years, respectively, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the Issuer are levied and collected. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Bond and Interest Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the Issuer, shall thereafter be transferred to the Debt Service Account and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due, taking into account any scheduled mandatory redemptions, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

## **Description of the Bonds**

The Bonds shall consist of fully registered [book-entry-only] bonds in an Authorized Denomination and shall be numbered in such manner as the Bond Registrar shall determine. All of the Bonds shall be dated as of the Dated Date, become due in the amounts on the Stated Maturities subject to redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturities, and shall bear interest at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement (computed on the basis of twelve 30-day months) from the later of the Dated Date or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid, on the Interest Payment Dates in the manner hereinafter set forth.

## **Designation of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar**

The Issuer will at all times maintain a paying agent and bond registrar meeting the qualifications set forth in the Bond Resolution. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor paying agent or bond registrar. No resignation or removal of the paying agent or bond registrar shall become effective until a successor has been appointed and has accepted the duties of paying agent or bond registrar. Every paying agent or bond registrar appointed by the Issuer shall at all times meet the requirements of Kansas law.

The Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas (the “Bond Registrar” and “Paying Agent”) has been designated by the Issuer as paying agent for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds and bond registrar with respect to the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds.

## **Method and Place of Payment of the Bonds**

The principal of, or Redemption Price, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency which, on the respective dates of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. The principal or Redemption Price of each Bond shall be paid at Maturity to the Person in whose name such Bond is registered on the Bond Register at the Maturity thereof, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the principal office of the Paying Agent.

The interest payable on each Bond on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Owner of such Bond as shown on the Bond Register at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest (a) by check or draft mailed by the Paying Agent to the address of such Owner shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Owner; or (b) in the case of an interest payment to [Cede & Co. or ]any Owner of \$500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds by electronic transfer to such Owner upon written notice given to the Bond Registrar by such Owner, not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the bank, ABA routing number and account number to which such Owner wishes to have such transfer directed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Defaulted Interest with respect to any Bond shall cease to be payable to the Owner of such Bond on the relevant Record Date and shall be payable to the Owner in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which Special Record Date shall be fixed as hereinafter specified. The Issuer shall notify the Paying Agent in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Bond and the date of the proposed payment (which date shall be at least 30 days after receipt of such notice by the Paying Agent) and shall deposit with the Paying Agent an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest. Following receipt of such funds the Paying Agent shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment. The Paying Agent shall notify the Issuer of such Special Record Date and shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each Owner of a Bond entitled to such notice not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date.

**[SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., REMAINS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, THE PAYING AGENT SHALL TRANSMIT PAYMENTS TO THE SECURITIES DEPOSITORY, WHICH SHALL REMIT SUCH PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS NORMAL PROCEDURES. See “THE BONDS – Book-Entry Bonds; Securities Depository.”]**



## **Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays**

In any case where a Bond Payment Date is not a Business Day, then payment of principal, Redemption Price or interest need not be made on such Bond Payment Date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Bond Payment Date, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such Bond Payment Date.

## **[Book-Entry Bonds; Securities Depository**

The Bonds shall initially be registered to Cede & Co., the nominee for the Securities Depository, and no Beneficial Owner will receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds, except in the event the Bond Registrar issues Replacement Bonds. It is anticipated that during the term of the Bonds, the Securities Depository will make book-entry transfers among its Participants and receive and transmit payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Bonds to the Participants until and unless the Bond Registrar authenticates and delivers Replacement Bonds to the Beneficial Owners as described in the following paragraphs.

The Issuer may decide, subject to the requirements of the Operational Arrangements of DTC (or a successor Securities Depository), and the following provisions of this section to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor Securities Depository):

(a) If the Issuer determines (1) that the Securities Depository is unable to properly discharge its responsibilities, or (2) that the Securities Depository is no longer qualified to act as a securities depository and registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or (3) that the continuation of a book-entry system to the exclusion of any Bonds being issued to any Owner other than Cede & Co. is no longer in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; or

(b) if the Bond Registrar receives written notice from Participants having interest in not less than 50% of the Bonds Outstanding, as shown on the records of the Securities Depository (and certified to such effect by the Securities Depository), that the continuation of a book-entry system to the exclusion of any Bonds being issued to any Owner other than Cede & Co. is no longer in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, then the Bond Registrar shall notify the Owners of such determination or such notice and of the availability of certificates to owners requesting the same, and the Bond Registrar shall register in the name of and authenticate and deliver Replacement Bonds to the Beneficial Owners or their nominees in principal amounts representing the interest of each, making such adjustments as it may find necessary or appropriate as to accrued interest and previous calls for redemption; provided, that in the case of a determination under (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this paragraph, the Issuer, with the consent of the Bond Registrar, may select a successor securities depository in accordance with the following paragraph to effect book-entry transfers.

In such event, all references to the Securities Depository herein shall relate to the period of time when the Securities Depository has possession of at least one Bond. Upon the issuance of Replacement Bonds, all references herein to obligations imposed upon or to be performed by the Securities Depository shall be deemed to be imposed upon and performed by the Bond Registrar, to the extent applicable with respect to such Replacement Bonds. If the Securities Depository resigns and the Issuer, the Bond Registrar or Owners are unable to locate a qualified successor of the Securities Depository, then the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and cause delivery of Replacement Bonds to Owners, as provided herein. The Bond Registrar may rely on information from the Securities Depository and its Participants as to the names of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The cost of printing, registration, authentication, and delivery of Replacement Bonds shall be paid for by the Issuer.

In the event the Securities Depository resigns, is unable to properly discharge its responsibilities, or is no longer qualified to act as a securities depository and registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Issuer may appoint a successor Securities Depository provided the Bond Registrar receives written evidence satisfactory to the Bond Registrar with respect to the ability of the successor Securities Depository to discharge its responsibilities. Any such successor Securities Depository shall be a securities depository which is a registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other applicable statute or regulation that operates a securities depository upon reasonable and customary terms. The Bond Registrar upon its receipt of a Bond or Bonds for cancellation shall cause the delivery of the Bonds to the successor Securities Depository in appropriate denominations and form as provided in the Bond Resolution.]

## **Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds**

As long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, each Bond when issued shall be registered in the name of the Owner thereof on the Bond Register. Bonds may be transferred and exchanged only on the Bond Register as hereinafter provided. Upon surrender of any Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the Bond Registrar shall transfer or exchange such Bond for a new Bond or Bonds in any authorized denomination of the same Stated Maturity and in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond that was presented for transfer or exchange. Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in a form and with guarantee of signature satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the Owner thereof or by the Owner's duly authorized agent.

In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Bond Registrar, are the responsibility of the Owners of the Bonds. In the event any Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a charge against such Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure.

The Issuer and the Bond Registrar shall not be required (a) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond that has been called for redemption after notice of such redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption; or (b) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the day after receiving written notice from the Issuer of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest.

### **Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds**

If (a) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Bond Registrar or the Bond Registrar receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (b) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Bond Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by each of them, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Bond Registrar that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and, upon the Issuer's request, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same Stated Maturity and of like tenor and principal amount. If any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer, in its discretion, may pay such Bond instead of issuing a new Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond under this Section, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith.

### **Nonpresentation of Bonds**

If any Bond is not presented for payment when the principal thereof becomes due at Maturity, if funds sufficient to pay such Bond have been made available to the Paying Agent all liability of the Issuer to the Owner thereof for the payment of such Bond shall forthwith cease, determine and be completely discharged, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Paying Agent to hold such funds, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the Owner of such Bond, who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such funds for any claim of whatever nature on his part under this Bond Resolution or on, or with respect to, said Bond. If any Bond is not presented for payment within four (4) years following the date when such Bond becomes due at Maturity, the Paying Agent shall repay to the Issuer the funds theretofore held by it for payment of such Bond, and such Bond shall, subject to the defense of any applicable statute of limitation, thereafter be an unsecured obligation of the Issuer, and the Owner thereof shall be entitled to look only to the Issuer for payment, and then only to the extent of the amount so repaid to it by the Paying Agent, and the Issuer shall not be liable for any interest thereon and shall not be regarded as a trustee of such money.

### **Redemption Provisions**

**Optional Redemption.** At the option of the Issuer, the Bonds or portions thereof maturing on October 1, 2025, and thereafter may be called for redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturity on October 1, 2024, and thereafter as a whole or in part (selection of maturities and the amount of Bonds of each maturity to be redeemed to be determined by the Issuer in such equitable manner as it may determine) at any time, at the Redemption Price of 100% (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount), plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date.

**Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed.** Bonds shall be redeemed only in an Authorized Denomination. When less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed and paid prior to their Stated Maturity, such Bonds shall be redeemed in such manner as the Issuer shall determine, Bonds of less than a full Stated Maturity shall be selected by the Bond Registrar in minimum Authorized Denomination in such equitable manner as the Bond Registrar may determine. In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds by lot when Bonds of denominations greater than a minimum Authorized Denomination are then Outstanding, then for all purposes in connection with such redemption each minimum Authorized Denomination of face value shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of a minimum Authorized Denomination. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the minimum Authorized Denomination value represented by any Bond is selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such minimum Authorized Denomination, the Owner or the Owner's duly authorized agent shall forthwith present and surrender such Bond to the Bond Registrar: (1) for payment of the Redemption Price and interest to the Redemption Date of such minimum Authorized Denomination value called for redemption, and (2) for exchange, without charge to the Owner thereof, for a new Bond or Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of such Bond. If the Owner of any such Bond fails to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment and exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the redemption date to the extent of the minimum Authorized Denomination value called for redemption (and to that extent only).

**Notice and Effect of Call for Redemption.** Unless waived by any Owner of Bonds to be redeemed, if the Issuer shall call any Bonds for redemption and payment prior to the Stated Maturity thereof, the Issuer shall give written notice of its intention to call and pay said Bonds to the Bond Registrar and the Purchaser. In addition, the Issuer shall cause the Bond Registrar to give written notice of redemption to the Owners of said Bonds. Each of said written notices shall be deposited in the United States first class mail not less than 30 days prior to the Redemption Date.

All official notices of redemption shall be dated and shall contain the following information: (a) the Redemption Date; (b) the Redemption Price; (c) if less than all Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption of any Bonds, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed; (d) a statement that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption and that interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the Redemption Date; and (e) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price, which shall be the principal office of the Paying Agent. The failure of any Owner to receive notice given as heretofore provided or an immaterial defect therein shall not invalidate any redemption.

Prior to any Redemption Date, the Issuer shall deposit with the Paying Agent an amount of money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds that are to be redeemed on such Redemption Date. Official notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall become due and payable on the Redemption Date, at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after the Redemption Date (unless the Issuer defaults in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Bonds or portion of Bonds shall cease to bear interest.

[For so long as the Securities Depository is effecting book-entry transfers of the Bonds, the Bond Registrar shall provide the notices specified to the Securities Depository. It is expected that the Securities Depository shall, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners. Any failure on the part of the Securities Depository or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Bond (having been mailed notice from the Bond Registrar, the Securities Depository, a Participant or otherwise) to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Bond so affected, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bond.]

In addition to the foregoing notice, the Paying Agent is also directed to comply with any mandatory or voluntary standards then in effect for processing redemptions of municipal securities established by the State or the Securities and Exchange Council. Failure to comply with such standards shall not affect or invalidate the redemption of any Bond.

#### **[THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY**

1. The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”, New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered bond certificate will be issued for each scheduled maturity of the Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

2. DTC, the world’s largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 2.2 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has a Standard & Poor’s rating of AA+.” The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Council. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

3. Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.
5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.
6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.
7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).
8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or Paying Agent, on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, the Paying Agent, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.
9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Bonds purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to the Paying Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Bonds by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Bonds, on DTC's records, to the Paying Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of the Bonds in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Bonds are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Bonds to the Paying Agent's DTC account.
10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.
11. The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.
12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

#### **THE REFUNDING PLAN**

Proceeds of the Bonds will be applied to refund the Refunded Bonds as described below:

#### ***General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010***

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Dates</u> ( <u>March 1</u> )	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>
\$3,710,000.00	2018 - 2050	4.000%	11/01/2017

## **RISK FACTORS AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOND WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFERING SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL RISKS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE DECISION TO PURCHASE THE BONDS. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD ANALYZE CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTS SUMMARIZED HEREIN, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISSUER OR THE UNDERWRITER.

### **Legal Matters**

Various state and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the obligations created by the Bonds. There is no assurance that there will not be any change in, interpretation of, or addition to such applicable laws, provisions and regulations which would have a material effect, either directly or indirectly, on the Issuer or the taxing authority of the Issuer. Changes in laws affecting the taxing authority of the Issuer could limit the ability of the Issuer to collect revenue sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds.

### **Limitations on Remedies Available to Owners of Bonds**

The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the owners of Bonds, and the obligations incurred by the Issuer in issuing the Bonds, are subject to the following: the federal Bankruptcy Code and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, now or hereafter in effect; usual equity principles which may limit the specific enforcement under state law of certain remedies; the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the United States Constitution; and the reasonable and necessary exercise, in certain unusual situations, of the police power inherent in the State and its governmental subdivisions in the interest of serving a legitimate and significant public purpose. Bankruptcy proceedings, or the exercise of powers by the federal or state government, if initiated, could subject the owners of the Bonds to judicial discretion interpretation of their rights in bankruptcy and otherwise, and consequently may involve risks of delay, limitation or modification of their rights.

### **Kansas Public Employees Retirement System**

As described herein, the Issuer participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System ("KPERS"), as an instrumentality of the State to provide retirement and related benefits to public employees in Kansas. KPERS administers three statewide defined benefit retirement plans for public employees which are separate and distinct with different membership groups, actuarial assumptions, experience, contribution rates and benefit options. Under existing law, employees make contributions and the Issuer makes all employer contributions to the Plan; neither the employees nor the Issuer are directly responsible for any unfunded accrued actuarial liability ("UAAL"); however, Plan contribution rates may be adjusted by legislative action over time to address any UAAL. According to KPERS' Valuation Report, dated as of December 31, 2016, the Local Group had an UAAL of \$1.512 billion.

### **Taxation of Interest on the Bonds**

An opinion of Bond Counsel will be obtained to the effect that interest earned on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and applicable rulings and regulations under the Code; however, an application for a ruling has not been made and an opinion of counsel is not binding upon the Internal Revenue Service. There can be no assurance that the present provisions of the Code, or the rules and regulations thereunder, will not be adversely amended or modified, thereby rendering the interest earned on the Bonds includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The Issuer has covenanted in the Bond Resolution and in other documents and certificates to be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to comply with the provisions of the Code, including those which require the Issuer to take or omit to take certain actions after the issuance of the Bonds. Because the existence and continuation of the excludability of the interest on the Bonds depends upon events occurring after the date of issuance of the Bonds, the opinion of Bond Counsel described under "TAX MATTERS" assumes the compliance by the Issuer with the provisions of the Code described above and the regulations relating thereto. No opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel with respect to the excludability of the interest on the Bonds in the event of noncompliance with such provisions. The failure of the Issuer to comply with the provisions described above may cause the interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income as of the date of issuance.

### **Premium on Bonds**

[The initial offering prices of certain maturities of the Bonds that are subject to optional redemption are in excess of the respective principal amounts thereof. ]Any person who purchases a Bond in excess of its principal amount, whether during the

initial offering or in a secondary market transaction, should consider that the Bonds are subject to redemption at par under the various circumstances described under “THE BONDS – Redemption of Bonds”.

**No Additional Interest or Mandatory Redemption upon Event of Taxability**

The Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of additional interest or penalty on the Bonds or the mandatory redemption thereof if the interest thereon becomes includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Likewise, the Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest or penalty on the Bonds if the interest thereon becomes includable in gross income for Kansas income tax purposes.

**Suitability of Investment**

The tax exempt feature of the Bonds is more valuable to high tax bracket investors than to investors who are in low tax brackets, and so the value of the interest compensation to any particular investor will vary with individual tax rates. Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement, including the Appendices hereto, and its own financial condition to make a judgment as to its ability to bear the economic risk of such an investment, and whether or not the Bonds are an appropriate investment.

**Market for the Bonds**

**Bond Rating.** The Bonds have been assigned the financial rating set forth in the section hereof entitled “BOND RATING.” There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, if in the judgment of the agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

**Secondary Market.** There is no assurance that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds. The absence of continuing disclosure of financial or other information pertaining to the Issuer may impair the development of a secondary market for the Bonds and could impair the ability of an owner to sell the Bonds in the secondary market. It is the present practice of the Underwriter, however, to make a secondary market as dealers in issues of municipal bonds which the Underwriter distributes. The Underwriter intends to continue this practice with respect to the Bonds, but is not obligated to do so. Prices of bonds traded in the secondary market, though, are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets. From time to time it may be necessary for the Underwriter to suspend indefinitely secondary market trading in the Bonds as a result of the financial condition or market position of the Underwriter, prevailing market conditions, lack of adequate current financial information about the Issuer, or a material adverse change in the financial condition of the Issuer, whether or not the Bonds are in default as to principal and interest payments, and other factors which in the opinion of the Underwriter may give rise to uncertainty concerning prudent secondary market practices.

THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFERING SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL RISKS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE DECISION TO PURCHASE THE BONDS.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD ANALYZE CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTS SUMMARIZED HEREIN, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE UNDERWRITER.

**SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**

The following table summarizes the sources and uses of funds associated with the issuance of the Bonds (exclusive of accrued interest):

**Sources of Funds:**

Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$3,845,000.00
Available Issuer Funds	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Uses of Funds:**

Deposit to Redemption Fund	
Underwriter’s Discount	
Costs of Issuance	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

\* Subject to change.

**DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENT ON THE BONDS**

Payment Date	Principal*	Interest Rate	Interest	Semi-Annual Debt Service	Annual Debt Service
04/01/2018					
10/01/2018	\$85,000	_____%			
04/01/2019					
10/01/2019	75,000	_____%			
04/01/2020					
10/01/2020	75,000	_____%			
04/01/2021					
10/01/2021	80,000	_____%			
04/01/2022					
10/01/2022	80,000	_____%			
04/01/2023					
10/01/2023	80,000	_____%			
04/01/2024					
10/01/2024	85,000	_____%			
04/01/2025					
10/01/2025	85,000	_____%			
04/01/2026					
10/01/2026	90,000	_____%			
04/01/2027					
10/01/2027	90,000	_____%			
04/01/2028					
10/01/2028	95,000	_____%			
04/01/2029					
10/01/2029	95,000	_____%			
04/01/2030					
10/01/2030	100,000	_____%			
04/01/2031					
10/01/2031	100,000	_____%			
04/01/2032					
10/01/2032	105,000	_____%			
04/01/2033					
10/01/2033	105,000	_____%			
04/01/2034					
10/01/2034	110,000	_____%			
04/01/2035					
10/01/2035	115,000	_____%			
04/01/2036					
10/01/2036	115,000	_____%			
04/01/2037					
10/01/2037	120,000	_____%			
04/01/2038					
10/01/2038	125,000	_____%			
04/01/2039					
10/01/2039	130,000	_____%			
04/01/2040					
10/01/2040	130,000	_____%			
04/01/2041					
10/01/2041	135,000	_____%			
04/01/2042					
10/01/2042	140,000	_____%			
04/01/2043					
10/01/2043	145,000	_____%			
04/01/2044					
10/01/2044	150,000	_____%			
04/01/2045					
10/01/2045	155,000	_____%			
04/01/2046					
10/01/2046	160,000	_____%			

