

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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**AGM INSURED RATING: S&P “AA”
UNDERLYING RATING: S&P “A”**

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; (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). Bond Counsel notes that for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. See “TAX MATTERS” in this Official Statement.

**\$8,500,000
SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT,
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2024**

Dated: June 27, 2024

Due: September 1, As shown on the inside cover

The General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”) will be issued by Shawnee Heights Fire District, Shawnee County, Kansas (the “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 annually on September 1, beginning in 2025, and semiannual interest will be payable on March 1 and September 1, beginning on March 1, 2025 (the “Interest Payment Dates”). 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 a registered owner of \$500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, 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.

The Bonds and the interest thereon will constitute general obligations of the Issuer, payable 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 scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. (“AGM” or the “Bond Insurer”).



At the option of the Issuer, Bonds maturing on September 1, 2032, and thereafter will be subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity on September 1, 2031, or thereafter as described herein. The Term Bonds are also subject to mandatory redemption as described herein. See “THE BONDS - Redemption Provisions” herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the Issuer, 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 Stephen D. Lanterman, Esq., counsel for the Issuer. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about June 27, 2024.



THE COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR QUICK REFERENCE ONLY. THE COVER PAGE IS NOT A SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE. INVESTORS MUST READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO THE MAKING OF AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION. “APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS” CONTAINS DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The date of this Official Statement is June 4, 2024.

\$8,500,000
SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT,
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2024

MATURITY SCHEDULE

SERIAL BONDS

Stated Maturity <u>September 1</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Annual Rate <u>of Interest</u>	<u>Yield</u>	CUSIP ¹ Base <u>820659</u>
2025	\$ 60,000	7.250%	3.800%	AA8
2026	135,000	7.250%	3.750%	AB6
2027	145,000	7.250%	3.700%	AC4
2028	150,000	7.250%	3.650%	AD2
2029	160,000	7.250%	3.600%	AE0
2030	165,000	7.250%	3.600%	AF7
2031	175,000	7.250%	3.600%	AG5
2032	180,000	7.250%	3.600%	AH3
2033	190,000	7.250%	3.600%	AJ9
2034	200,000	7.250%	3.600%	AK6
2035	210,000	7.250%	3.600%	AL4
2036	220,000	7.250%	3.600%	AM2
2037	230,000	7.250%	3.600%	AN0
2038	245,000	4.000%	4.000%	AP5
2039	255,000	4.000%	4.050%	AQ3
2040	270,000	4.000%	4.100%	AR1
2041	285,000	4.125%	4.150%	AS9
2042	295,000	4.125%	4.200%	AT7
2043	310,000	4.250%	4.250%	AU4
2044	325,000	4.250%	4.300%	AV2
2045	345,000	4.250%	4.340%	AW0
2046	360,000	4.375%	4.375%	AX8
2047	380,000	4.375%	4.400%	AY6
2048	395,000	4.375%	4.430%	AZ3
2049	415,000	4.375%	4.450%	BA7

TERM BONDS

Stated Maturity <u>September 1</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Annual Rate <u>of Interest</u>	<u>Yield</u>	CUSIP ¹ Base <u>820659</u>
2054	\$2,400,000	4.500%	4.500%	BF6

(All plus accrued interest, if any)

¹ CUSIP data is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems 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.

Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (“AGM” or the “Bond Insurer”) makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading “**BOND INSURANCE**” and “Appendix E - Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy”.

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 COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE BONDS ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. 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.

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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SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

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SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT,
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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2024

INTRODUCTION

General Matters

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish information relating to Shawnee Heights Fire District, Shawnee County, Kansas (the “Issuer” or the “Fire District”), and the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”), of the Issuer, dated June 27, 2024 (the “Dated Date”).

The Appendices to this Official Statement are integral parts of this document, to be read in their entirety.

The Issuer is a fire district created by Topeka Township, Tecumseh Township and Monmouth Township (the “Townships”), and is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas (the “State”). Pursuant to K.S.A. 80-1540 *et seq.*, the governing bodies of one or more townships have the authority to create a fire district, and once created, such fire district has the authority to make fire district improvements and issue general obligation bonds of the fire district to finance the costs thereof. The governing bodies of the Townships adopted a resolution on August 5, 2004, calling for a special question election to create a new fire district to include all land within the boundaries of such Townships. At the general election held on November 2, 2004, it was found and determined that a majority of the qualified electors approved the creation of the new fire district. On January 8, 2005, the governing bodies of the Townships met to ratify and confirm the creation of the new fire district and formally named such fire district the Shawnee Heights Fire District. Additional information regarding the Issuer is contained in **APPENDIX A** to this Official Statement.

The materials contained on the cover page, in the body and in the Appendices to this Official Statement are to be read in their entirety. All financial and other information presented herein has been compiled by the Issuer. The presentation of information herein, including tables of receipts from various taxes, is intended to show recent historic 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 past experience, as might be shown by such financial or other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. Except to the extent described under the section captioned “LEGAL MATTERS,” Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the accuracy or sufficiency of any other information contained herein.

Definitions

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

Continuing Disclosure

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) has promulgated amendments to Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”), requiring continuous secondary market disclosure. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer will enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking (the “Disclosure Undertaking”) wherein the Issuer covenants to annually provide certain financial information and operating data (collectively the “Annual Report”) and other information necessary to comply with the Rule, and to transmit the same to the MSRB. Pursuant to the Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer has agreed to file its Annual Report with the national repository (“EMMA”) not later than the October 1st immediately following the end of the Issuer’s Fiscal Year, commencing with the year ending December 31, 2024. In the Bond Resolution, hereinafter defined, the Issuer covenants with the Underwriter and the Beneficial Owners to apply the provisions of the Disclosure Undertaking to the Bonds. This covenant is for the benefit of and is enforceable by the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. This is the Issuer’s initial undertaking under the Rule.

For more information regarding the Disclosure Undertaking, see “**APPENDIX D – FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING.**”

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the Issuer or the Bonds may be obtained from the Fire Chief of the Issuer at the address set forth in the preface to this Official Statement or from the Financial Advisor, Piper Sandler & Co., 11635 Rosewood Street, Leawood, Kansas 66211, Attention: Clayton Kelley, by phone ((913) 345-3377) or e-mail (clayton.kelley@psc.com).

THE BONDS

Authority for the Bonds

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State, including K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, K.S.A. 10-620 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 80-1514, K.S.A. 80-1514a, K.S.A. 80-1514b, and K.S.A. 80-1540 *et seq.*, as amended and supplemented from time to time (collectively the “Act”) and a resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer on June 4, 2024 (the “Bond Resolution”). The Issuer has published notice of its intent to issue the Bonds and no sufficient protest has been filed in opposition thereto in accordance with the Act.

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.

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, shall 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 and shall be approved by the Bond Insurer.

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, 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.

Nonpresentment 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, Bonds maturing on September 1 in the years 2032, and thereafter, will be subject to redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturity on September 1, 2031, 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 to the Redemption Date.

Mandatory Redemption. The Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption and payment prior to Stated Maturity pursuant to the mandatory redemption requirements hereinafter set forth at a Redemption Price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date. The payments which are to be deposited into the Debt Service Account shall be sufficient to redeem, and the Issuer shall redeem on September 1 in each year, the following principal amounts of such Term Bonds:

Principal Amount	Year
\$440,000	2050
460,000	2051
480,000	2052
500,000	2053
520,000	2054*

*Final Maturity

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 a 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 of face 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 of face 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 of face 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, the Bond Insurer and the Underwriter. 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 Issuer shall provide such notices of redemption as are required by the Disclosure Undertaking. 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 Commission. 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 3.6 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 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 Commission. More information about DTC can be found at 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 Direct and Indirect 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 DTC 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.

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 the Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

THE PROJECTS

The Issuer adopted Resolution No. 2024-02-29 declaring its intention under the Act to construct, furnish and equip two new fire stations within the Issuer and all improvements related thereto (collectively the "Improvements") at an estimated cost of \$9,023,908. Such resolution authorized the issuance of the Issuer's general obligation bonds in the not to exceed principal amount of \$8,500,000 to pay a portion of the costs of the Improvements (including issuance costs), with the balance of the costs of the Improvements to be paid from existing funds of the Issuer.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The following table summarizes the sources and uses of funds associated with the issuance of the Bonds:

Sources of Funds:

Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$8,500,000.00
Original Issue Premium	430,342.20
Original Issue Discount	<u>-24,144.40</u>
Total	\$8,906,197.80

Uses of Funds:

Deposit to Improvement Fund	\$8,595,916.54
Deposit to Compliance Account	5,000.00
Underwriter's Discount including Bond Insurance	154,431.26
Deposit to Costs of Issuance Account	<u>150,850.00</u>
Total	\$8,906,197.80

RISK FACTORS AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BONDS 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.

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 of Kansas 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 and interpretation of their rights in bankruptcy and otherwise, and consequently may involve risks of delay, limitation or modification of their rights.

Debt Service Source

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer payable as to both principal and interest, if necessary, 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 Legislature may from time to time adopt changes in the property tax system or method of imposing and collecting property taxes within the State. Taxpayers may also challenge the fair market value of property assigned by the county appraiser. The effects of such legislative changes and successful challenges to the appraiser's determination of fair market value could affect the Issuer's property tax collections. If a taxpayer valuation challenge is successful, the liability of the Issuer to refund property taxes previously paid under protest may have a material impact on the Issuer's financial situation. See "**APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Property Valuations and Property Tax Levies and Collections.**"

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

As described in “**APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Pension and Employee Retirement Plans**,” 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. The Issuer participates in the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (“KP&F”) and the Public Employees Retirement System – Local Group (the “Plan”). 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, the Plan contribution rates may be adjusted by legislative action over time to address any UAAL. According to KPERs’ Valuation Reports, the Local Group had an UAAL of approximately \$1.952 billion in calendar year 2022 and KP&F had an UAAL of approximately \$1.337 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 Provisions.”

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 subject to income taxation by the State.

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 “RATINGS.” 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 affect 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. 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 to suspend indefinitely secondary market trading in the Bonds as a result of financial condition or market position of broker-dealers, 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 may give rise to uncertainty concerning prudent secondary market practices.

Bond Insurance and Ratings of the Bond Insurer

If the Issuer fails to make payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when the same become due, any Owner of Bonds will have recourse against the Bond Insurer for such payments. The Bond Insurance Policy does not, however, insure payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds coming due by reason of acceleration or redemption (other than mandatory sinking fund redemption), nor does it insure the payment of any redemption premium payable upon the redemption of the Bonds. Under no circumstances, including the situation in which interest on the Bonds becomes subject to federal taxation for any reason, can the maturities of the Bonds be accelerated except with the consent of the Bond Insurer. Furthermore, so long as the Bond Insurer performs its obligations under the Bond Insurance Policy, the Bond Insurer may direct, and its consent must be obtained before the exercise of, any remedies to be undertaken under the Bond Resolution. If the Bond Insurer is unable to make payments of principal and interest on the Bonds as those payments become due, the Bonds are payable solely from sources pledged by the Issuer pursuant to the Bond Resolution. See “BOND INSURANCE” for further information concerning the Bond Insurer, the Bond Insurance Policy and any financial ratings assigned to bonds insured by the Bond Insurer.

A rating downgrade of the Bond Insurer by any rating agency may result in a rating downgrade of the Bonds. A rating downgrade of the Bonds could lower the price of the Bonds in the secondary market, and could affect the liquidity for the Bonds in the secondary market. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds are urged to check the websites of the rating agencies and the public announcements by the Bond Insurer for any future developments relating to the ratings of the Bond Insurer and the Bonds.

Cybersecurity Risks

Security breaches, including electronic break-ins, computer viruses, attacks by hackers and similar breaches could create disruptions or shutdowns of the Issuer and the services it provides, or the unauthorized disclosure of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. If a security breach occurs, the Issuer may incur significant costs to remediate possible injury to the affected persons, and the Issuer may be subject to sanctions and civil penalties. Any failure to maintain proper functionality and security of information systems could interrupt the Issuer’s operations, delay receipt of revenues, damage its reputation, subject it to liability claims or regulatory penalties and could have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and results of operations.

Natural Disasters or Terrorist Attacks

The occurrence of a terrorist attack in the Issuer, or natural disasters, such as fires, tornados, earthquakes, floods or droughts, could damage the Issuer and its systems and infrastructure, and interrupt services or otherwise impair operations of the Issuer.

Potential Impacts Resulting from Epidemics or Pandemics

The Issuer’s finances may be materially adversely affected by unforeseen impacts of future epidemics and pandemics, such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Issuer cannot predict future impacts of epidemics or pandemics, any similar outbreaks, or their impact on travel, on assemblies or gatherings, on the local, State, national or global economy, or on securities markets, or whether any such disruptions may have a material adverse impact on the financial condition or operations of the Issuer, including but not limited to the payment of debt service on any of its outstanding debt obligations.

BOND INSURANCE

Bond Insurance Policy

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (“AGM” or the “Bond Insurer”) will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the “Bond Insurance Policy”). The Bond Insurance Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Bond Insurance Policy included as an appendix to this Official Statement.

The Bond Insurance Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

AGM is a New York domiciled financial guaranty insurance company and an indirect subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd. (“AGL”), a Bermuda-based holding company whose shares are publicly traded and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “AGO”. AGL, through its subsidiaries, provides credit enhancement products to the U.S. and non-U.S. public finance (including infrastructure) and structured finance markets and participates in the asset management business through ownership interests in Sound Point Capital Management, LP and certain of its investment management affiliates. Neither AGL nor any of its shareholders or affiliates, other than AGM, is obligated to pay any debts of AGM or any claims under any insurance policy issued by AGM.

AGM’s financial strength is rated “AA” (stable outlook) by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (“S&P”), “AA+” (stable outlook) by Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc. (“KBRA”) and “A1” (stable outlook) by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”). Each rating of AGM should be evaluated independently. An explanation of the significance of the above ratings may be obtained from the applicable rating agency. The above ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any security, and such ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies, including withdrawal initiated at the request of AGM in its sole discretion. In addition, the rating agencies may at any time change AGM’s long-term rating outlooks or place such ratings on a watch list for possible downgrade in the near term. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings, the assignment of a negative outlook to such ratings or the placement of such ratings on a negative watch list may have an adverse effect on the market price of any security guaranteed by AGM. AGM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of bonds insured by AGM on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the relevant insurance policy), and does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the securities it insures, nor does it guarantee that the ratings on such securities will not be revised or withdrawn.

Current Financial Strength Ratings

On May 28, 2024, S&P announced it had affirmed AGM’s financial strength rating of “AA” (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that S&P may take.

On April 30, 2024, Moody’s announced it had affirmed AGM’s insurance financial strength rating of “A1” (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that Moody’s may take.

On October 20, 2023, KBRA announced it had affirmed AGM’s insurance financial strength rating of “AA+” (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that KBRA may take.

For more information regarding AGM’s financial strength ratings and the risks relating thereto, see AGL’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Capitalization of AGM

At March 31, 2024:

- The policyholders’ surplus of AGM was approximately \$2,665 million.
- The contingency reserve of AGM was approximately \$892 million.
- The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commission income of AGM and its subsidiaries (as described below) were approximately \$2,036 million. Such amount includes (i) 100% of the net unearned premium reserve and net deferred ceding commission income of AGM, and (ii) the net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGM’s wholly owned subsidiary Assured Guaranty UK Limited (“AGUK”) and its 99.9999% owned subsidiary Assured Guaranty (Europe) SA (“AGE”).

The policyholders’ surplus of AGM and the contingency reserves, net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commission income of AGM were determined in accordance with statutory accounting principles. The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGUK and AGE were determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

Portions of the following documents filed by AGL with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) that relate to AGM are incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

- (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (filed by AGL with the SEC on February 28, 2024); and
- (ii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2024 (filed by AGL with the SEC on May 8, 2024).

All information relating to AGM included in, or as exhibits to, documents filed by AGL with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, excluding Current Reports or portions thereof “furnished” under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, after the filing of the last document referred to above and before the termination of the offering of the Bonds shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such documents. Copies of materials incorporated by reference are available over the internet at the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>, at AGL’s website at <http://www.assuredguaranty.com>, or will be provided upon request to Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.: 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Communications Department (telephone (212) 974-0100). Except for the information referred to above, no information available on or through AGL’s website shall be deemed to be part of or incorporated in this Official Statement.

Any information regarding AGM included herein under the caption “**BOND INSURANCE – Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.**” or included in a document incorporated by reference herein (collectively, the “AGM Information”) shall be modified or superseded to the extent that any subsequently included AGM Information (either directly or through incorporation by reference) modifies or supersedes such previously included AGM Information. Any AGM Information so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Official Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

Miscellaneous Matters

AGM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading “**BOND INSURANCE**”.

RATINGS

S&P Global Ratings has assigned an underlying rating of “A” to the Bonds and is expected to assign an insured rating of “AA” (stable outlook) to the Bonds with the understanding that upon issuance and delivery of the Bonds, a policy insuring the payment when due of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by the Bond Insurer. Such ratings reflect only the view of such rating agency, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained therefrom. No such rating constitutes a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any bonds, including the Bonds, or as to the market price or suitability thereof for a particular investor. The Issuer furnished such rating agency with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds that have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies. 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.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Issuer, in the ordinary course of business, is a party to various legal proceedings. In the opinion of management of the Issuer, any judgment rendered against the Issuer in such proceedings would not materially adversely affect the financial position of the Issuer.

The Issuer certifies that there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the Issuer or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act or the constitutionality or validity of the indebtedness represented by the Bonds or the validity of said Bonds, or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof.

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 Issuer and its certified public accountants, as referred to herein. Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation of the Official Statement but expresses no opinion as to the accuracy or sufficiency thereof, except for the matters appearing in the sections of this Official Statement captioned "THE BONDS," "LEGAL MATTERS," "TAX MATTERS" and "*APPENDIX C – 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 Stephen D. Lanterman, Esq.

TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Kansas 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. 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. The interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax.

Bank Qualification. The Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Code § 265(b)(3).

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

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 of these requirements. Failure to comply with certain of these 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 is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than "qualified stated interest" (i.e., interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Code § 1288, original issue discount on tax-exempt obligations accrues on a compound basis. The amount of original issue discount that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals (1) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (2) 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 (3) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of original issue discount 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 original issue discount.

Original Issue Premium. For federal income tax purposes, premium is the excess of the issue price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than "qualified stated interest" (*i.e.*, interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Code § 171, premium on tax-exempt obligations amortizes 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, which 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 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 actually or constructively 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 a Bond is 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, certain applicable corporations subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax, 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.

Bond Counsel notes that for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, the interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Piper Sandler & Co., Leawood, Kansas, has acted as financial advisor to the Issuer in connection with the sale of the Bonds. 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 assisted the Issuer in the preparation of this Official Statement and in other matters relating to the issuance of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor will not be a manager or a member of any underwriting group submitting a proposal for the purchase of the Bonds. The fees of the Financial Advisor are contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds have been sold at public sale by the Issuer to Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin (the "Underwriter") on the basis of lowest true interest cost. Two bids were received by the Issuer. The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds, plus accrued interest from the Dated Date to the Issue Date, plus a net reoffering premium of \$406,197.80, less an underwriting discount of \$127,431.26.

The Bonds will be offered to the public initially at the prices set forth on the inside cover page of this 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 Underwriter 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.

AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The preparation of this 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 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 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.

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS

Chad Baldwin, Chairman
Kevin Flory, Fire Chief

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APPENDIX A

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER

GENERAL

Size and Location

Shawnee Heights Fire District (the “Fire District” or “Issuer”) is located in Shawnee County, Kansas (the “County”), and includes all land located within the boundaries of Topeka Township, Tecumseh Township and Monmouth Township (collectively the “Townships”). The Issuer is adjacent to, and lies south and east of, the City of Topeka, Kansas, and its headquarters are located in Tecumseh, Kansas. The Issuer serves an area of approximately 144 square miles and has an estimated population of 11,609 people.

Government and Organization of the Fire District

The Issuer is a fire district created by the Townships, and is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas (the “State”). The governing bodies of the Townships adopted a resolution on August 5, 2004, calling for a special question election to create a new fire district to include all land within the boundaries of such Townships. At the general election held on November 2, 2004, it was found and determined that a majority of the qualified electors approved the creation of the new fire district. On January 8, 2005, the governing bodies of the Townships met to ratify and confirm the creation of the new fire district and formally named such fire district the Shawnee Heights Fire District. The members of the township boards of the Townships constitute the governing body of the Issuer (the “Governing Body”). Three members of the Governing Board are appointed and serve one-year terms as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Issuer. These three officer positions are held by one member from each of the three Townships covered by the Issuer.

Fire District Facilities

The Issuer currently operates four fire stations: two are located in Tecumseh, Kansas, one is located in Topeka, Kansas, and one is located in Berryton, Kansas. With the proceeds of the Bonds, the Issuer plans to construct, furnish and equip two new fire stations.

Educational Facilities

The Issuer is primarily served by Unified School District No. 450 (Shawnee Heights); in addition six other unified school districts and several parochial schools serve the elementary and secondary education needs of the majority of the County. Washburn University is located in Topeka, Kansas. Washburn University is a municipal university providing a comprehensive graduate, undergraduate, and law degree programs. The University of Kansas is approximately 30 miles east of the County in the city of Lawrence, Kansas, and Kansas State University is located approximately 60 miles northwest in the city of Manhattan, Kansas.

Municipal Services and Utilities

Retail electric power is distributed to residents by Evergy and FreeState Electric Co-op. Retail natural gas is distributed by Kansas Gas Service. Water is provided by the local cities, rural water districts, and private wells. Sewage treatment is provided by the local cities, the County, and private septic tanks. Land line telephone service is provided by AT&T. Every US based major cell phone provider provides cell phone service within the County.

Transportation and Communication Facilities

The County is served by Interstate Highways 70, 470, and 335, US Highways 24, 40 and 75. The area is served by the Topeka Regional Airport, with two runways (the primary runway is 12,800 feet in length and the crosswind runway is 7,000 feet in length) and more than 2 million square feet of apron space available for transient military, general aviation and commercial aircraft. Regularly scheduled air service is available at Kansas City International Airport, located approximately 70 miles from the Issuer.

Medical and Health Facilities

The County has two major full service hospitals, Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center and University of Kansas St. Francis Campus, and numerous medical center complexes.

Recreational and Cultural Facilities

Local theatrical production facilities include the Topeka Performing Arts Center, the Topeka Civic Theater, and Washburn University's White Concert Hall, all of which attract local, national, and international talent of recognized prominence. A 210,000 square foot "Stormont Vail Event Center (formerly the Expocentre) also hosts entertainment events on a regular basis. Within 65 miles of the Issuer there are several lakes and reservoirs providing many forms of water recreation. Major league baseball, major league soccer and professional football are available in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

ECONOMIC INFORMATION

Major Employers

Listed below are the major employers located in Fire District and the number employed by each:

<u>Major Employers</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
1. USD 450 Schools	594
2. Futamura Cellophane Plant	240
3. USD 437 Schools	200
4. United States Postal Service	175
5. Frito Lay	150

Listed below are the major employers located in Topeka, Kansas, and the number employed by each:

<u>Major Employers</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
1. State of Kansas	8,050
2. Stormont-Vail Healthcare	5,500
3. USD 501	2,500
4. Midwest Health	2,000
5. BNSF Railway Company	1,931
6. Good year Tire and Rubber Company	1,700
7. University of Kansas Health Systems-St. Francis	1,600
8. Washburn University	1,566
9. Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center	1,544
10. Payless Shoe Source	1,500

Source: Topeka 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Labor Force

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

SHAWNEE COUNTY				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployed Rate</u>
2018	91,453	88,256	3,197	3.5%
2019	91,284	88,136	3,148	3.4%
2020	91,649	86,325	5,324	5.8%
2021	91,820	88,910	2,910	3.2%
2022	91,886	89,363	2,523	2.7%

STATE OF KANSAS				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Unemployed Rate</u>
2018	1,493,360	1,443,204	50,156	3.4%
2019	1,504,415	1,456,662	47,753	3.2%
2020	1,501,827	1,414,596	87,231	5.8%
2021	1,498,226	1,448,294	49,932	3.3%
2022	1,502,603	1,463,010	39,593	2.6%

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

Retail Sales Tax Collections

The following table lists State of Kansas sales and use tax collections for the calendar years indicated and per capita sales and use tax collections for the State fiscal years indicated for sales occurring in the County:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Sales Tax Collections</u>	<u>Per Capita Sales Tax</u> ¹
2018	\$209,824,218	\$1,023.91
2019	211,893,342	1,177.90
2020	219,217,742	1,212.81
2021	246,539,639	1,326.84
2022	265,101,244	1,425.98

The State sales and use tax increased to 6.50%, effective July 1, 2015. For sales of food and food ingredients, beginning January 1, 2023, the State sales and use tax rate was reduced to 4%, beginning January 1, 2024, such rate was reduced to 2%, and beginning January 1, 2025, such rate is scheduled to be reduced to 0%. During such times, the State sales and use tax rate on non-food and non-food ingredients sales is scheduled to remain at 6.50%.

¹ Represents amounts for State sales tax only in the year 2018 and State sales and use taxes in the years 2019–2022

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

Financial and Banking Institutions

There are currently 19 banks located in Shawnee County. For the years listed, bank deposits of the County's banks are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Bank Deposits</u>
2019	\$4,517,527,000
2020	4,697,779,000
2021	5,061,082,000
2022	5,175,587,000
2023	4,801,934,000

Source: FDIC

Population Trends

The following table shows the approximate population of Fire District and Shawnee County in the years indicated:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fire District Population</u>	<u>Shawnee County Population</u>
1990	N/A ¹	160,976
2000	N/A ¹	169,871
2010	N/A ¹	177,934
2020	11,759 ²	178,909
2021	11,670 ²	178,264
2022	11,609 ²	177,480

The median age of persons in Shawnee County and the State of Kansas is 39.7 and 37.4, respectively, per the 2020 Census.

¹ Fire District population data for these years is not available

² Based on aggregate populations of Monmouth, Tecumseh, and Topeka Townships

Source: 2020 data: U.S. Census Bureau; 1990, 2000, 2010, 2021 and 2022 data: Kansas Division of Budget

Personal Income Trends

Shawnee County personal (in thousands of dollars) and per capita income and the State of Kansas per capita income are listed for the years indicated, in the following table.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Shawnee County Personal Income</u>	<u>Shawnee County Per Capita Income</u>	<u>State of Kansas Per Capita Income</u>
2018	\$8,198,846	\$45,702	\$50,283
2019	8,409,205	46,933	52,127
2020	9,026,141	50,511	55,041
2021	9,601,458	53,830	58,569
2022	9,844,071	55,466	60,424

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce – Bureau of Economic Analysis

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

The Fire District follows a regulatory basis of accounting, as described in *APPENDIX B*.

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 Fire District prior to August 1, with a public hearing required to be held prior to August 15, with the final budget to be adopted by a majority vote of the governing body of the Fire District prior to August 25 of each year (or October 1 if the Fire District must conduct a public hearing to levy taxes in excess of its revenue neutral rate described below). 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 is adopted.

The Fire District may levy taxes in accordance with the requirements of its adopted budget. Property tax levies are based on the adopted budget of the Fire District and the assessed valuations provided by the County appraiser. In 2021, the Kansas Legislature passed legislation (the “Revenue Neutral Tax Act”) that repeals the “tax lid” (formerly K.S.A. 79-2925c) and provides that, beginning January 1, 2021, a taxing subdivision (which includes any political subdivision of the State that levies an ad valorem property tax, including the Fire District) is not authorized to levy a property tax rate in excess of its revenue neutral rate without first providing notice, holding a public hearing, and authorizing such property tax rate by majority vote of its governing body. The revenue neutral rate means the tax rate for the current tax year that would generate the same property tax revenue as levied the previous tax year using the current tax year’s total assessed valuation.

The Revenue Neutral Tax Act provides that by June 15 of every year, each county clerk shall calculate the revenue neutral rate for each taxing subdivision in their respective county. If a taxing subdivision desires to levy a tax rate in excess of its revenue neutral rate, it must notify the county clerk by July 20 of the taxing subdivision’s intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate and provide to the county clerk the date, time and location of the related public hearing and the taxing subdivision’s proposed tax rate. The county clerk is required to provide notice of such intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate to each taxpayer with property in the taxing subdivision at least 10 days in advance of the public hearing along with following information: (1) the revenue neutral rate of each taxing subdivision relevant to the taxpayer’s property; (2) the proposed property tax revenue needed to fund the proposed budget of the taxing subdivision; (3) the proposed tax rate based upon the proposed budget and the current year’s total assessed valuation of the taxing subdivision; (4) the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the revenue neutral rate; (5) the tax rate and property tax of each taxing subdivision on the taxpayer’s property from the previous year’s tax statement; (6) the appraised value and assessed value of the taxpayer’s property for the current year; (7) the estimates of the tax for the current tax year on the taxpayer’s property based on the revenue neutral rate of each taxing subdivision and any proposed tax rates that exceed the revenue neutral rates; (8) the difference between the estimates of tax based on the proposed tax rate and the revenue neutral rate on the taxpayer’s property described in subparagraph (7) for any taxing subdivision that has a proposed tax rate that exceeds its revenue neutral rate; and (9) the date, time and location of the public hearing of the taxing subdivision. The public hearing regarding exceeding the revenue neutral rate is to be held between August 20 and September 20, and can be held in conjunction with the taxing subdivision’s budget hearing. If multiple taxing subdivisions within the county are required to hold a public hearing, the county clerk’s notices to the taxpayer can be combined into a single notice. After the public hearing, the taxing subdivision can approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate by governing body approval of a resolution or ordinance, and thereafter the taxing subdivisions will hold the public

hearing and adopt the budget by majority vote of its governing body. The amount of tax to be levied and the adopted budget must be certified to the county clerk by October 1. The taxing subdivision's adopted budget shall not result in a tax rate in excess of its proposed rate stated in the notice provided to the taxpayers. If a taxing subdivision fails to comply with the requirements of the Revenue Neutral Tax Act, it shall refund to the taxpayers any property taxes over-collected based on the amount of the levy that was in excess of the revenue neutral rate.

The Fire District cannot predict the impact of the Revenue Neutral Tax Act on the ratings on the Bonds, or the general rating of the Fire District. A change in the rating on the Bonds or a change in the general rating of the Fire District may adversely impact the market price of the Bonds in the secondary market.

Kansas law prohibits governmental units from creating indebtedness unless there are funds on hand in the proper accounts and unencumbered by previous action with which to pay such 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.

The financial records of the Fire District are audited annually by a firm of independent certified public accountants in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. In recent years, the annual audit has been performed by Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC, Manhattan, Kansas (the "Auditor"). Copies of the audit reports for the past five (5) years are on file with the Fire District and are available for review. The audit for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2023 is attached hereto as **APPENDIX B**. The Auditor has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report attached as **APPENDIX B**, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. The Auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

The financial information contained in the Appendices to this Official Statement are an integral part of this document and are intended to be read in conjunction herewith.

Sources of Revenue

The Fire District finances its general operations through the local property tax levy, various other taxes, fire protection fees, and other miscellaneous sources as indicated below for the current Fiscal Year:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Local property taxes	78.44%
Fire protection fees	15.21%
Grants	0.09%
Misc. and unencumbered cash	5.64%
Interest	<u>0.62%</u>
Total	100.00%

Source: 2024 Fire District Budget

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 Shawnee County Appraiser's office determines the fair market value of all taxable property within Shawnee 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 (the "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 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 Legislature may from time to time adopt changes in the property tax system or method of imposing and collecting property taxes within the State. Taxpayers may also challenge the fair market value of property assigned by the county appraiser. The effects of such legislative changes and successful challenges to the appraiser's determination of fair market value could affect the Issuer's property tax collections. If a taxpayer valuation challenge is successful, the liability of the Issuer to refund property taxes previously paid under protest may have a material impact on the Issuer's financial situation.

Fair Market Value

The following table shows the fair market value of the taxable property within the Fire District for the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
2019/20	\$ 987,022,090
2020/21	988,785,242
2021/22	1,019,021,196 ¹
2022/23	1,239,896,593
2023/24	1,310,301,380

¹ The Tecumseh Energy Center ceased operations in 2018. Starting in the 2020/21 tax year, the value of the Tecumseh Energy Center began to be removed from the tax rolls, and the reduction was pro-rated over a three year period.

Source: County Clerk

Assessed Valuation

The following table shows the final assessed valuation of the taxable tangible property within the Fire District for the following years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Property</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Total Valuation</u>
2019/20	\$107,339,197	\$2,068,639	\$36,542,165	\$17,751,595	\$163,701,596
2020/21 ¹	111,806,776	2,232,786	24,227,215	17,832,897	156,099,674
2021/22	117,731,852	2,104,635	17,506,273	18,627,843	155,970,603
2022/23	134,214,541	2,205,810	17,527,479	17,781,529	171,729,359
2023/24	152,614,795	2,046,225	17,670,149	18,268,047	190,599,216

¹ The Tecumseh Energy Center ceased operations in 2018. Starting in the 2020/21 tax year, the value of the Tecumseh Energy Center began to be removed from the tax rolls, and the reduction was pro-rated over a three year period.

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 August 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 Fire District may levy taxes in accordance with the requirements of its adopted budget. Property tax levies are based on the adopted budget of the Fire District and the assessed valuations provided by the County appraiser. The following table shows the Fire District's mill levies by fund (per \$1000 of assessed valuation) for each of the years indicated and the current year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Bond and Interest Fund</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>
2019/20	12.471	0.000	12.471
2020/21	12.472	0.000	12.472
2021/22	16.553	0.000	16.553
2022/23	16.561	0.000	16.561
2023/24	16.545	0.000	16.545

Source: Kansas Dept of Administration, County Tax Levy Sheet

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

	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
State	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Shawnee County	48.172	48.157	50.999	49.861	48.653
Fire District	12.471	12.472	16.553	16.561	16.545
Monmouth Twshp	16.244	16.061	16.065	16.062	17.154
Tecumseh Twshp	14.174	15.546	17.257	18.255	18.465
Topeka Twshp	13.335	12.087	12.077	12.075	12.059
USD 434	49.753	48.433	49.822	48.619	51.086
USD 437	50.139	50.000	49.978	55.095	55.091
USD 450	52.627	51.830	51.802	51.211	51.501
Wakarusa Watershed	1.000	0.977	1.000	1.500	1.500
Pauline Street Lights	3.017	2.793	2.810	2.808	2.807
MTAA Airport	2.037	2.032	1.930	1.750	2.157
Library	9.786	9.786	9.706	8.890	8.192

Source: Kansas Dept of Administration, County Tax Levy Sheet

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Total Taxes Levied</u>	<u>Total Taxes Collected</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2019/20	12.471	\$1,822,462	\$1,801,571	98.85%
2020/21	12.472	1,727,727	1,707,341	98.82%
2021/22	16.553	2,277,124	2,251,682	98.88%
2022/23	16.561	2,553,574	2,516,986	98.57%
2023/24 ¹	16.545	2,856,929	1,624,759	56.87%

¹ Collections in process. Amount shown is as of 02/29/2024.

Source: County Clerk

Major Taxpayers. The following table sets forth the ten largest taxpayers in the Fire District for taxes levied in the most recent tax collection period (2023/24):

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Taxes Levied</u>
1. Evergy Kansas Central Inc.	\$11,440,615	\$1,676,912
2. Kans Gas Service Div of ONEOK	1,824,448	266,267
3. LKQ Mid-America Auto Parts Inc	1,473,201	212,431
4. BNSF	1,252,658	183,555
5. Starwood PH Properties LLC	957,700	138,097
6. Spencer Holdings II LLC	894,765	129,022
7. Union Pacific Railroad Company	785,210	115,436
8. Magellan Pipeline Co LLC	688,188	101,155
9. Southern Star Central Gas Pipe	613,461	89,824
10. Mid America Pipeline Co LLC	609,816	89,766

Source: County Clerk

Risk Management

The Fire District is insured against the risks arising from general liability by National Union Fire Insurance Company (VFIS Insurance) and for employee medical coverage by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas.

History of Employment

The following table indicates the history of the Issuer's employment for the years indicated.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
2019	45
2020	41
2021	43
2022	47
2023	48

Source: Fire Chief

Pension and 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, 2022, KPERS serves approximately 340,000 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 approximately 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 2004, 2015 and 2021, the Kansas Development Finance Authority, on behalf of the State, issued pension obligation bonds and contributed the proceeds thereof to KPERS to assist with improving the status of the unfunded actuarial pension liability. In 2022 the Legislature provided for additional contributions totaling \$1.125 billion in four payments to be deposited into the KPERS trust fund for the School Group. For more information about the Legislature's actions related to KPERS, please see the 2022 Valuation Report referenced below.

