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## ‘Pink Postcard’ hearings

The Telegraph asked representatives of North Platte’s “Big Three” tax consumers to participate in a 2026 “dress rehearsal” of future changes to annual county “joint property tax hearings” approved by Nebraska state senators.

Starting in 2027, Legislative Bill 803 moves the so-called “pink postcard” hearings from late September to early July and tells cities or villages, counties and school districts to 1) describe their budget process, 2) provide information on their previous year’s budget and 3) present known preliminary information that may affect their next budget.

Key 2025-26 and known 2026-27 budget figures are presented below, with the dates of their respective fiscal years. Budgets must be approved and filed with the state by Sept. 30.

### LINCOLN COUNTY

#### 2025-26 (ended June 30)

Approved spending, all funds	\$68,678,361
Property tax request, all funds	\$20,617,287
Total taxable value, all property types	\$6,634,662,176
Property tax rate (/ \$100 taxable value)	\$0.31075

#### 2026-27 (started July 1)

Preliminary taxable value	\$5,352,438,618 (personal property, centrally assessed property unavailable until Aug. 20; does not account for valuation protests due to finish by July 25)
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### NORTH PLATTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### 2025-26 (ends Aug. 31)

Approved spending, all funds	\$69,366,549
Property tax request, all funds	\$31,459,607
Total taxable value, all property types	\$3,358,978,174
Property tax rate (/ \$100 taxable value)	\$0.93658

#### 2026-27 (starts Sept. 1)

Preliminary taxable value	\$3,568,578,412
Certified state school aid	\$7,598,347

### CITY OF NORTH PLATTE

#### 2025-26 (ends Sept. 30)

Approved spending, all funds	\$285,294,166*
Property tax request, all funds	\$7,784,000**
Total taxable value, all property types	\$2,174,529,774
Property tax rate (/ \$100 taxable value)	\$0.35796

#### 2026-27 (starts Oct. 1)

Preliminary taxable value	\$2,322,708,546
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\*Includes self-supporting Municipal Light & Water enterprise fund.

\*\*City also receives local option sales tax funds.

Sources: North Platte local governments, Nebraska Department of Education