04/01/2047					
10/01/2047	165,000	_____%			
04/01/2048					
10/01/2048	170,000	_____%			
04/01/2049					
10/01/2049	175,000	_____%			
04/01/2050					
10/01/2050	180,000	_____%			
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Totals*	\$3,845,000		\$	\$	\$

\* Subject to change.

### CITY GOVERNMENT

The City is a city of the third class under Kansas law and was incorporated in 1880. The City operates under a commission/manager form of government with a five-member commission. Commissioners are elected at-large to staggered three (3) year terms. In January of each year, the commission chooses one of the commissioners to serve as mayor.

The principal officials and officers of the City are as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mayor	Kim Thomas	01/2020
Commissioner	Reesa Brown	01/2019
Commissioner	Wayne Madison	01/2020
Commissioner	Don McLaughlin	01/2018
Commissioner	Sandi Rogers	01/2018
City Clerk	Courtney Flower	N/A
City Attorney	Joe Gasper, Esq.	N/A
City Treasurer	Chase Look	N/A

### Management Personnel

The Council appoints staff members and City Clerk to carry out the provisions of the City services.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

The City has received a waiver from GAAP and follows a statutory basis of accounting which demonstrates compliance with the cash-basis and budget laws of the State of Kansas for all tax supported funds of the City, including the General Fund. More complete information regarding the City's accounting is contained in the Notes to the Financial Statements attached hereto as *Appendix A*.

An Annual budget of estimated receipts and disbursements for the coming calendar year is required by statute to be prepared for all funds (unless specifically exempted). The budget is prepared utilizing the modified accrual basis which is further modified by the encumbrance method of accounting. For example, commitments such as purchase orders and contracts, in addition to disbursements and accounts payable, are recorded as expenditures. The budget lists estimated receipts by funds and sources and estimated disbursements by funds and purposes. The proposed budget is presented to the governing body of the City prior to August 1, with public hearing required to be held prior to August 15, with the formal budget to be adopted prior to August 25 of each year. Budgets may be amended upon action of the governing body after notice and public hearing, provided that no additional tax revenues may be raised after the original budget.

The statutes provide that the budget if the succeeding calendar year must be prepared on or before August 1 and published on or before August 5 of each year. A public hearing is required to be held on or before August 15, with the final budget being adopted on or before August 25 of each year. Original appropriations may be modified by supplemental appropriation and transfers among budget categories. The Commission must approve all significant changes.

The City may levy taxes in accordance with the requirements of its adopted budget. Property tax levies are based on the adopted budget of the City and the assessed valuations provided by the County appraiser. The Kansas Legislature passed legislation in 2015 and 2016 that, among other things, imposes an additional limit on the aggregate amount of property taxes that may be imposed by cities and counties, without a majority vote of qualified electors of the city or county (the "Tax Lid"). The Tax Lid is effective on January 1, 2017, and provides that, subject to certain exceptions, no city or county may approve an appropriation or budget which provides for funding by property tax revenues in an amount exceeding that of the immediately prior year, as



adjusted to reflect the average changes in the consumer price index for the preceding five calendar years and provided that such average shall not be less than zero, unless approved by a majority vote of electors. The Tax Lid does not require an election in the following situations:

- “(1) Increased property tax revenues that, in the current year, are produced and attributable to the taxation of:
  - (A) The construction of any new structures or improvements or the remodeling or renovation of any existing structures or improvements on real property, which shall not include any ordinary maintenance or repair of any existing structures or improvements on the property;
  - (B) increased personal property valuation;
  - (C) real property located within added jurisdictional territory;
  - (D) real property which has changed in use;
  - (E) expiration of any abatement of property from property tax; or
  - (F) expiration of a tax increment financing district, rural housing incentive district, neighborhood revitalization area or any other similar property tax rebate or redirection program.
- (2) Increased property tax revenues that will be spent on:
  - (A) Bond, temporary notes, no fund warrants, state infrastructure loans and interest payments not exceeding the amount of ad valorem property taxes levied in support of such payments, and payments made to a public building commission and lease payments but only to the extent such payments were obligations that existed prior to July 1, 2016;
  - (B) payment of special assessments not exceeding the amount of ad valorem property taxes levied in support of such payments;
  - (C) court judgments or settlements of legal actions against the city or county and legal costs directly related to such judgments or settlements;
  - (D) expenditures of city or county funds that are specifically mandated by federal or state law with such mandates becoming effective on or after July 1, 2015, and loss of funds from federal sources after January 1, 2017, where the city or county is contractually obligated to provide a service;
  - (E) expenses relating to a federal, state or local disaster or federal, state or local emergency, including, but not limited to, a financial emergency, declared by a federal or state official. The board of county commissioners may request the governor to declare such disaster or emergency; or
  - (F) increased costs above the consumer price index for law enforcement, fire protection or emergency medical services.
- (3) Any increased property tax revenues generated for law enforcement, fire protection or emergency medical services shall be expended exclusively for these purposes but shall not be used for the construction or remodeling of buildings.
- (4) The property tax revenues levied by the city or county have declined:
  - (A) In one or more of the next preceding three calendar years and the increase in the amount of funding for the budget or appropriation from revenue produced from property taxes does not exceed the average amount of funding from such revenue of the next preceding three calendar years, adjusted to reflect changes in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States department of labor for the preceding calendar year; or
  - (B) the increase in the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied is less than the change in the consumer price index plus the loss of assessed property valuation that has occurred as the result of legislative action, judicial action or a ruling by the board of tax appeals.”

The Tax Lid also provides that “[w]henver a city or county is required by law to levy taxes for the financing of the budget of any political or governmental subdivision of this state that is not authorized by law to levy taxes on its own behalf, and the governing body of such city or county is not authorized or empowered to modify or reduce the amount of taxes levied therefore, the tax levies of the political or governmental subdivision shall not be included in or considered in computing the aggregate limitation upon the property tax levies of the city or county.”

Because of ambiguities in the Tax Lid, it is unclear how the various exceptions will be interpreted and how the provisions will be implemented. As a result, it is unclear how the Tax Lid will impact the City.

However, as described above, the Tax Lid provides a specific exception for “[b]ond, temporary notes, no fund warrants, state infrastructure loans, and interest payments not exceeding the amount of ad valorem property taxes levied in support of such payments” as well as certain lease payments. Therefore, the City is permitted under the Tax Lid to levy unlimited ad valorem taxes as necessary to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds, as required by the Bond Resolution.

Kansas law prohibits counties and other governmental units from creating indebtedness unless there is money on hand in the proper fund and encumbered by previous commitments with which to pay the indebtedness. An exception to this cash-basis operation is made where provision has been made for payment of obligations by bonds or other specific debt obligations authorized by law.

**Property Valuations**

The determination of assessed valuation and the collection of property taxes for all political subdivisions in the state of Kansas is the responsibility of the various counties under the direction of state statutes. The Rooks County Appraiser's office determines the fair market value of all taxable property within Rooks County and the assessed valuation thereof that is to be used as a basis for the mill levy on property located in the Issuer.

Property subject to ad valorem taxation is divided into two classes, real property and personal property. Real property is divided into seven subclasses; there are six subclasses of personal property. The real property (Class 1) subclasses are: (i) real property used for residential purposes including multi-family mobile or manufactured homes and the real property on which such homes are located, assessed at 11.5%, (ii) agricultural land, valued on the basis of agricultural income or productivity, assessed at 30%, (iii) vacant lots, assessed at 12%, (iv) real property, owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation, pursuant to Code §501, assessed at 12%, (v) public utility real property, except railroad real property, assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed, assessed at 33%, (vi) real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located on land devoted to agricultural use, assessed at 25%, and (vii) all other urban and real property not otherwise specifically classified, assessed at 30%. Tangible personal property (Class 2) subclasses are: (i) mobile homes used for residential purposes, assessed at 11.5%, (ii) mineral leasehold interests, except oil leasehold interests, the average daily production from which is 5 barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests, the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25%, assessed at 30%, (iii) public utility tangible personal property, including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property, including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed, assessed at 33%, (iv) all categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 1985, assessed at 30%, (v) commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which if its economic life is 7 years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost, when new, less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than 7 years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new, less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property, assessed at 25%, and (vi) all other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified, assessed at 30%. All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation.

The Kansas Legislature reduced the applicable assessment rates on motor vehicles from 30% of market value to 20% of market value as of January 1, 2000.

The 2006 Kansas Legislature exempted from all property or ad valorem property taxes levied under the laws of the State all commercial, industrial, telecommunications and railroad machinery and equipment acquired by qualified purchase or lease after June 30, 2006 or transported into the State after June 30, 2006 for the purpose of expanding an existing business or creation of a new business.

The following table shows the total assessed valuation of all the tangible property in the City for the year 2017:

Assessed Tangible Valuation	\$6,768,296
Tangible Valuation of Motor Vehicles (2016)	<u>1,057,552</u>
Equalized Assessed Valuation of Taxable Tangible Property	\$7,825,848

Source: County Clerk

The following table shows the assessed valuation of the taxable tangible property within the City (excluding motor vehicle valuations) for the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation of Taxable Tangible Property*</u>
2017	\$6,768,296
2016	6,571,882
2015	6,693,832
2014	6,612,493
2013	6,526,380

\* Not including motor vehicle valuation. Assessed valuation for 2017 is preliminary figure used for budgeting purposes.

Source: County Clerk

**Property Tax Levies and Collections**

**Tax Collections.** Tax statements are mailed November 1 each year and may be paid in full or one-half on or before December 20 with the remaining one-half due on or before May 10 of the following year. Taxes that are unpaid on the due dates are considered delinquent and accrue interest at a per annum rate established by State law until paid or until the property is sold for taxes. Real estate bearing unpaid taxes is advertised for sale on or before October 1 of each year and is sold by the County for taxes and all legal charges on the first Tuesday in September. Properties that are sold and not redeemed within two years after the tax sale are subject to foreclosure sale, except homestead properties which are subject to foreclosure sale after three years.

Personal taxes are due and may be paid in the same manner as real estate taxes, with the same interest applying to delinquencies. If personal taxes are not paid when due, and after written notice, warrants are issued and placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection. If not paid on or before October 1, legal judgment is entered and the delinquent tax becomes a lien on the property. Unless renewed, a non-enforced lien expires five years after it is entered.

Motor vehicle taxes are collected periodically throughout the year concurrently with the renewal of motor vehicle tags based upon the value of such vehicles. Such tax receipts are distributed to all taxing subdivisions, including the State of Kansas, in proportion to the number of mills levied within each taxpayer's tax levy unit.

**Tax Rates.** The City may levy taxes in accordance with the requirements of its adopted budget. Property tax levies are based on the adopted budget of the City and the assessed valuations provided by the county appraiser.

**Aggregate Tax Levies.** The aggregate tax levies (per \$1000 assessed valuation) of the City and overlapping jurisdictions for the years indicated are included in the following table:

**Mill Levy  
(Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)  
(2012 to 2016, inclusive)**

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Budget Year</u>	<u>City of Stockton</u>	<u>Rooks County</u>	<u>USD No. 271</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	2017	76.002	78.853	59.073	16.050	1.500	231.478
2015	2016	67.886	64.211	59.687	14.884	1.500	208.168
2014	2015	68.755	61.432	57.616	12.574	1.500	201.877
2013	2014	67.575	59.400	60.376	11.985	1.500	200.836
2012	2013	68.380	50.817	60.268	10.700	1.500	201.665

