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GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER

The revenues and expenses of the Alliant Energy Center (AEC) are measured differently than other departments, with a goal of not providing general fund support, and the AEC is being charged for services most departments are provided for free.

Over the years, the AEC became self-sufficient through increasing business, deferring maintenance, and relying on greater use of part time employees or contracted help.

At the time the AEC became temporarily self-sufficient, the County began charging the agency for services from other county departments including the Corporation Counsel, the Department of Administration, the Division of Information Management, and other services not charged against the budgets of most departments, draining the already precarious AEC budget.

Prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the AEC had built up a reserve fund and until recently has not required general fund support. Given the uncertainty in event revenue as a result of the pandemic, the creation of full time positions would require general fund support.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the next budget cycle, the County Board commits to use of general fund revenues to help fund full time positions, lowering the need for part time employees and outside contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board supports discontinuing the practice of requiring the Alliant Energy Center make payments for services to other county departments to subsidize the general fund.