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 9.26% of the employee's gross salary for calendar year 2024. In addition, the Issuer contributes 1% of the employee's gross salary for Death and Disability Insurance for covered employees.

According to the Valuation Report as of December 31, 2022 (the "2022 Valuation Report") the KPERS Local Group, of which the Issuer is a member, carried an unfunded accrued actuarial liability ("UAAL") of approximately \$1.952 billion at the end of 2022. The amount of the UAAL in 2022 changed from the previous year's amount due to the factors discussed in the 2022 Valuation Report; such report also 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. A copy of the 2022 Valuation Report is available on the KPERS website at kpers.org/about/reports. The Issuer has no means to independently verify any of the information set forth on the KPERS website or in the 2022 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 2022 Valuation Report sets the employer contribution rate for the period beginning January 1, 2025, for the KPERS Local Group, and KPERS' actuaries identified that an employer contribution rate of 9.60% 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 2022 Valuation Report. The statutory contribution rate of employers currently equals the 2022 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.

The Issuer has established membership in the Kansas Police and Fire Retirement System ("KP&F") for its police and fire personnel. KP&F is a division of and is administered by KPERS. Annual contributions are adjusted annually based on actuarial studies, subject to legislative caps on percentage increases. According to the 2022 Valuation Report, KP&F carried an UAAL of approximately \$1.337 billion at the end of 2022. For KP&F, the Issuer's employees currently annually contribute 7.15% of their gross salary to the plan. For the year beginning January 1, 2024, the Issuer contributes 23.10% of employees' gross salary.

The Issuer has not implemented GASB 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB 27, because the Issuer's financial statements are prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting different from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. KPERS, however,

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. Because the Issuer has not implemented GASB 68, the net pension liability calculated by KPERS for the Issuer is not reflected as a liability on the Issuer’s financial statements. 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.

DEBT STRUCTURE

Debt Summary

The following table summarizes certain key statistics with respect to the Issuer's general obligation debt, including the Bonds:

<u>Debt Summary (As of June 27, 2024)</u>	<u>Fire District Debt</u>
Fair Market Value of Taxable Property ¹	\$1,310,301,380
Final Assessed Valuation ²	\$190,599,216
Statutory Debt Limit ³	\$9,529,961
Outstanding General Obligation Debt	\$8,500,000
Exempt Debt ⁴	\$0
Net Debt against Debt Limit Capacity	\$8,500,000
Additional legal debt capacity	\$1,029,961
Direct Debt Per Capita (Population = 11,609)	\$732
Direct and Overlapping Debt Per Capita	\$4,248
Direct Debt as a Percentage of Final Assessed Valuation	4.46%
Direct and Overlapping Debt as a Percentage of Assessed Valuation	25.88%
Direct Debt as a Percentage of Fair Market Value	0.65%
Direct and Overlapping Debt as a Percentage of Fair Market Value	3.76%

¹ See “**Property Valuations**” *infra*.

² The final assessed valuation of taxable tangible property within the Fire District, including the taxable value of motor vehicles.

³ Based upon the final assessed value of all tangible taxable property within the Fire District. See K.S.A. 80-1514b.

⁴ Excludes general obligation debt that is exempt from the Fire District’s Debt Limit pursuant to State law exceptions.

Current Indebtedness of the Issuer

The following table sets forth as of the date of issuance of the Bonds all of the outstanding obligations of the Issuer including the Bonds:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

<u>Description of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Original Principal Amount</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Exempt From Debt Limit</u>
G.O. Bonds, Series 2024	06/27/24	09/01/54	\$8,500,000	\$8,500,000	\$0

TEMPORARY NOTES

NONE

REVENUE OBLIGATIONS

NONE

Source: Fire Chief

Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness

The following table sets forth overlapping and underlying indebtedness as of June 27, 2024, and the percent attributable (on the basis of assessed valuation within the County) to the Fire District:

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>2023 Final Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Outstanding General Obligation Indebtedness</u>	<u>Percent Applicable to Issuer</u>	<u>Amount Applicable to Issuer</u>
Shawnee County	\$2,222,830,139	\$19,065,000	7.75%	\$1,477,538
Monmouth Township	52,492,695	41,868	100.00%	41,868
Tecumseh Township	100,304,245	0	100.00%	0
Topeka Township	19,534,229	0	100.00%	0
USD 434	56,672	0	100.00%	0
USD 437	671,389,710	100,001,227	25.67%	25,670,315
USD 450	263,745,758	20,858,508	65.34%	13,628,949
Total				\$40,818,670

Source: County Clerk

Future Indebtedness

The Issuer does not plan to issue additional general obligation bonds in the next 24 months.

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APPENDIX B

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF
INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
(FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 12/31/2023)**

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT

Shawnee County, Kansas

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2023

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT

Shawnee County, Kansas

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February 29, 2024

Fire District Board
Shawnee Heights Fire District
Shawnee County, Kansas

Independent Auditor's Report

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances of Shawnee Heights Fire District (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statement.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2023, or changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the aggregate cash and unencumbered cash balance of the District as of December 31, 2023, and the aggregate receipts and expenditures for they year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (KMAAG) described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and KMAAG. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to the Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As discussed in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the KMAAG, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with KMAAG as described in Note 1; this includes determining regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the fund summary statement of regulatory basis receipts, expenditures, and unencumbered cash balances (basic financial statement) as a whole. The summary of regulatory basis expenditures-actual and budget, individual fund schedules of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures-actual and budget, schedule of regulatory basis receipts and expenditures-agency funds (Schedules 1 and 2 as listed in the table of contents) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the basic financial statement; however, are required to be presented under the provisions of the KMAAG. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement or to the basic financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC

Certified Public Accountants
Manhattan, Kansas

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT
Shawnee County, Kansas
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND UNENCUMBERED CASH
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

STATEMENT 1

	Beginning Unencumbered Cash Balance	Prior Year Canceled Encumbrances	Cash Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance	Add Outstanding Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Cash Balance
GOVERNMENTAL TYPE FUNDS							
General Fund	\$ 174,572	\$ -	\$ 3,555,900	\$ 3,412,213	\$ 318,259	57,064	\$ 375,323
Special District Reserve	2,470,057	-	728,767	-	3,198,824	-	3,198,824
Total Reporting Entity	<u>\$ 2,644,629</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,284,667</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,213</u>	<u>\$ 3,517,083</u>	<u>\$ 57,064</u>	<u>\$ 3,574,147</u>

Composition of Cash

Checking Capital City Bank	\$ 820,380
Certificates of Deposit	<u>2,753,767</u>
	<u>\$ 3,574,147</u>

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT
Shawnee County, Kansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2023

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
Municipal Financial Reporting Entity

The Shawnee Heights Fire District (District) was organized in 1939 under K.S.A 80-1541 to provide fire suppression services to unincorporated areas in Shawnee County, Kansas. The District includes Topeka Township, Tecumseh Township, and Monmouth Township. The District has four fire stations, of which, three are manned by full-time duty officers. The District by contract provides fire protection to eighty nine percent of Williamsport Township.

The Township boards of Topeka Township, Tecumseh Township, and Monmouth Township form the governing board of the Shawnee Heights Fire District (a jointly governed organization). The District has authority to levy taxes, purchase real estate and issue bonds in its own name.

This financial statement presents the Shawnee Heights Fire District only. Related entities are not included in this financial statement.

Basis of Accounting

Regulatory Basis of Accounting and Departure from Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America. The *Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (KMAAG) regulatory basis of accounting involves the recognition of cash, cash equivalents, marketable investments, and certain accounts payable and encumbrance obligations to arrive at a net unencumbered cash and investments balance on a regulatory basis for each fund, and the reporting of changes in unencumbered cash and investments of a fund resulting from the difference in regulatory basis receipts and regulatory basis expenditures for the fiscal year. All recognized assets and liabilities are measured and reported at cost, unless they have been permanently impaired and have no future cash value or represent no future obligation against cash. The KMAAG regulatory basis does not recognize capital assets, long-term debt, accrued receivables and payables, or any other assets, liabilities or deferred inflows or outflows, other than those mentioned above.

The District has approved a resolution that is in compliance with K.S.A. 75-1120a(c), waiving the requirement for application of generally accepted accounting principles and allowing the Township to use the regulatory basis of accounting.

Regulatory Basis Fund Types

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The following types of governmental funds comprise the financial activities of the District:

General Fund - the chief operating fund. Used to account for all resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Purpose Fund - used to account for the proceeds of specific tax levies and other specific revenues sources (other than Capital Project and tax levies for long-term debt) that are intended for specific purposes.

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT
Shawnee County, Kansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2023

Note 2: Budgetary Information

Kansas statutes require that an annual operating budget be legally adopted for the general fund, special purpose funds (unless specifically exempted by statute), bond and interest funds and business funds, if applicable. The statutes provide for the following sequence and timetable in the adoption of the legal and annual operating budget:

1. Preparation of budget for the succeeding calendar year on or before August 1st.
2. Publication in local newspaper of the proposed budget and notice of public hearing on the budget on or before August 5th.
3. Public hearing on or before August 15th, but at least ten days after publication of notice of hearing.
4. Adoption of the final budget on or before August 25th.

If the District is holding a revenue neutral rate hearing, the budget timeline for adoption of the final budget has been adjusted to on or before September 20th. The District did hold a revenue neutral rate hearing.

The statutes allow for the governing body to increase the originally adopted budget for previously unbudgeted increases in revenue other than ad valorem property taxes. To do this, a notice of public hearing to amend the budget must be published in the local newspaper. At least ten days after publication the hearing may be held and the governing body may amend the budget at that time.

The statutes permit transferring budgeted amounts between line items within an individual fund. However, such statutes prohibit expenditures in excess of the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures of individual funds. Budget comparison statements are presented for each fund showing actual receipts and expenditures compared to legally budgeted receipts and expenditures.

All legal annual operating budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting, modified further by the encumbrances method of accounting. Revenues are recognized when cash is received. Expenditures include disbursements, accounts payable and encumbrances. Encumbrances are commitments by the Township for future payments and are supported by a document evidencing the commitments, such as a purchase order or contract. All unencumbered appropriations (legal budget expenditure authority) lapse at year-end.

A legal operating budget is not required for the following funds:

Special District Reserve

Spending in funds which are not subject to the legal annual operating budget requirements is controlled by federal regulations, other statutes, or by the use of internal spending limits established by the governing board.

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT
Shawnee County, Kansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2023

Note 3: Deposits and Investments

K.S.A. 9-1401 establishes the depositories which may be used by the District. The statute requires banks eligible to hold the District's funds have a main or branch bank in the county in which the District is located, or in an adjoining county if such institution has been designated as an official depository, and the banks provide an acceptable rate of return on funds. In addition, K.S.A. 9-1402 requires the banks to pledge securities for deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. The District has no other policies that would further limit interest rate risk.

K.S.A. 12-1675 limits the District's investment of idle funds to time deposits, open accounts, and certificates of deposits with allowable financial institutions; U.S. government securities; temporary notes; no-fund warrants; repurchase agreements; and the Kansas Municipal Investment Pool. The District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of credit risk. State statutes place no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer as long as the investments are adequately secured under K.S.A. 9-1402 and 9-1405.

Custodial credit risk - deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. State statutes require the District's deposits in financial institutions to be entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held under a joint custody receipt issued by a bank within the State of Kansas, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, or the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka.

At December 31, 2023, the District's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,570,380 and the bank balance was \$3,729,417. The bank balance was held by one bank resulting in a concentration of credit risk. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remaining balance was covered by pledged securities.

Custodial credit risk - investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the issuer or counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require investments to be adequately secured.

Note 4: Interfund Transfers

Operating transfers were as follows for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Regulatory Authority</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Special District Reserve	K.S.A. 80- 1559	\$ 725,000

Note 5: Other Long-Term Obligations from Operations

Other Post Employment Benefits: As provided by K.S.A. 12-5040, the District allows retirees to participate in the group health insurance plan. While each retiree pays the full amount of the applicable premium, conceptually, the District is subsidizing the retiree's health insurance plan because each participant is charged an equal premium regardless of age. However, the cost of this subsidy has not been qualified in this financial statement.

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the District makes health care benefits available to eligible former employees and eligible dependents. Certain requirements are outlined by the federal government for this coverage. The premium is paid in full by the insured.

