

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 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. Also present: Dawn Jindrich, Finance Dir. and Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir.

Chairperson Rogers called the meeting to order to finalize the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Running-Marquardt to approve \$496,000 in vehicle purchases.

Discussion: Supervisor Running-Marquardt added that the three vehicles for the Juvenile Detention Center are very much needed.

VOTE: All Aye

Sara Bearrows, Budget Dir. discussed the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the approved offer to add an additional \$96,000 to the CIP.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Meisheid to approve FY2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as presented for \$1,290,000.

Supervisor Rogers stated that he has been contacted by at least one Department Head about why an offer was or wasn't approved.

Supervisor Meisheid stated that she was approached by Treasurer Oleson regarding his request for appointment software noting that there was a misunderstanding. Her vote on Wednesday was based on her concern for walk ins to receive same day service even with the suggested appointment software. Meisheid was told by Treasurer Oleson he was going to do appointments with or without the Board's approval. Meisheid had pointed questions of Oleson and his deputies concerning walk ins to receive same day service.

Treasurer Oleson and his deputies went into detail regarding how the appointment software will work and assured the Board that when appointments are implemented, walk ins will be served on the same day as is and forever. Oleson apologized for the confusion.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt recapped her conversations with Oleson which led her to believe that walk ins were going to be phased out. She too asked Oleson for a walk-in guarantee and same day service.

Discussion continued regarding if the offer is approved, the savings of \$18,000 could be allocated to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Supervisor Runing-Marquardt voiced her concerns about other offers that were not approved and would they have the opportunity to approach the Board for further discussion. Budget and Finance clarified that this offer is unique as it is an actual cost savings.

It was the consensus of the Board to finalize the budget on Monday and address the Treasurer's offer as the information received today was all new information for Board members.

Adjournment at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Amanda Brown, Deputy Auditor

APPROVED BY:

BEN ROGERS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors