

February 11, 2014

The Winnebago County Board of Supervisors met in session at 9:00 A.M. February 11, 2014 adjourned from February 4, 2014.

Present: Supervisors Wubben and Stensrud

Absent: Supervisor Durby

On a motion by Stensrud and seconded Wubben by the Supervisors moved to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2014 Board Meeting and approve the agenda for February 11, 2014. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jan Libbey, Healthy Harvest discussed updates to the Healthy Harvest organization and how there has been a newly formed North Iowa Fresh, LLC. The LLC is made up of local producers wanting to help spread the word about growing and selling their fresh foods to local residents.

The Supervisors signed Law Enforcement contracts for FY 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 for the cities of Leland, Rake, Scarville and Thompson.

On a motion by Stensrud and seconded by Wubben the Supervisors moved to approve the following Auditor's Transfers: #3535 for \$11,365.90 from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads and #3536 for \$431.30 from Rural Basic to Winnebago County Fair Association. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Supervisors received a letter from the Auditor, stating she hired Chelsey Ostrander as a full time Election Clerk at \$13.70 per hour.

Discussion regarding appointing a member to the Housing Authority Board and a City Representative to the NIACOG Board of Directors was tabled until next week.

During open forum the county cell phone reimbursement policy was discussed. The policy states an employee may be reimbursed up to \$75.00 each month but it is up to the Department Head to set the reimbursement amount, with the Board of Supervisors approval.

Teresa Nicholson, Winn-Worth Betco discussed during open forum the major reason a fertilizer plant is going up in Worth County instead of Winnebago County is because of the County road conditions.

Doug Reisetter, Assistant to the Engineer discussed secondary road matters.

On a motion by Stensrud and seconded by Wubben the Supervisors moved to approve the following Resolution for Supporting the Call for Increased Road Use Tax Funding and the Implementation of the 2011 Citizen Advisory Council Recommendations. All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-11-14-20-001

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CALL FOR INCREASED ROAD US TAX FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2011 CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the Iowa Association of County Supervisors recognizes that a high quality transportation system serves as the artery for economic activity and that the condition of the infrastructure in the State of Iowa is a key element for our future economic growth; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the State of Iowa's Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) is the fuel tax, which has not been significantly increased since 1989, while maintenance and construction costs have more than doubled during that same timeframe; and

WHEREAS, there have been several state-wide studies completed over the past 10 years identifying the requirement to significantly increase the amount of funding for the administration, maintenance and improvements to our state-wide public roadway system, including the 2006 Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) study called for by Governor Culver, the 2011 Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) study completed per 2011 Iowa Code Section 307.31, and the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC) created by Governor Branstad; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 TIME-21 study documented the fact that under today's funding structure and highway usage, over 20% of the travel done in Iowa is by out-of-state drivers while only 13% of the state's road use revenues come from out of state drivers; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the implementation of the TIME-21 Fund in 2009 is inadequate to meet the critical maintenance and improvements needs for the State of Iowa's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, 95% of Road Use Tax Fund revenues are required by the Iowa Constitution to be spent only on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, due to the severe shortage in state funding to meet the critical needs of our roadway system, several Iowa counties have had to resort to issuing almost \$100 million in bonds to pay for their most critical maintenance needs, which will have to be paid off through property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County has issued \$25,436,107.68 in bonds to pay for our most critical roadway and bridge needs; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Council report to Governor Branstad and the Iowa Legislature identified the need for \$215 million per year of increased funding over the next 20 years, in addition to the funding being provided by the TIME-21 revenues, just to meet the most critical needs of our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Roads Association, the Iowa County Engineer's Association, and numerous business related associations throughout Iowa have publically supported the call for increased RUTF funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the implementation of the 2011 Citizen's Advisory Council's recommendations to:

1. Increase the state fuel tax rates across the board by ten cents, over a period of no less than three years, resulting in an estimated \$184 million to \$230 million of additional annual revenue.
2. Increase the "Fee for New Registration" from five percent to six percent, raising this fee to a level consistent with the state sales tax, resulting in an estimated \$50 million of additional annual revenue.
3. Allocate new funding to go to the TIME-21 Fund up to the cap (\$225 million) and the remaining new funding should be distributed consistent with the Road Use Tax Fund distribution formula.

And, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors support the ongoing evaluation of creative supplemental solutions to increased RUTF funding.

AYE: Stensrud, Wubben

NAY: _____

OTHER: Absent - Durby

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA**

Warren Wubben
Warren Wubben, Chair

ATTEST:

Karla Niederkofler
Karla Niederkofler, County Auditor

On a motion by Stensrud and seconded by Wubben the Supervisors moved to approve a bill for DD 2-3. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The FY 2014/2015 budget was discussed.

The session was adjourned until 9:00 A.M. February 18, 2014.

Attest: _____
Kris Wempen, Finance Clerk

Warren Wubben, Chairperson