Compensated Absences: Full time employees may accrue vacation at varying intervals, according to length of service, up to a maximum of 432 hours. Vacation is paid upon resignation, retirement or when taken and recognized as an expense at that time.

Sick leave accrues at the rate of 3 hours per week for full-time employees, up to a maximum of 1440 hours. A percentage of the accrued sick leave may be paid to employees in good standing upon resignation or retirement, according to their years of service. The District's policy is to record sick leave expense when paid.

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT
Shawnee County, Kansas
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
December 31, 2023

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description: The District participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as provided by K.S.A. 74-4901, etc. seq. Kansas Law establishes and amends benefit provisions. KPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. KPERS' financial statements are included in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the KPERS website at www.kpers.org or by writing to KPERS (611 South Kansas, Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66603) or by calling 1-888-275-5737.

Contributions: K.S.A. 74-4919 and K.S.A. 74-49,210 establish the KPERS member-employee contribution rates. KPERS has multiple benefit structures and contribution rates depending on whether the employee is a KPERS 1, KPERS 2 or KPERS 3 member. KPERS 1 members are active and contributing members hired before July 1, 2009. KPERS 2 members were first employed in a covered position on or after July 1, 2009, and KPERS 3 members were first employed in a covered position on or after January 1, 2016. Effective January 1, 2015, Kansas law established the KPERS member-employee contribution rate of 6% of covered salary for KPERS 1, KPERS 2 and KPERS 3 members. K.S.A. 74-4975 establishes KP&F member-employee contribution rate at 7.15% of covered salary. Member contributions are withheld by their employer and paid to KPERS according to the provisions of Section 414(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

State law provides that the employer contribution rates for KPERS 1, KPERS 2, KPERS 3 and KP&F be determined based on the results of each annual actuarial valuation. Kansas law sets a limitation on annual increases in the employer contribution rates. The actuarially determined employer contribution rate (not including the 1% contribution rate for the Death and Disability Program) and the statutory contribution rate was 8.43% for KPERS and 22.86% for KP&F for the year ended December 31, 2023. Contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$3,708 for KPERS and \$239,598 for KP&F for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2023, the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported by KPERS was \$36,483 and \$2,306,086 for KP&F. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of the Township's contributions to KPERS, relative to the total employer and non-employer contributions of the Local subgroup within KPERS. Since the KMAAG regulatory basis of accounting does not recognize long-term debt, this liability is not reported in this financial statement.

The complete actuarial valuation report including all actuarial assumptions and methods, and the report on the allocation of the KPERS collective net pension liability to all participating employers are publicly available at www.kpers.org or can be obtained as described above.

Note 7: Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settlements of claims did not exceed coverage in the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 8: Compliance, Stewardship and Accountability

The District is not aware of any statute violations for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 9: Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through February 29, 2024, which is the date the financial statement was available to be issued.

REGULATORY-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Shawnee County, Kansas
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

SCHEDULE 1

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Certified Budget</u>	<u>Adjustment for Qualifying Budget Credits</u>	<u>Total Budget for Comparison</u>	<u>Expenditures Chargeable to Current Year</u>	<u>Variance - Over (Under)</u>
General Fund	<u>\$ 3,773,200</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,773,200</u>	<u>\$ 3,412,213</u>	<u>\$ (360,987)</u>

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT

Shawnee County, Kansas

GENERAL FUND**SCHEDULE 2****SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET**

Regulatory Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance - Over (Under)</u>
CASH RECEIPTS			
Ad Valorem property tax	\$ 2,516,986	\$ 2,545,369	\$ (28,383)
Delinquent tax	19,007	18,196	811
Motor vehicle tax	307,620	315,948	(8,328)
Recreational vehicle tax	6,534	6,913	(379)
16/20 M vehicle tax	1,880	1,698	182
Commercial vehicle tax	8,417	9,950	(1,533)
Watercraft	-	3,205	(3,205)
Williamsport Township	537,299	537,299	-
Equipment sale	9,920	-	9,920
Fuel reimbursement	42,647	48,800	(6,153)
Other reimbursement	325	5,000	(4,675)
Grants	3,417	-	3,417
Miscellaneous	4,901	-	4,901
Interest income	96,947	8,000	88,947
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 3,555,900</u>	<u>\$ 3,500,378</u>	<u>\$ 55,522</u>
EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO BUDGET			
Compensation	\$ 1,418,750	\$ 1,673,000	\$ (254,250)
Employee benefits	636,427	700,000	(63,573)
Employee relations	1,995	10,000	(8,005)
Employee services	14,846	18,000	(3,154)
Professional services	29,919	35,000	(5,081)
Fire Prevention	1,950	5,000	(3,050)
Fuel	76,572	80,000	(3,428)
Improvements	152,177	400,000	(247,823)
Insurance	112,160	125,000	(12,840)
Maintenance	108,796	100,000	8,796
Medical	2,996	9,200	(6,204)
Mileage reimbursements	159	3,000	(2,841)
Miscellaneous	4,767	5,000	(233)
Office expense	10,795	12,000	(1,205)
Public relations	1,646	5,000	(3,354)
Publications	45,380	25,000	20,380
Training	22,336	30,000	(7,664)
Utilities	45,542	68,000	(22,458)
Cash forward contingency	-	150,000	(150,000)
Transfer to Special District Reserve	725,000	320,000	405,000
Total Expenditures Subject to Budget	<u>\$ 3,412,213</u>	<u>\$ 3,773,200</u>	<u>\$ (360,987)</u>
Cash receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ 143,687		
Unencumbered Cash - Beginning	<u>174,572</u>		
Unencumbered Cash - Ending	<u>\$ 318,259</u>		

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT
Shawnee County, Kansas
SPECIAL DISTRICT RESERVE
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES - ACTUAL
Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

SCHEDULE 2

	<u>Actual</u>
CASH RECEIPTS	
Transfers in	\$ 725,000
Interest	3,767
Total Cash Receipts	<u>\$ 728,767</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Capital outlay	<u>\$ -</u>
Cash receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ 728,767
Unencumbered Cash - Beginning	<u>2,470,057</u>
Unencumbered Cash - Ending	<u><u>\$ 3,198,824</u></u>

APPENDIX C

SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS

The following is a summary of certain provisions contained in the Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to the entirety of the foregoing document.

THE BOND RESOLUTION

DEFINITIONS

In addition to words and terms defined elsewhere in this Official Statement, the following words and terms as used herein shall have the meanings hereinafter set forth. Unless the context shall otherwise indicate, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing persons shall include firms, associations and corporations, including public bodies, as well as natural persons.

“Act” means the Constitution and statutes of the State, including K.S.A. 10-101 to 10-125, inclusive, K.S.A. 10-620 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 80-1514, K.S.A. 80-1514a, K.S.A. 80-1514b, and K.S.A. 80-1540 *et seq.*, all as amended and supplemented.

“AGM” means Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., a New York domiciled financial guaranty insurance company, or any successor thereto.

“Authorized Denomination” means \$5,000 or any integral multiples thereof.

“Beneficial Owner” of the Bonds includes any Owner of the Bonds and any other Person who, directly or indirectly has the investment power with respect to such Bonds.

“Bond and Interest Fund” means the Bond and Interest Fund of the Issuer for its general obligation bonds.

“Bond Counsel” means the firm of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., or any other attorney or firm of attorneys whose expertise in matters relating to the issuance of obligations by states and their political subdivisions is nationally recognized and acceptable to the Issuer.

“Bond Insurance Policy” means the municipal bond insurance policy issued by the Bond Insurer concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds guaranteeing the scheduled payment when due of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

“Bond Insurer” means AGM with respect to the Bonds.

“Bond Payment Date” means any date on which principal of or interest on any Bond is payable.

“Bond Register” means the books for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds kept at the office of the Bond Registrar.

“Bond Registrar” means the State Treasurer, and its successors and assigns.

“Bond Resolution” means the resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, as amended from time to time.

“Bonds” means the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, authorized and issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

“Business Day” means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any day designated as a holiday by the Congress of the United States or by the Legislature of the State and on which the Paying Agent is scheduled in the normal course of its operations to be open to the public for conduct of its operations.

“Cede & Co.” means Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC and any successor nominee of DTC with respect to the Bonds.

“Chairman” means the duly elected and acting Chairman of the Issuer, or in the Chairman's absence, the duly appointed and/or elected Vice Chairman or Acting Chairman of the Issuer.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“Compliance Account” means the account by that name created by the Bond Resolution.

“Costs of Issuance” means all costs of issuing the Bonds, including but not limited to all publication, printing, signing and mailing expenses in connection therewith, registration fees, financial advisory fees, all legal fees and expenses of Bond Counsel and other legal counsel, expenses incurred in connection with compliance with the Code, all expenses incurred in connection with receiving ratings on the Bonds, and any premiums or expenses incurred in obtaining municipal bond insurance on the Bonds.

“Costs of Issuance Account” means the account by that name created by the Bond Resolution.

“Dated Date” means June 27, 2024.

“Debt Service Account” means the account by that name created within the Bond and Interest Fund by the Bond Resolution.

“Debt Service Requirements” means the aggregate principal payments (whether at maturity or pursuant to scheduled mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements) and interest payments on the Bonds for the period of time for which calculated; provided, however, that for purposes of calculating such amount, principal and interest shall be excluded from the determination of Debt Service Requirements to the extent that such principal or interest is payable from amounts deposited in trust, escrowed or otherwise set aside for the payment thereof with the Paying Agent or other commercial bank or trust company located in the State and having full trust powers.

“Defaulted Interest” means interest on any Bond which is payable but not paid on any Interest Payment Date.

“Defeasance Obligations” means any of the following obligations:

(a) United States Government Obligations that are not subject to redemption in advance of their maturity dates;
or

(b) evidences of ownership of proportionate interests in future interest and principal payments on United States Government Obligations held by a bank or trust company as custodian, under which the owner of the investment is the real party in interest and has the right to proceed directly and individually against the obligor and the underlying United States Government Obligations are not available to any person claiming through the custodian or to whom the custodian may be obligated; or

(c) obligations of any state or political subdivision of any state, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and which meet the following conditions:

(1) the obligations are (i) not subject to redemption prior to maturity or (ii) the trustee for such obligations has been given irrevocable instructions concerning their calling and redemption and the issuer of such obligations has covenanted not to redeem such obligations other than as set forth in such instructions;

(2) the obligations are secured by cash or United States Government Obligations that may be applied only to principal of, premium, if any, and interest payments on such obligations;

(3) such cash and the principal of and interest on such United States Government Obligations (plus any cash in the escrow fund) are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the obligations;

(4) such cash and United States Government Obligations serving as security for the obligations are held in an escrow fund by an escrow agent or a trustee irrevocably in trust;

(5) such cash and United States Government Obligations are not available to satisfy any other claims, including those against the trustee or escrow agent; and

(6) such obligations are rated in a rating category by Moody's or Standard & Poor's that is no lower than the rating category then assigned by that Rating Agency to United States Government Obligations.

“Derivative” means any investment instrument whose market price is derived from the fluctuating value of an underlying asset, index, currency, futures contract, including futures, options and collateralized mortgage obligations.

“Disclosure Undertaking” means the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, dated as of the Dated Date, relating to certain obligations contained in the SEC Rule.

“DTC” means The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

“Event of Default” means each of the following occurrences or events:

(a) Payment of the principal and of the redemption premium, if any, of any of the Bonds shall not be made when the same shall become due and payable, either at Stated Maturity or by proceedings for redemption or otherwise;

(b) Payment of any installment of interest on any of the Bonds shall not be made when the same shall become due; or

(c) The Issuer shall default in the due and punctual performance of any other of the covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions contained in the Bonds or in the Bond Resolution (other than the covenants relating to continuing disclosure contained in the Bond Resolution and the Disclosure Undertaking) on the part of the Issuer to be performed, and such default shall continue for thirty (30) days after written notice specifying such default and requiring same to be remedied shall have been given to the Issuer by the Owner of any of the Bonds then Outstanding.

“Federal Tax Certificate” means the Issuer's Federal Tax Certificate for the Bonds, dated as of the Issue Date, as the same may be amended or supplemented in accordance with the provisions thereof.

“Financeable Costs” means the amount of expenditure for an Improvement which has been duly authorized by action of the governing body of the Issuer to be financed by general obligation bonds, less: (a) the amount of any temporary notes or general obligation bonds of the Issuer which are currently Outstanding and available to pay such Financeable Costs; and (b) any amount of Financeable Costs which has been previously paid by the Issuer or by any eligible source of funds unless such amounts are entitled to be reimbursed to the Issuer under State or federal law.

“Fire District” means the Shawnee Heights Fire District, Shawnee County, Kansas.

“Fiscal Year” means the twelve month period ending on December 31.

“Funds and Accounts” means funds and accounts created by or referred to in the Bond Resolution.

“Improvement Fund” means the fund by that name created in the Bond Resolution.

“Improvements” means the improvements referred to in the preamble to the Bond Resolution and any Substitute Improvements.

“Independent Accountant” means an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants at the time employed by the Issuer for the purpose of carrying out the duties imposed on the Independent Accountant by the Bond Resolution.

“Insurer's Fiscal Agent” means the agent designated by the Bond Insurer pursuant to the Bond Insurance Policy.

“Interest Payment Date(s)” means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on any Bond which shall be March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2025.

“Issue Date” means the date when the Issuer delivers the Bonds to the Purchaser in exchange for the Purchase Price.

“Issuer” means the Fire District and any successors or assigns.

“Maturity” when used with respect to any Bond means the date on which the principal of such Bond becomes due and payable as therein and in the Bond Resolution provided, whether at the Stated Maturity thereof or call for redemption or otherwise.

“Moody's” means Moody's Investors Service, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, “Moody's” shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer with notice to the Bond Insurer.

“Official Statement” means the Issuer’s Official Statement relating to the Bonds.

“Outstanding” means, when used with reference to the Bonds, as of a particular date of determination, all Bonds theretofore, authenticated and delivered, except the following Bonds:

- (a) Bonds theretofore canceled by the Paying Agent or delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation;
 - (b) Bonds deemed to be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution;
 - (c) Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of which other Bonds have been authenticated and delivered hereunder;
- and
- (d) Bonds, the principal or interest of which has been paid by the Bond Insurer.

“Owner” when used with respect to any Bond means the Person in whose name such Bond is registered on the Bond Register. Whenever consent of the Owners is required pursuant to the terms of the Bond Resolution, and the Owner of the Bonds, as set forth on the Bond Register, is Cede & Co., the term Owner shall be deemed to be the Beneficial Owner of the Bonds.

“Participants” means those financial institutions for whom the Securities Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Securities Depository, as such listing of Participants exists at the time of such reference.

“Paying Agent” means the State Treasurer, and any successors and assigns.

“Permitted Investments” shall mean the investments hereinafter described, provided, however, no moneys or funds shall be invested in a Derivative: (a) investments authorized by K.S.A. 12-1675 and amendments thereto; (b) the municipal investment pool established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1677a, and amendments thereto; (c) direct obligations of the United States Government or any agency thereof; (d) the Issuer's temporary notes issued pursuant to K.S.A. 10-123 and amendments thereto; (e) interest-bearing time deposits in commercial banks or trust companies located in the county or counties in which the Issuer is located which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by securities described in (c); (f) obligations of the federal national mortgage association, federal home loan banks, federal home loan mortgage corporation or government national mortgage association; (g) repurchase agreements for securities described in (c) or (f); (h) investment agreements or other obligations of a financial institution the obligations of which at the time of investment are rated in either of the three highest rating categories by Moody's or Standard & Poor's; (i) investments and shares or units of a money market fund or trust, the portfolio of which is comprised entirely of securities described in (c) or (f); (j) receipts evidencing ownership interests in securities or portions thereof described in (c) or (f); (k) municipal bonds or other obligations issued by any municipality of the State as defined in K.S.A. 10-1101 which are general obligations of the municipality issuing the same; (l) bonds of any municipality of the State as defined in K.S.A. 10-1101 which have been refunded in advance of their maturity and are fully secured as to payment of principal and interest thereon by deposit in trust, under escrow agreement with a bank, of securities described in (c) or (f); or (m) other investment obligations authorized by the laws of the State and approved in writing by the Bond Insurer, all as may be further restricted or modified by amendments to applicable State law.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, firm, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or other public body.

“Purchaser” means the financial institution or investment banking firm that is original purchaser of the Bonds.

“Rating Agency” means any company, agency or entity that provides, pursuant to request of the Issuer, financial ratings for the Bonds.

“Rebate Fund” means the fund by that name created by the Bond Resolution.

“Record Dates” for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the fifteenth day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date.

“Redemption Date” means, when used with respect to any Bond to be redeemed, the date fixed for the redemption of such Bond pursuant to the terms of the Bond Resolution.

“Redemption Price” means, when used with respect to any Bond to be redeemed, the price at which such Bond is to be redeemed pursuant to the terms of the Bond Resolution, including the applicable redemption premium, if any, but excluding installments of interest whose Stated Maturity is on or before the Redemption Date.

“Replacement Bonds” means Bonds issued to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds in accordance with the Bond Resolution.

“SEC Rule” means Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Secretary” means the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Issuer or, in the Secretary's absence, the duly appointed Deputy, Assistant or Acting Secretary of the Issuer.

“Securities Depository” means, initially, DTC, and its successors and assigns.

“Special Record Date” means the date fixed by the Paying Agent for the payment of Defaulted Interest.

“Standard & Poor's” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and its successors and assigns, and, if such corporation shall be dissolved or liquidated or shall no longer perform the functions of a securities rating agency, Standard & Poor's shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer with notice to the Bond Insurer.

“State” means the state of Kansas.

“State Treasurer” means the duly elected Treasurer of the State or, in the Treasurer's absence, the duly appointed Deputy Treasurer or acting Treasurer of the State.

“Stated Maturity” when used with respect to any Bond or any installment of interest thereon means the date specified in such Bond and the Bond Resolution as the fixed date on which the principal of such Bond or such installment of interest is due and payable.

“Substitute Improvements” means the substitute or additional improvements of the Issuer described in the Bond Resolution.

“Term Bonds” means the Bonds scheduled to mature in the year 2054.

“Treasurer” means the duly appointed and/or elected Treasurer of the Issuer or, in the Treasurer's absence, the duly appointed Deputy Treasurer or acting Treasurer of the Issuer.

“United States Government Obligations” means bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, treasury bills or other securities constituting direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to full and timely payment by, the United States of America, including evidences of a direct ownership interest in future interest or principal payment on obligations issued by the United States of America (including the interest component of obligations of the Resolution Funding Corporation), or securities which represent an undivided interest in such obligations, which obligations are rated in the highest rating category by a nationally recognized rating service and such obligations are held in a custodial account for the benefit of the Issuer.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS; DEPOSIT AND APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS AND OTHER MONEYS

Creation of Funds and Accounts. Simultaneously with the issuance of the Bonds, there shall be created within the Treasury of the Issuer the following Funds and Accounts:

- (a) Improvement Fund.
- (b) Debt Service Account (within the Bond and Interest Fund).
- (c) Rebate Fund.
- (d) Costs of Issuance Account.
- (e) Compliance Account.

The above Funds and Accounts shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution so long as the Bonds are Outstanding.

Deposit of Bond Proceeds and Other Moneys. The net proceeds received from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited simultaneously with the delivery of the Bonds as follows:

- (a) Excess proceeds, if any, received from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Debt Service Account.
- (b) An amount necessary to pay the Costs of Issuance shall be deposited in the Costs of Issuance Account.
- (c) The remaining balance of the proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited in the Improvement Fund.
- (d) In addition to proceeds of the Bonds, the Issuer will deposit into the Improvement Fund available funds of the Issuer to pay a portion of the costs of the Improvements.

Application of Moneys in the Improvement Fund. Moneys in the Improvement Fund shall be used for the sole purpose of: (a) paying the costs of the Improvements; (b) paying interest on the Bonds during construction of the Improvements; (c) paying Costs of Issuance; and (d) transferring any amounts to the Rebate Fund. Withdrawals from the Improvement Fund shall be made only when authorized by the governing body of the Issuer. Each authorization for costs of the Improvements shall be supported by a certificate executed by the Secretary (or designate) stating that such payment is being made for a purpose within the scope of the Bond Resolution and that the amount of such payment represents only the contract price of the property, equipment, labor, materials or service being paid for or, if such payment is not being made pursuant to an express contract, that such payment is not in excess of the reasonable value thereof. Authorizations for withdrawals for other authorized purposes shall be supported by a certificate executed by the Secretary (or designate) stating that such payment is being made for a purpose within the scope of the Bond Resolution. Upon completion of the Improvements, any surplus remaining in the Improvement Fund shall be deposited in the Debt Service Account.

Substitution of Improvements; Reallocation of Proceeds. The Issuer may elect for any reason to substitute or add other public improvements to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds provided the following conditions are met: (a) the Substitute Improvement and the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay the cost of the Substitute Improvement has been duly authorized by the governing body of the Issuer in accordance with the laws of the State; (b) a resolution authorizing the use of the proceeds of the Bonds to pay the Financeable Costs of the Substitute Improvement has been duly adopted by the governing body of the Issuer pursuant to this Section, (c) the Attorney General of the State has approved the amendment made by such resolution to the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds to include the Substitute Improvements; and (d) the use of the proceeds of the Bonds to pay the Financeable Cost of the Substitute Improvement will not adversely affect the tax status of the Bonds under State or federal law.

The Issuer may reallocate expenditure of Bond proceeds among all Improvements financed by the Bonds; provided the following conditions are met: (a) the reallocation is approved by the governing body of the Issuer; (b) the reallocation shall not cause the proceeds of the Bonds allocated to any Improvement to exceed the Financeable Costs of the Improvement; and (c) the reallocation will not adversely affect the tax status of the Bonds under State or federal law.

Application of Moneys in the Debt Service Account. All amounts paid and credited to the Debt Service Account shall be expended and used by the Issuer for the sole purpose of paying the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due and the usual and customary fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to withdraw from the Debt Service Account sums sufficient to pay both principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds and the fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent as and when the same become due, and to forward such sums to the Paying Agent in a manner which ensures that the Paying Agent will receive immediately available funds in such amounts on or before the Business Day immediately preceding the dates when such principal, interest and fees of the Paying Agent will become due. If, through the lapse of time or otherwise, the Owners of Bonds are no longer entitled to enforce payment of the Bonds or the interest thereon, the Paying Agent shall return said funds to the Issuer. All moneys deposited with the Paying Agent shall be deemed to be deposited in accordance with and subject to all of the provisions contained in the Bond Resolution and shall be held in trust by the Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners of the Bonds entitled to payment from such moneys. Any moneys or investments remaining in the Debt Service Account after the retirement of the Bonds shall be transferred and paid into the Bond and Interest Fund.

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.

Application of Moneys in the Rebate Fund. There shall be deposited in the Rebate Fund such amounts as are required to be deposited therein pursuant to the Federal Tax Certificate. All money at any time deposited in the Rebate Fund shall be held in trust, to the extent required to satisfy the Rebate Amount (as defined in the Federal Tax Certificate), for payment to the United States of America, and neither the Issuer nor the Owner of any Bonds shall have any rights in or claim to such money.

Application of Moneys in the Costs of Issuance Account. Moneys in the Costs of Issuance Account shall be used by the Issuer to pay the Costs of Issuance. Any funds remaining in the Costs of Issuance Account, after payment of all Costs of Issuance, but not later than the later of 30 days prior to the first Stated Maturity of principal or one year after the date of issuance of the Bonds, shall be transferred to the Improvement Fund until completion of the Improvements and thereafter to the Compliance Account or Debt Service Account.

Application of Moneys in the Compliance Account. Moneys in the Compliance Account shall be used by the Issuer to pay the fees and expenses relating to compliance with federal arbitrage law and state or federal securities laws. Any funds remaining in the Compliance Account not necessary for such payments shall be transferred to the Debt Service Account.

DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS

Deposits. Moneys in each of the Funds and Accounts shall be deposited in a bank, savings and loan association or savings bank which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or otherwise as permitted by State law, and which meet certain guidelines of State law. All such deposits shall be held in cash or invested in Permitted Investments or shall be adequately secured as provided by the laws of the State.

Investments. Moneys held in any Fund or Account may be invested in accordance with the Bond Resolution and the Federal Tax Certificate, in Permitted Investments; provided, however, that no such investment shall be made for a period extending longer than to the date when the moneys invested may be needed for the purpose for which such fund was created. All earnings on any investments held in any Fund or Account shall accrue to and become a part of such Fund or Account; provided that, during the period of construction of the Improvements, earnings on the investment of such funds, may at the discretion of the Issuer, be credited to the Debt Service Account.

DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Remedies. The provisions of the Bond Resolution, including the covenants and agreements herein contained, shall constitute a contract between the Issuer and the Owners of the Bonds. If an Event of Default occurs and shall be continuing, the Owner or Owners of not less than 10% in principal amount of the Bonds at the time Outstanding shall have the right for the equal benefit and protection of all Owners of Bonds similarly situated:

(a) by mandamus or other suit, action or proceedings at law or in equity to enforce the rights of such Owner or Owners against the Issuer and its officers, agents and employees, and to require and compel duties and obligations required by the provisions of the Bond Resolution or by the Constitution and laws of the State;

(b) by suit, action or other proceedings in equity or at law to require the Issuer, its officers, agents and employees to account as if they were the trustees of an express trust; and

(c) by suit, action or other proceedings in equity or at law to enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful or in violation of the rights of the Owners of the Bonds.

The Paying Agent shall notify the Owners and Bond Insurer of any Event of Default of which it has actual notice.

Limitation on Rights of Owners. The covenants and agreements of the Issuer contained in the Bond Resolution and in the Bonds shall be for the equal benefit, protection, and security of the Owners of any or all of the Bonds, all of which Bonds of any series shall be of equal rank and without preference or priority of one Bond over any other Bond in the application of the Funds and Accounts pledged to the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds, or otherwise, except as to rate of interest, date of maturity and right of prior redemption as provided in the Bond Resolution. No one or more Owners secured hereby shall have any right in any manner whatever by his or their action to affect, disturb or prejudice the security granted and provided for in the Bond Resolution, or to enforce any right, except in the manner provided in the Bond Resolution, and all proceedings at law or in equity shall be instituted, had and maintained for the equal benefit of all Owners of such Outstanding Bonds.

Remedies Cumulative. No remedy conferred upon the Owners is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, but each such remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other remedy and may be exercised without exhausting and without regard to any other remedy conferred. No waiver of any default or breach of duty or contract by the Owner of any Bond shall extend to or affect any subsequent default or breach of duty or contract or shall impair any rights or remedies thereon.

Control of Remedies By Bond Insurer Upon an Event of Default and Event of Insolvency. Upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, the Bond Insurer, provided the Bond Insurance Policy is in full force and effect and the Bond Insurer shall not be in default thereunder, shall be entitled to control and direct the enforcement of all rights and remedies granted to the Owners under the Bond Resolution. Any reorganization or liquidation plan with respect to the Issuer must be acceptable to the Bond Insurer. In the event of any reorganization or liquidation, the Bond Insurer shall have the right to vote on behalf of all Owners who hold the Bonds insured by the Bond Insurer absent a default by the Bond Insurer under the applicable Bond Insurance Policy insuring such Bonds.

DEFEASANCE

When any or all of the Bonds, redemption premium, if any, or scheduled interest payments thereon have been paid and discharged, then the requirements contained in the Bond Resolution and all other rights granted thereby shall terminate with respect to the Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon so paid and discharged. Bonds, redemption premium, if any, or scheduled interest payments thereon shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of the Bond Resolution if there has been deposited with the Paying Agent, or other commercial bank or trust company located in the State and having full trust powers, at or prior to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date of said Bonds or the interest payments thereon, in trust for and irrevocably appropriated thereto, moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations which, together with the interest to be earned on any such Defeasance Obligations, will be sufficient for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of said Bonds and/or interest accrued to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, or if default in such payment has occurred on such date, then to the date of the tender of such payments. If the amount to be so deposited is based on the Redemption Price of any Bonds, no such satisfaction shall occur until: (a) the Issuer has elected to redeem such Bonds, and (b) either notice of such redemption has been given, or the Issuer has given irrevocable instructions, or shall have provided for an escrow agent to give irrevocable instructions, to the Bond Registrar to give such notice of redemption. The Issuer shall notify the Bond Insurer of any defeasance of the Bonds.

Notwithstanding anything in the Bond Resolution to the contrary, in the event that the principal and/or interest due on the Bonds shall be paid by the Bond Insurer pursuant to the Bond Insurance Policy, the Bonds shall remain Outstanding for all purposes, not be defeased or otherwise satisfied and not be considered paid by the Issuer and the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the Issuer to the Owners shall continue to exist and shall run to the benefit of the Bond Insurer, and the Bond Insurer shall be subrogated to the rights of such Owners.

TAX COVENANTS

General Covenants. The Issuer covenants and agrees that it will comply with: (a) all applicable provisions of the Code necessary to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest on the Bonds; and (b) all provisions and requirements of the Federal Tax Certificate. The Issuer will take such actions as may be necessary to comply with the Code and with all other applicable future laws, regulations, published rulings and judicial decisions, in order to ensure that the interest on the Bonds will remain excluded from federal gross income, to the extent any such actions can be taken by the Issuer.

Survival of Covenants. The covenants contained in the Bond Resolution and in the Federal Tax Certificate shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the Bonds or any other provision of the Bond Resolution until such time as is set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Disclosure Requirements. The Issuer covenants in the Bond Resolution with the Purchaser and the Beneficial Owners to provide and disseminate such information as is required by the SEC Rule and as further set forth in the Disclosure Undertaking and to make the provisions of the Disclosure Undertaking applicable to the Bonds. Such covenant shall be for the benefit of and enforceable by the Purchaser and the Beneficial Owners.

Failure to Comply with Continuing Disclosure Requirements. In the event the Issuer fails to comply in a timely manner with its continuing disclosure covenants contained in the Bond Resolution, the Purchaser and/or any Beneficial Owner may make demand for such compliance by written notice to the Issuer. In the event the Issuer does not remedy such noncompliance within 10 days of receipt of such written notice, the Purchaser or any Beneficial Owner may in its discretion,

without notice or demand, proceed to enforce compliance by a suit or suits in equity for the specific performance of such covenant or agreement or for the enforcement of any other appropriate legal or equitable remedy, as the Purchaser and/or any Beneficial Owner shall deem effectual to protect and enforce any of the duties of the Issuer under such preceding section. The Purchaser or Beneficial Owner shall provide a copy of any such demand or notice to the Bond Insurer. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Bond Resolution, failure of the Issuer to comply with its continuing disclosure covenants contained in the Bond Resolution shall not be considered an Event of Default under the Bond Resolution.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOND INSURANCE POLICY

Payment Procedure Pursuant to Bond Insurance Policy. As long as the Bond Insurance Policy shall be in full force and effect, the Issuer and the Paying Agent agree to comply with the following provisions:

(a) If, on the Business Day prior to the related Stated Maturity there is not on deposit with the Paying Agent, after making all transfers and deposits required under the Bond Resolution, moneys sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds due on such Stated Maturity, the Paying Agent shall give notice to the Bond Insurer and to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent by telephone or telecopy of the amount of such deficiency by 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on such Business Day. If, on the related Stated Maturity, there continues to be a deficiency in the amount available to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds due on such Stated Maturity, the Paying Agent shall make a claim under the Bond Insurance Policy and give notice to the Bond Insurer and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent (if any) by telephone of the amount of such deficiency, and the allocation of such deficiency between the amount required to pay interest on the Bonds and the amount required to pay principal on the Bonds, confirmed in writing to the Bond Insurer and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent by 1:00 p.m., New York City time, on such Stated Maturity by filling in the form of Notice of Claim and Certificate delivered with the Bond Insurance Policy.

(b) In the event the claim to be made is for a mandatory sinking fund redemption installment, upon receipt of the moneys due, the Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver to affected Owners who surrender their Bonds a new Bond or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered. The Paying Agent shall designate any portion of payment of principal on Bonds paid by the Bond Insurer, whether by virtue of mandatory sinking fund redemption, maturity or other advancement of maturity, on its books as a reduction in the principal amount of Bonds registered to the then current Owner, whether DTC or its nominee or otherwise, and shall issue a replacement Bond to the Bond Insurer, registered in the name of the Bond Insurer, in a principal amount equal to the amount of principal so paid (without regard to authorized denominations); provided that the Paying Agent's failure to so designate any payment or issue any replacement Bond shall have no effect on the amount of principal or interest payable by the Issuer on any Bond or the subrogation rights of the Bond Insurer.

The Paying Agent shall keep a complete and accurate record of all funds deposited by the Bond Insurer into the Policy Payments Account (as hereinafter defined) and the allocation of such funds to payment of interest on and principal paid in respect of any Bond. The Bond Insurer shall have the right to inspect such records at reasonable times upon reasonable notice to the Paying Agent.

Upon payment of a claim under the Bond Insurance Policy the Paying Agent shall establish a separate special purpose trust account for the benefit of Owners referred to as the "Policy Payments Account" and over which the Paying Agent shall have exclusive control and sole right of withdrawal. The Paying Agent shall receive any amount paid under the Bond Insurance Policy in trust on behalf of Owners and shall deposit any such amount in the Policy Payments Account and distribute such amount only for purposes of making the payments for which a claim was made. Such amounts shall be disbursed by the Paying Agent to Owners in the same manner as principal and interest payments are to be made with respect to the Bonds under the sections hereof regarding payment of Bonds. It shall not be necessary for such payments to be made by checks or wire transfers separate from the check or wire transfer used to pay debt service with other funds available to make such payments.

Funds held in the Policy Payments Account shall not be invested by the Paying Agent and may not be applied to satisfy any costs, expenses or liabilities of the Paying Agent. Any funds remaining in the Policy Payments Account following a Stated Maturity date shall promptly be remitted to the Bond Insurer.

(c) The Bond Insurer shall, to the extent it makes any payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, become subrogated to the rights of the recipients of such payments in accordance with the terms of the Bond Insurance Policy.

(d) The Issuer shall agree to pay or reimburse the Bond Insurer any and all charges, fees, costs and expenses which the Bond Insurer may reasonably pay or incur in connection with (1) the administration, enforcement, defense or preservation of any rights or security in respect of the Bond Resolution, (2) the pursuit of any remedies under the Bond Resolution or otherwise afforded by law or equity, (3) any amendment, waiver or other action with respect to, or related to, the Bond Resolution whether or not executed or completed, (4) the violation by the Issuer of any law, rule or regulation, or

any judgment, order or decree applicable to it or (5) any litigation or other dispute in connection with the Bond Resolution or the transactions contemplated thereby, other than amounts resulting from the failure of the Bond Insurer to honor its obligations under the Bond Insurance Policy. The Bond Insurer reserves the right to charge a reasonable fee as a condition to executing any amendment, waiver or consent proposed in respect of the Bond Resolution.

(e) Payments required to be made to the Bond Insurer shall be payable solely from the taxes levied pursuant to the Bond Resolution and shall be paid (1) prior to an Event of Default, to the extent not paid from the Debt Service Account, and (2) after an Event of Default, with respect to amounts other than principal and interest on the Bonds, on the same priority as payments to the Paying Agent for expenses. The obligations to the Bond Insurer shall survive discharge or termination of the Bond Resolution.

(f) The Bond Insurer shall be entitled to pay principal or interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer (as such terms are defined in the Bond Insurance Policy) and any amounts due on the Bonds as a result of acceleration of the maturity thereof in accordance with the Bond Resolution, whether or not the Bond Insurer has received a Notice (as defined in the Bond Insurance Policy) of Nonpayment or a claim upon the Bond Insurance Policy.

Consent of the Bond Insurer. Any provision of the Bond Resolution expressly recognizing or granting rights in or to the Bond Insurer may not be amended in any manner which affects the rights of the Bond Insurer hereunder without the prior written consent of the Bond Insurer. The Bond Insurer's consent shall be required in addition to Owner consent, when required, for the execution and delivery of any supplemental resolution, or any amendment, supplement or change to or modification of other documents relating to the security for the Bonds; removal or substitution of the Paying Agent; or approval of any action or document requiring approval of the Owners. The Bond Insurer shall be deemed to be the sole Owner of the Bonds insured by it for the purpose of exercising any voting right or privilege or giving any consent or direction or taking any other action that the Owners of the Bonds insured by it are entitled to take pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

Notices to the Bond Insurer. While the Bond Insurance Policy is in effect, the Issuer shall furnish to the Bond Insurer, as soon as practicable after the filing thereof, a copy of any financial statement, audit and/or annual report of the Issuer; a copy of any notice to be given to the Owners, including, without limitation, notice of any redemption of or defeasance of Bonds, and any certificate rendered pursuant to the Bond Resolution relating to the security for the Bonds; notice of an Event of Default within five Business Days after the occurrence of such event; and such additional information as the Bond Insurer may reasonably request.

The Issuer shall also notify the Bond Insurer of any failure of the Issuer to provide relevant notices, certificates, etc. and will permit the Bond Insurer to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Issuer or any information the Bond Insurer may reasonably request regarding the security for the Bonds with appropriate officers of the Issuer. The Issuer will permit the Bond Insurer to have access to and to make copies of all books and records relating to the Bonds at any reasonable time. The Bond Insurer shall have the right to direct an accounting at the Issuer's expense, and the Issuer's failure to comply with such direction within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice of the direction from the Bond Insurer shall be deemed an Event of Default; provided, however, that if compliance cannot occur within such period, then such period will be extended so long as compliance is begun within such period and diligently pursued, but only if such extension would not materially adversely affect the interests of any Owner.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Bond Resolution, the Issuer shall immediately notify the Bond Insurer if at any time there are insufficient moneys to make any payments of principal and/or interest as required and immediately upon the occurrence of any Event of Default.

Suspension of Bond Insurer's Rights. Rights of the Bond Insurer to direct or consent to actions granted under the Bond Resolution shall be suspended during any period in which the Bond Insurer is in default in its payment obligations under the Bond Insurance Policy (except to the extent of amounts previously paid by the Bond Insurer and due and owing to the Bond Insurer) and shall be of no force or effect in the event the Bond Insurance Policy is no longer in effect or the Bond Insurer asserts that the Bond Insurance Policy is not in effect or the Bond Insurer shall have provided written notice that it waives such rights.

Third Party Beneficiary. To the extent that the Bond Resolution confers upon or gives or grants to the Bond Insurer any right, remedy, or claim under or by reason of the Bond Resolution, the Bond Insurer is explicitly recognized as being a thirty-party beneficiary and may enforce any such right, remedy or claim conferred, given or granted thereunder.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Annual Audit. Annually, promptly after the end of the Fiscal Year, the Issuer will cause an audit to be made of the financial statements of the Issuer for the preceding Fiscal Year by an Independent Accountant. Within 30 days after the

completion of each such annual audit, a copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the Secretary, and a duplicate copy of the audit shall be mailed to the Bond Insurer. Such audits shall at all times during the usual business hours be open to the examination and inspection by any Owner of any of the Bonds, or by anyone acting for or on behalf of such user or Owner.

Levy and Collection of Annual Tax. The governing body of the Issuer shall annually make provision for the payment of Debt Service Requirements on the Bonds as the same become due by levying and collecting the necessary taxes upon all of the taxable tangible property within the Issuer in the manner provided by law. The taxes referred to above 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 deposited in 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. If at any time said taxes are not collected in time to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds when due, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said principal or interest out of the general funds of the Issuer and to reimburse said general funds for money so expended when said taxes are collected.

Amendments. The rights and duties of the Issuer and the Owners, and the terms and provisions of the Bonds or of the Bond Resolution, may be amended or modified at any time in any respect by resolution of the Issuer with the written consent of the Bond Insurer and the Owners of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding, such consent to be evidenced by an instrument or instruments executed by the Bond Insurer and such Owners and duly acknowledged or proved in the manner of a deed to be recorded, and such instrument or instruments shall be filed with the Secretary, but no such modification or alteration shall: (a) extend the maturity of any payment of principal or interest due upon any Bond; (b) effect a reduction in the amount which the Issuer is required to pay as principal of or interest on any Bond; (c) permit preference or priority of any Bond over any other Bond; or (d) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Bonds required for the written consent to any modification or alteration of the provisions of the Bond Resolution.

Any provision of the Bonds or of the Bond Resolution may, however, be amended or modified by resolution duly adopted by the governing body of the Issuer at any time in any legal respect with the written consent of the Bond Insurer and the Owners of all of the Bonds at the time Outstanding.

Without notice to or the consent of any Owners, the Issuer may amend or supplement the Bond Resolution for the purpose of curing any formal defect, omission, inconsistency or ambiguity, to grant to or confer upon the Owners any additional rights, remedies, powers or authority that may lawfully be granted to or conferred upon the Owners, to more precisely identify the Improvements, to reallocate proceeds of the Bonds among Improvements, to provide for Substitute Improvements, to conform the Bond Resolution to the Code or future applicable federal law concerning tax-exempt obligations, or in connection with any other change therein which is not materially adverse to the interests of the Owners.

Notices, Consents and Other Instruments by Owners. Any notice, request, complaint, demand or other communication required or desired to be given or filed under the Bond Resolution shall be in writing, and shall be deemed duly given or filed if the same shall be: (a) duly mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid; or (b) communicated via fax, with electronic or telephonic confirmation of receipt. Copies of such notices shall also be given to the Paying Agent and the Bond Insurer. The Issuer, the Paying Agent, the Bond Insurer and the Purchaser may from time to time designate, by notice given hereunder to the others of such parties, such other address to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications shall be sent. All notices given by: (a) certified or registered mail as aforesaid shall be deemed duly given as of the date they are so mailed; (b) fax as aforesaid shall be deemed duly given as of the date of confirmation of receipt. If, because of the temporary or permanent suspension of regular mail service or for any other reason, it is impossible or impractical to mail any notice in the manner herein provided, then such other form of notice as shall be made with the approval of the Paying Agent shall constitute a sufficient notice.

Electronic Transactions. The issuance of the Bonds and the transactions related thereto and described herein may be conducted and documents may be stored by electronic means.

Severability. If any section or other part of the Bond Resolution, whether large or small, is for any reason held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of the Bond Resolution.

Governing Law. The Bonds and the Bond Resolution shall be governed exclusively by and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State.

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APPENDIX D

FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

DATED AS OF JUNE 27, 2024

BY

**SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT,
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

**\$8,500,000
SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT,
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
SERIES 2024
DATED JUNE 27, 2024**

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

This **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING** dated as of June 27, 2024 (the “Continuing Disclosure Undertaking”), is executed and delivered by **SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS** (the “Issuer”).

RECITALS

1. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is executed and delivered by the Issuer in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”), pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer (the “Bond Resolution”).

2. The Issuer is entering into this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Rule”). The Issuer is the only “obligated person” with responsibility for continuing disclosure hereunder.

The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Bond Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Annual Report**” means any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, **Section 2** of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, which may include the Issuer's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, if any, so long as the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report contains the financial information and operating data described in **Section 2(a)(1)** and **(2)**.

“**Beneficial Owner**” means any registered owner of any Bonds and any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“**Business Day**” means a day other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, (b) a day on which banks located in any city in which the principal office or designated payment office of the paying agent or the Dissemination Agent is located are required or authorized by law to remain closed, or (c) a day on which the Securities Depository or the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

“**Dissemination Agent**” means any entity designated in writing by the Issuer to serve as dissemination agent pursuant to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

“**EMMA**” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosures established and maintained by the MSRB, which can be accessed at www.emma.msrb.org.

“**Financial Obligation**” means a: (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b) in this definition; *provided however*, the term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Fiscal Year” means the 12-month period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 or any other 12-month period selected by the Issuer as the Fiscal Year of the Issuer for financial reporting purposes.

“Material Events” means any of the events listed in *Section 3* of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or any successor repository designated as such by the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Rule.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

Section 2. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Issuer shall, not later than October 1st immediately following the end of the Issuer’s Fiscal Year, commencing with the year ending December 31, 2024, file with the MSRB, through EMMA, the following financial information and operating data (the “Annual Report”):

(1) The audited financial statements of the Issuer for the prior Fiscal Year, in substantially the format contained in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds. A more detailed explanation of the accounting basis and method of preparation of the financial statements is contained in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds. If audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be provided pursuant to this Section, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds, and the audited financial statements shall be provided in the same manner as the Annual Report promptly after they become available.

(2) Updates as of the end of the Fiscal Year of certain financial information and operating data contained in the final Official Statement related to the Bonds, as described in *Exhibit A*, in substantially the same format contained in the final Official Statement with such adjustments to formatting or presentation determined to be reasonable by the Issuer.

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Issuer is an “obligated person” (as defined by the Rule), which have been provided to the MSRB and are available through EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB on EMMA. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in this Section; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date. If the Issuer’s Fiscal Year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Material Event under *Section 3*, and the Annual Report deadline provided above shall automatically become the first day of the tenth month after the end of the Issuer’s new fiscal year.

(b) The Annual Report shall be filed with the MSRB in such manner and format as is prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 3. Reporting of Material Events. Not later than 10 Business Days after the occurrence of any of the following events, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given to the MSRB, through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds (“Material Events”):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of bondholders, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

If the Issuer has not submitted the Annual Report to the MSRB by the date required in **Section 2(a)**, the Issuer shall send a notice to the MSRB of the failure of the Issuer to file on a timely basis the Annual Report, which notice shall be given by the Issuer in accordance with this **Section 3**.

Section 4. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer’s obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If the Issuer’s obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking are assumed in full by some other entity, such person shall be responsible for compliance with this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in the same manner as if it were the Issuer, and the Issuer shall have no further responsibility hereunder. If such termination or substitution occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination or substitution in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

Section 5. Dissemination Agents. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. Any Dissemination Agent may resign as dissemination agent hereunder at any time upon 30 days prior written notice to the Issuer. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report (including without limitation the Annual Report) prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Section 6. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer may amend this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking may be waived, provided that Bond Counsel or other counsel experienced in federal securities law matters provides the Issuer with its written opinion that the undertaking of the Issuer contained herein, as so amended or after giving effect to such waiver, is in compliance with the Rule and all current amendments thereto and interpretations thereof that are applicable to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer shall describe such amendment or waiver in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or, in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (1) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**, and (2) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 7. Additional Information. Nothing in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that required by this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that specifically required by this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

Section 8. Default. If the Issuer fails to comply with any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, any Participating Underwriter or any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. A default under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not be deemed an event of default under the Bond Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 9. Beneficiaries. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Participating Underwriter, and the Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Bond Resolution or the Bonds shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11. Electronic Transactions. The arrangement described herein may be conducted and related documents may be sent, received, or stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 12. Governing Law. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

**SHAWNEE HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT,
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

(SEAL)

Chairman

Secretary

EXHIBIT A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND OPERATING DATA TO BE INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT

The financial information and operating data contained in tables in the following sections contained in ***Appendix A*** of the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds:

- Assessed Valuation
- Tax Rates
- Aggregate Tax Levies
- Tax Collection Record
- Major Taxpayers
- Current Indebtedness of the Issuer*

* This Operating Data is also available in the Issuer's financial information portion of its Annual Report.

APPENDIX E

SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY



MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER:

Policy No: -N

BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of

Effective Date:

Premium: \$

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. ("AGM"), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance of and securing the Bonds) for the Bonds, for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of AGM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the Business Day next following the Business Day on which AGM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, AGM will disburse to or for the benefit of each Owner of a Bond the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bond that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by AGM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of the principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in AGM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by AGM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by AGM for purposes of the preceding sentence and AGM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, who may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement in respect of a Bond, AGM shall become the owner of the Bond, any appurtenant coupon to the Bond or right to receipt of payment of principal of or interest on the Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payments under the Bond, to the extent of any payment by AGM hereunder. Payment by AGM to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners shall, to the extent thereof, discharge the obligation of AGM under this Policy.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "Business Day" means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer's Fiscal Agent are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. "Due for Payment" means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity unless AGM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. "Nonpayment" means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. "Nonpayment" shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment of principal or interest that is Due for Payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer which has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the

United States Bankruptcy Code by a trustee in bankruptcy in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means telephonic or telecopied notice, subsequently confirmed in a signed writing, or written notice by registered or certified mail, from an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent to AGM which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount and (d) the date such claimed amount became Due for Payment. "Owner" means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that "Owner" shall not include the Issuer or any person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

AGM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee and the Paying Agent specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee and the Paying Agent, (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to AGM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to AGM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by AGM under this Policy may be made directly by AGM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of AGM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of AGM only and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of AGM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, AGM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to AGM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of AGM, and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, (a) any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity and (b) this Policy may not be canceled or revoked. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW.

In witness whereof, ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.

By _____
Authorized Officer

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