Source: County Clerk

**Ten Largest Taxpayers.** The following table lists the ten largest taxpayers of the City based on total assessed valuation and total taxes levied in 2016:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>
1. Wilkens Manufacturing	\$265,821	\$62,668
2. Farmers Union Mercantile	214,946	49,755
3. Heritage Park LLC	145,408	33,659
4. Crop Production	106,265	25,052
5. Stockton Estates	95,542	22,070
6. Stockton National Bank	88,760	20,551
7. Midwest Energy	76,776	17,774
8. Ralston -Innes	62,895	14,559
9. Farmers National Bank	55,516	12,950
10. Southwestern Bell	48,721	11,279

Source: County Clerk

**Tax Collection Record.** The following table sets forth tax collection information for the City for the years indicated:

**Tax Collection Record  
(2012 to 2016, inclusive)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>	<u>Taxes Collected</u>	<u>Percentage of Taxes Collected</u>
2016	\$510,329	\$459,296	90.00%
2015	457,040	441,837	96.67%
2014	458,022	434,675	94.90%
2013	445,520	422,066	94.74%
2012	426,215	409,325	96.04%

Source: County Clerk

**Employee Retirement Plans**

The Issuer participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (“KPERS”) established in 1962, as an instrumentality of the State, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4901 *et seq.*, to provide retirement and related benefits to public employees in Kansas. KPERS is governed by a board of trustees consisting of nine members, each of whom serve four-year terms. The board of trustees appoints an executive director to serve as the managing officer of KPERS and manage a staff to carry out daily operations of the system.

As of December 31, 2016, KPERS serves approximately 305,000 members and approximately 1,500 participating employers, including the State, school districts, counties, cities, public libraries, hospitals and other governmental units. KPERS administers the following three statewide, defined benefit retirement plans for public employees:

- (a) Kansas Public Employees Retirement System;
- (b) Kansas Police and Firemen’s Retirement System; and
- (c) Kansas Retirement System for Judges.

These three plans are separate and distinct with different membership groups, actuarial assumptions, experience, contribution rates and benefit options. The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System is the largest of the three plans, accounting for more than 95% of the members. The Kansas Public Employees Retirement System is further divided into two separate groups, as follows:

- (a) *State/School Group* - includes members employed by the State, school districts, community colleges, vocational-technical schools and educational cooperatives. The State of Kansas makes all employer contributions for this group, the majority of which comes from the State General Fund.
- (b) *Local Group* - all participating cities, counties, library boards, water districts and political subdivisions are included in this group. Local employers contribute at a different rate than the State/School Group rate.

KPERS is currently a qualified, governmental, § 401(a) defined benefit pension plan, and has received IRS determination letters attesting to the plan’s qualified status dated October 14, 1999 and March 5, 2001. KPERS is also a “contributory” defined benefit plan, meaning that employees make contributions to the plan. This contrasts it from noncontributory pension plans, which are funded solely by employer contributions. The Issuer's employees currently annually contribute 6% of their gross salary to the plan if such employees are KPERS Tier 1 members (covered employment prior to July 1, 2009), KPERS Tier 2 members (covered employment on or after July 1, 2009), or KPERS Tier 3 members (covered employment on or after January 1, 2015).

In 2015, the Legislature authorized, and there were issued, revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,005,180,000 to finance a portion of the unfunded actuarial pension liability as directed by KPERS and costs of issuance, but did not finance capitalized interest on such bonds. The repayment of the revenue bonds is subject to legislative annual appropriation, is not an obligation of the KPERS system, and the full faith and credit or taxing power of the State is not pledged to the repayment of the revenue bonds.

The Issuer's contribution varies from year to year based upon the annual actuarial valuation and appraisal made by KPERS, subject to legislative caps on percentage increases. The Issuer's contribution is 8.46% of the employee’s gross salary for calendar year 2017. Beginning January 1, 2018, the Issuer’s contribution will change to 8.39% of gross compensation for calendar year 2018. In addition, the Issuer contributes 0% of the employee’s gross salary for Death and Disability Insurance for covered employees for the period beginning April 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, and 1% of the employee’s gross salary for Death and Disability Insurance for covered employees for the period beginning October 1, 2017.

According to the Valuation Report as of December 31, 2016, (the “2016 Valuation Report”) the KPERS Local Group, of which the Issuer is a member, carried an unfunded accrued actuarial liability (“UAAL”) of approximately \$1.515 billion at the end of 2016. The authors of the 2016 Valuation Report note that the UAAL increased due to multiple factors, the most significant of which was the increase in the actuarial liability due to assumption and methodology changes adopted since the release of the prior valuation report. The 2016 Valuation Report discusses these assumption and methodology changes, and includes additional information relating to the funded status of the KPERS Local Group, including recent trends in the funded status of the KPERS Local Group, and is available on the KPERS website at [kpers.org/about/reports.html](http://kpers.org/about/reports.html). The Issuer has no means to independently verify any of the information set forth on the KPERS website or in the 2016 Valuation Report, which is the most recent financial and actuarial information available on the KPERS website relating to the funded status of the KPERS Local Group. The 2016 Valuation Report sets the employer contribution rate for the period beginning January 1, 2019, for the KPERS Local Group, and KPERS’ actuaries identified that an employer contribution rate of 8.89% of covered payroll would be necessary, in addition to statutory contributions by covered employees, to eliminate the UAAL by the end of the actuarial period set forth in the 2016 Valuation Report. The statutory contribution rate of employers currently equals the 2016 Valuation Report’s actuarial rate. As a result, members of the Local Group are adequately funding their projected actuarial liabilities and the UAAL can be expected to diminish over time. The required employer contribution rate may increase up to the maximum statutorily allowed rate, which is 1.2% in fiscal year 2017 and thereafter.

KPERS has implemented GASB 67 – Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – An Amendment of GASB Statement 25, and is required annually to provide its participants the proportional share of the net pension liability of KPERS allocated to each participant as of the end of the prior fiscal year. The KPERS’ Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer (the “GASB 68 Report”) provides the net pension liability allocated to each KPERS participant, including the Issuer. The GASB 68 Report is available on the KPERS website at [kpers.org/about/reports.html](http://kpers.org/about/reports.html). The Issuer has no means to independently verify any of the information set forth on the KPERS website or in the GASB 68 Report. It is important to note that under existing State law, the Issuer has no legal obligation for the UAAL or the net pension liability calculated by KPERS, and such figures are for informational purposes only.

**Employee Relations**

The City has 25 full and part time employees. Employee relations are characterized as good.

