

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 25, 2014
REGULAR MARCH SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were: Don McGregor, Chairman, Don Besch, Jack Plathe, Roger Tjarks and Pam Wymore.

Public Discussion was held.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Besch to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated March 18, 2014. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the Safety Committee Meeting minutes for March.

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Wymore to allow the flag for Crime Victims Awareness Week to be flown at the Courthouse the week of April 6-12, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to approve the 2014 Applications for Natural Conservation and Wildlife Exemption. Motion carried.

Motion by Wymore and 2nd by Besch to approve the 28E Agreement for County Social Services. Motion carried.

Motion by Besch and 2nd by Wymore to deny the allocation request for \$155,430.00 to County Social Services due to the total amount budgeted for FY 13-14 already being allocated to them. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Wymore to approve Resolution #03-25-14-01 which is a Resolution in support of an increase in state fuel tax. Motion carried.

KOSSUTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Resolution # 03-25-14-01

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, 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 Kossuth 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 Kossuth County Board of Supervisors support the ongoing evaluation of creative, supplemental solutions to increased RUTF funding.

March 11, 2014
Dated at Algona, Iowa

Don McGregor, Chairperson
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Amber Garman
Kossuth County Auditor

Discussion with Kossuth County Engineer was followed by Drainage and a Formal Hearing for D.D. #12, Discussion with Kossuth County Auditor and Board Discussion and Committee Reports.

On motion adjournment was taken until April 1, 2014.

Attest:

Amber Garman
Kossuth County Auditor

Don McGregor, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors