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Date: June 10, 2024
 To: RCPL Board of Trustees
 From: Terri Davis, Library Director
 Re: Proposed 2025 Budgets

Motion: Move to approve the 2025 City, County, and Board Fund budgets as proposed.

Background: The library operates from three budgets, the largest of which comes from the city’s General Fund. Funding from Pennington County is contract-based, allowing for service to county residents who do not live in Rapid City or any of the other three communities with libraries. The Board Funds are intended for capital projects, although a small amount is budgeted for pass-through refunds and purchases of merchandise to sell.

The 2025 budgets as proposed reflect \$87,338 more than the 2024 budget, or about a 2% increase. The increase is due to City Council-approved salaries, wages, and benefits, as outlined below:

Description	Change from 2024
Salaries and Wages - Reflects negotiated union wage and overall cost of living increases	\$153,391
Benefits - Includes Social Security, Medicare, retirement, Section 125 administration, workmens comp, health insurance, life insurance, and unemployment insurance, all of which increase in proportion to the salaries and wages	\$115,074
Operational adjustments – Materials budgets were increased to provide resources for the community and for the bookmobile. 2024 capital projects (upstairs carpeting, equipment replacement) did not need to be budgeted for in 2025	(\$181,127)

The overall increase to the city’s general budget from this proposal is \$82,472.

As has been done in previous years, any changes to the budget directed by the Mayor or City Council will be brought back to the Board this fall for a final approval.