**AUTHORITY TO INCUR DEBT**

Equalized Assessed Valuation of Tangible Valuation	
For Computation of Bonded Debt Limitations <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$7,825,848
Legal limitation of Bonded Debt <sup>(2)</sup> .....	\$2,347,754
Outstanding general obligation debt as of October 31, 2017 <sup>(3)</sup> .....	\$3,845,000
Exempt Debt.....	\$3,845,000
Net Debt against Statutory Debt limit capacity.....	\$0
Additional debt capacity.....	\$2,347,754
Direct debt per capita.....	\$2,965
Overlapping Indebtedness.....	\$1,430,779
Direct and overlapping debt.....	\$5,120,779
Direct and overlapping debt per capita.....	\$2,434
Direct debt as a percentage of Equalized Assessed Valuation.....	36.44%
Direct & overlapping debt as a percentage of Equalized Assessed Valuation.....	50.57%
Statutory direct debt as a percentage of Equalized Assessed Valuation.....	7.70%

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes motor vehicle valuation. Motor vehicle valuation for 2017 is not yet available. Motor vehicle valuation for 2016 was used for estimation purposes.

<sup>(2)</sup> K.S.A. 10-301 *et seq.*

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes this issue, excludes the Refunded Bonds, and subject to change.

**Overlapping Indebtedness**

The following table sets forth overlapping indebtedness as of October 31, 2017, and the percent attributable (on the basis of assessed valuation) to the City:

Taxing Jurisdiction	2016 Assessed Valuation	Outstanding General Obligation Indebtedness	Percent Applicable To the City	Amount Applicable to the City
Rooks County	\$70,358,777	\$3,455,000		
U.S.D. No. 271	29,633,534	645,000		
			Totals	\$1,430,779

Source: County Clerk

**Outstanding General Obligation Debt  
(As of October 31, 2017)**

<u>Description of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Amount Included In Debt Limitation</u>
GO Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>	2010	03/01/2050	\$4,046,000	\$ 0	\$0
GO Ref & Imp Bonds <sup>(2)</sup>	2017	10/01/2029	3,845,000	<u>3,845,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals				\$3,845,000	\$0

<sup>(1)</sup> Issue being refunded by the Bonds.

<sup>(2)</sup> This issue and subject to change.

**Temporary Notes Outstanding  
(As of October 31, 2017)**

As of October 31, 2017 none are outstanding.

**Capital Leases Outstanding  
(As of October 31, 2017)**

As of October 31, 2017 none are outstanding.

Source: City Clerk

**Loans Outstanding  
(As of October 31, 2017)**

<u>Description of Loan</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
KDHE Sewer Loan	2011	03/01/2033	\$3,309,455 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2,565,202

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes principal forgiven.

Source: City Clerk

**Outstanding Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds  
(As of October 31, 2017)**

<u>Description of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
PBC Rev Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>	2017A	10/01/2036	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

**Debt Payment Record**

The City has never been delinquent in any payments of its debt agreements.

**Future Indebtedness**

The Issuer has no other plans to issue any additional debt at this time.

**REGIONAL, ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**Size and Location**

The City of Stockton, Kansas (the "City") is located in and serves as the county seat of Rooks County. The City is in northwestern Kansas at the intersection of U.S. Highways 24 and 183. The city encompasses approximately 2.3 square miles and the 2016 U.S. Census Bureau population estimate was 1,297.

**Municipal Services and Utilities**

The City provides a full range of services which include police and fire protection, construction and maintenance of infrastructure, community development and planning and cultural activities. The City operates the water, sewer, solid waste, and electric distribution systems. Other public services in the City are provided by private companies.

## Transportation Facilities

The City is served by U. S. Highways 24 and 183. The Rooks County Regional Airport is located six miles South of the City and seven miles north of the City of Plainville, Kansas. It is owned by the Rooks County Airport Commission.

## Educational Institutions and Facilities

Unified School District No. 271 serves the City with an elementary/middle school (PreK – 8th grades) and a high school (9th – 12th grades). Enrollment for the year 2016-2017 was 329. Fort Hays State University and Colby Community College provide higher education opportunities to the region.

## Medical and Health Facilities

The City is served by Post Rock Family Medicine, a Primary Care Facility that is affiliated with Rooks County Hospital. Solomon Valley Manor is a City-owned long term care facility with 36 beds.

## Labor Force

The following table sets forth labor force figures for Rooks County and the State of Kansas:

### ROOKS COUNTY

<u>Average For Year</u>	<u>Total Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2016	2,683	2,543	140	5.2%
2015	2,803	2,673	130	4.6%
2014	2,854	2,750	104	3.6%
2013	2,778	2,662	116	4.2%
2012	2,764	2,636	128	4.6%

### STATE OF KANSAS

<u>Average For Year</u>	<u>Total Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2016	1,484,001	1,422,122	61,879	4.2%
2015	1,499,099	1,435,884	63,125	4.2%
2014	1,494,188	1,425,970	68,218	4.6%
2013	1,486,764	1,407,562	79,202	5.3%
2012	1,486,600	1,400,635	85,965	5.8%

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

## Financial and Banking Institutions

There are currently five banks located in Rooks County. During a five-year period, bank deposits of the County's banks are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Bank Deposits</u> (thousands of dollars)
2016	\$160,000
2015	160,000
2014	163,000
2013	162,000
2012	167,000

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

## Retail Sales Tax Collections

The following table lists Rooks County's state sales tax collections for the years indicated:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sales Tax Collections</u>	<u>Per Capita Sales Tax</u>
2016	\$3,556,619	\$721.54
2015	3,857,097	895.85
2014	5,362,026	972.26
2013	4,650,443	886.73
2012	4,660,701	872.28

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

The statewide sales and use tax was increased from 4.25% to 4.90% effective July 1, 1992. It was subsequently increased to 6.3%, effective July 1, 2010, and decreased to 6.15%, effective July 1, 2013. Effective July 1, 2015, the statewide sales and use tax was increased to 6.50%.

## Population Trends

The following table shows the approximate population of Rooks County and the City in the years indicated:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rooks County Population</u>	<u>City Population</u>
2016	5,076	1,297
2015	5,159	1,317
2014	5,173	1,321
2013	5,181	1,326
2012	5,212	1,335

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

## Personal Income Trends

Rooks County personal and per capita income and State of Kansas per capita income are listed for the years indicated, in the following table

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rooks County Personal Income (\$000)</u>	<u>Rooks County Per Capita Income</u>	<u>State of Kansas Per Capita Income</u>
2015	\$216,620	\$41,867	\$47,161
2014	224,801	43,473	46,393
2013	232,317	44,858	45,838
2012	208,599	40,046	44,795
2011	220,942	42,546	42,515

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

## RATINGS

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., has assigned an independent rating of “\_\_” to the Bonds. Any further explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained only from the rating agency. The rating does not constitute a recommendation by the rating agency to buy, sell or hold any notes or bonds, including the Bonds. There is no assurance that any rating when assigned to the Bonds will continue for any period of time or that it will not be revised or withdrawn. A revision or withdrawal of the rating when assigned to the Bonds may have an adverse affect on the market price of the Bonds.

## ABSENCE OF LITIGATION

At the present time there is no controversy, suit or other proceedings of any kind pending or threatened whereby any question is raised or may be raised questioning or affecting in any way the legal organization of the City or its boundaries or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act shown to have been done in the Transcript of proceedings leading up to the issuance of the Bonds, or the constitutionality or validity of the indebtedness represented by the Bonds shown to be authorized in said Transcript, or the validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings had in relation to the issuance or sale thereof, or the levying and collection of taxes to pay the principal and interest thereof.



## FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Ranson Financial Group, L.L.C. serves as financial advisor (the “Financial Advisor”) to the City. The Financial Advisor is a “municipal advisor” as defined in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010. The Financial Advisor has participated in the preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement, but has not verified all of the factual information contained herein, nor has it conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the City for the purpose of passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this Preliminary Official Statement. The Financial Advisor's fee is contingent upon the actual issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

## UNDERWRITING

On October 17, 2017, the City received \_\_\_\_\_ bids for the purchase of the Bonds. The Bonds were awarded by the City to the account of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Underwriter”). The Underwriter submitted the lowest bid for the purchase of the Bonds with a net effective interest rate of \_\_\_\_%.

The Bonds will be offered to the public initially at the prices determined to produce the yield to maturity set forth on the inside cover page of this Preliminary Official Statement. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at prices other than the price stated on the inside cover page hereof and may change the initial offering price from time to time subsequent to the date hereof. In connection with the offering, the Underwriters may over allot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

## LEGAL MATTERS

### Approval of Bonds

All matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas (“Bond Counsel”), bond counsel to the Issuer. The factual and financial information appearing herein has been supplied or reviewed by certain officials of the City and its certified public accountants, as referred to herein. Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation of the matters appearing in the sections of this Preliminary Official Statement captioned “THE BONDS,” “LEGAL MATTERS,” “TAX MATTERS,” and “*APPENDIX B* - SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS”. Payment of the legal fee of Bond Counsel is contingent upon the delivery of the bonds. Certain legal matters have been passed on for the Issuer by Joe Gasper, Esq.

## TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Bonds. This summary is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to investors in light of their personal investment circumstances or describe the tax consequences to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, dealers in securities or other persons who do not hold the Bonds as a capital asset, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, and foreign taxpayers), and, except for the income tax laws of the State of Kansas, does not discuss the consequences to an owner under state, local or foreign tax laws. The summary does not deal with the tax treatment of persons who purchase the Bonds in the secondary market at a premium or a discount. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding federal, state, local and other tax considerations of holding and disposing of the Bonds.

### Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the law existing as of the issue date of the Bonds:

**Federal Tax Exemption.** The interest on the Bonds [(including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof)] is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

**Alternative Minimum Tax.** Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations, but is taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

**Bank Qualification.** The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Code § 265(b)(3).

**Kansas Tax Exemption.** The interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State.

Bond Counsel's opinions are provided as of the date of the original issue of the Bonds, subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to

comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is expressing no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

### **Other Tax Consequences**

**[Original Issue Discount.** For Federal income tax purposes, original issue discount (“OID”) is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The issue price of a Bond is the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold (ignoring sales to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers). Under Code § 1288, OID on tax-exempt bonds accrues on a compound basis. The amount of OID that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals: (a) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of OID accrued in all prior accrual periods; multiplied by (b) the yield to maturity on that Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period); minus (c) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of OID accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and will increase the owner’s tax basis in that Bond. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of OID.]

**[Original Issue Premium.** If a Bond is issued at a price that exceeds the stated redemption price at maturity of the Bond, the excess of the purchase price over the stated redemption price at maturity constitutes “premium” on that Bond. Under Code § 171, the purchaser of that Bond must amortize the premium over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser’s yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner’s basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner. This will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for Federal income tax purposes on sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner’s basis is reduced, no Federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium.]

**Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Bonds.** Upon the sale, exchange or retirement (including redemption) of a Bond, an owner of the Bond generally will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Bond (other than in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) and such owner’s adjusted tax basis in the Bond. To the extent the Bonds are held as a capital asset, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Bond has been held for more than 12 months at the time of sale, exchange or retirement.

**Reporting Requirements.** In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal, interest and premium paid on Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities). A backup withholding tax will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of foreign or other exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to an owner will be allowed as a credit against the owner’s federal income tax liability.

**Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences.** Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations with “excess net passive income,” foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, life insurance companies, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry or have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding these tax consequences. Purchasers of Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of these tax consequences and other federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds, including the possible application of state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The references herein to the Bond Resolution and other documents referred to in this Preliminary Official Statement are brief summaries of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to be complete. For full and complete statements of such provisions, reference is made to such documents.

The agreement of the Issuer with the Owners of the Bonds is fully set forth in the Bond Resolution, and neither any advertisement of the Bonds nor this Preliminary Official Statement is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the purchasers of the Bonds. So far as any statements are made in this Preliminary Official Statement involving matters of opinion, estimates, projections or forecasts, whether or not expressly stated as such, they are not to be construed as representations of fact. Copies of the documents mentioned under this caption are on file at the offices of the Underwriter and, following delivery of the Bonds, will be on file with the Issuer.

The Appendices attached hereto is an integral part of this Preliminary Official Statement and must be read together with all of the statements.

**AUTHORIZATION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The preparation of this Preliminary Official Statement and its distribution has been authorized by the governing body of the Issuer as of the date on the cover page hereof. This Preliminary Official Statement is submitted in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and may not be reproduced or used as a whole or in part for any other purpose. This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute a contract between the Issuer or the Underwriter and any one or more of the purchasers, Owners or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds

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**APPENDIX A**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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**APPENDIX B**  
**SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS**

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