

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025 1:30 P.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Rogers, Vice Chairperson Meisheid and Supervisor Running-Marquardt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted.

The Board met at 1:30 p.m. to review the following FY 26 budgets. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir.; Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.; Luke Fischer, Facilities Manager; Bev Hayden, Facilities Staff and Carter Baldwin, LIFTS Dir.

LIFTS – Appropriations of \$2,304,885 and Revenues of \$1,281,864.

Jindrich stated that the budget meets guidelines. Bus purchases are excluded from guideline calculations, but there is no increase in the cost of bus purchases proposed in FY 26. The only changes in this budget is wages and benefits.

Baldwin presented and explained his budget in detail. Bus purchases require a 20% local match payment to ECICOG. The proposed cost of \$68,575 is for the match to purchase two buses. This is the same amount that was budgeted in FY 25. He also noted an increase in rural ridership which is most likely due to word of mouth. Key Performance Indicators (KPI) were presented and explained.

The Board commended Baldwin and his caring staff for the service they provide.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to preliminarily approve LIFTS FY26 appropriations in the amount of \$2,304,885 and Revenues in the amount of \$1,281,864.

Facilities – Appropriations of \$3,246,689. Proposed budget is under guidelines by \$2,018.

Fischer presented and explained his budget in detail including KPI's. Offers 1) A full-time Administrative Assistant I instead of a .50 FTE currently located in Facilities (.50 FTE is paid by Budget & Finance); and 2) Two full-time second shift Facilities Workers.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to preliminarily approve Facilities FY 26 appropriations in the amount of \$3,246,689.

Jindrich advised the Board that Linn County, Scott County, the city of Bettendorf and Newton Comm. School Dist. are recognized for excellence in budgeting.

Adjournment at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Rebecca Shoop, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors