



How the Local Option Sales Tax affects the City of Robins

On November 2nd, 2021 the residents of Robins and all cities located within Linn County will be asked to go to the polls and vote for a 10-year extension of the 1% Local Option Sales Tax which currently expires on June 30th, 2024.

The money collected throughout Linn County is redistributed to cities like Robins on a population basis. Since 2014 the City of Robins has collected \$3,020,893.44 and has earned \$64,958.35 in interest, with the total of \$3,085,851.79!

The breakdown is as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year:</u>	<u>Tax Received:</u>	<u>Interest:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
FY 15	\$370,093.03	\$5,258.12	\$375,351.15
FY 16	\$400,367.19	\$4,796.36	\$405,163.55
FY 17	\$421,842.34	\$3,034.24	\$424,876.58
FY 18	\$412,268.55	\$5,294.79	\$417,563.34
FY 19	\$419,702.64	\$15,485.15	\$435,187.79
FY 20	\$473,802.08	\$21,949.76	\$495,751.84
FY 21	\$522,817.61	\$9,139.93	\$531,957.54
Total	\$3,020,893.44	\$64,958.35	\$3,085,851.79

The Iowa Department of Revenue predicts the City will receive approximately **\$541,003** in FY 22. (This is approximately 10% of the City’s estimated revenues for the fiscal year!)

The City has used the Local Options Sales Tax funds on projects such as:

- Partner with Linn County to upgrade **County Home Road**.
- Emergency **North Center Point Road culvert** replacement.
- Woodland Drive **trail extension** to Robinwood Drive.
- The Indian Creek **sewer upgrade** with cities in the Metro Area.
- Partnered with Linn County for the replacement of **North Mentzer Road**.
- Several **drainage repairs** throughout the City.
- **Asphalting** several city streets.
- **Park/Playground** upgrades.

On July 26th, 2021, the City Council set the ballot language regarding the upcoming vote as follows:

“The specific purposes for which the revenues shall be expended are street, water, and sewer construction, reconstruction or repair, economic development and other community improvement projects.”

Local Option Sales Taxes are extremely important to the economic health of the City of Robins and are a valuable tool to keep our property taxes low. Please don’t forget to vote on November 2, 2021. Feel free to contact City Hall should you have additional questions.

Thank you!