

Auditor's Office
Jefferson, Iowa
January 22, 2015

Greene County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. in the courthouse boardroom with all supervisors present: Burkett, Contner, Muir, Richardson, Rudolph.

Motion by Contner, second by Richardson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Burkett, second by Rudolph to approve the minutes of January 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Dawn Rudolph gave a report of the Heart of Iowa governing board's meeting held this week. Rudolph noted that the board set the mental health levy rates at \$20.42/capita for each of the four counties in the region. Chair John Muir reported attending a town hall meeting in Rockwell City to hear Ag Secretary Bill Northey discuss water quality and a potential lawsuit against Buena Vista, Sac and Calhoun counties by the Des Moines Waterworks.

County Attorney Nick Martino reviewed his budget proposal for FY16 that included no changes other than to wages. Proposed expenditures total \$163,787.

Engineer Wade Weiss reviewed the FY16 Secondary Roads budget, providing details of proposed expenditures, which include plans to replace a 1994 motor grader with a new model and other equipment upgrades. Revenues sources, including road use tax, county funding, miscellaneous receipts and reimbursements were discussed. Weiss requested no change in county funding support at \$960,000 from rural fund levy, \$50,000 from general, and \$175,000 from the local option sales taxes. Weiss then reviewed the Roadside Management budget proposal for FY16. Proposed expenditures total \$143,944, roughly the same as the current year.

Weiss noted the efforts of counties to support an increase in the road use tax with a resolution stating the board's support, similar to one approved a year ago. Motion by Richardson, second by Burkett to approve Resolution 2015-02:

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, 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 Funds revenues are required by the Iowa Constitution to be spent only on our roadways; and

WHEREAS the 2011 Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Council report to Governor Branstad and the Iowa Legislature identified the need for at least \$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 Good 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 Greene County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages the implementation a long-term, sustainable transportation funding solution to address the critical needs of our infrastructure system.

1. Provide adequate state-wide funding to offset the projected shortfall for our most critical needs of over \$215 million annually through an increase of the motor fuel tax revenues.
2. Enable the Iowa Department of Transportation to provide primary highway funds to counties and cities in lieu of federal funds, providing increased efficiencies for state and local governments.
3. Increase the permit fee for oversize/overweight vehicles.
4. New funding should be distributed consistent with the Road Use Tax Fund distribution formula.

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

Roll call vote: Aye: Burkett, Muir, Richardson, Contner, Rudolph. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Steve Hauptert estimated FY16 revenues totaling \$174,000 and expenditures totaling \$1,203,889 (5.26% increase) for the department's operating, forfeiture and K9 funds in FY16. Hauptert included replacement of one vehicle next year and thanked the board for its efforts to provide vehicles with up-to-date equipment for officers. Hauptert then reviewed his quarterly report of fees. Motion by Contner, second by Richardson to accept the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for Oct/Nov/Dec. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burkett, second by Contner to authorize auditor signing of E911 checks. Motion carried unanimously.

Kent Minnehan addressed the board on behalf of Lakeside Golf, Inc. Minnehan asked the board to consider abating property taxes for the organization. After discussion, no action was taken on the request.

Chair Muir adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

John J. Muir, Chair BOS

ATTEST: Jane Heun, Auditor