

Linn County Budget Committee OKs FY 2021-22 budget

ALBANY — Thursday morning the Linn County Budget Committee approved a 2021-22 FY budget of \$203,198,263.

Meetings began Monday and were held at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center.

The budget will now go before Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker, for adoption by June 30.

The Budget Committee chaired by Jennifer Stanaway includes vice-chair Kerry Johnson and Mellissa Barnard, plus the three commissioners.

The current 2020-21 adopted budget is \$183,868,513.

The FY 2021-22 budget includes: General Fund, \$46,511,778; Road Fund, \$40,429,204; Fair Fund, \$402,800; Law Library, \$252,095; General Grants Fund, \$38,871,526; Corner Preservation Fund, \$565,276; Law Enforcement Levy, \$35,878,929; Historical Fund: \$237,500; County Forest Park Fund, \$1,064,000; Health Fund, \$40,037,982; County School Fund, \$1,966,100; Federal Forests Title 3/Restricted Fund, \$340,000; Unemployment Insurance Fund, \$726,705; total: \$203,198,263.

A permanent tax rate of \$1.2736 per \$1,000 of property value was approved as was the Law Enforcement Levy of \$2.83 per \$1,000 of property value.

A motion to provide elected officials with the same Cost of Living Adjustments provided union members was approved as was a motion to adjust the salary of the County Assessor by 5%.

The new budget includes funding for 676 total employees, up about 15 from the current level and spread across multiple departments. It also reflects an estimated 8% increase in health insurance costs and a 3.5% increase for PERS.

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