

The Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, Iowa met at 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd day of February with the following members present: Mattes, Haverly, Pedersen, Christianson and Hansen. Absent: None.

Moved by Haverly and seconded by Mattes to approve the agenda for the February 3, 2014 Board meeting. All voting aye.

Moved by Christianson and seconded by Mattes to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2014 Board meeting and the January 27, 2014 Budget work session. All voting aye.

Chairman Hansen opened the meeting up for public concerns. Gary Naeve was present to ask if the Board could show their meetings on the computer web like some other counties are doing. No official Board action was taken.

Moved by Haverly and seconded by Pedersen to approve Resolution #2014-5, a Resolution encouraging the implementation of the 2011 Citizen Advisory Council's recommendations as follows:

Resolution #2014-5

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 statewide 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, Humboldt County has issued \$0 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 Humboldt 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 Humboldt County Board of Supervisors support the ongoing evaluation of creative, supplemental solutions to increased RUTF funding.

Resolved this 3rd day of February, 2014

/s/Harlan G. Hansen
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: February 3, 2014

ATTEST:

/s/Peggy J. Rice
County Auditor

Date: February 3, 2014

All voting aye.

Moved by Haverly and seconded by Mattes to cancel the Board of Supervisor's meeting for February 17, 2014 because of the President's Day Holiday. All voting aye.

Moved by Mattes and seconded by Pedersen to approve a wine license for Western Edge effective April 1, 2014. All voting aye.

The Chairman declared a brief recess.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Moved by Mattes and seconded by Christianson to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Board of Trustees for DD#125 and DD#HK2PA, Lateral E. All voting aye.

Moved by Mattes and seconded by Christianson to adjourn as the Board of Trustees for Drainage and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors. All voting aye.

Committee Reports:

Mattes, Haverly – 1/27 – Meeting with City of Dakota City

Pedersen – 1/28 – Upper Des Moines Opportunity

1/29 Transportation Day at the Capitol, Des Moines

Hansen 1/29 – Iowa Drainage District Association, Pocahontas

Moved by Haverly and seconded by Mattes to adjourn at 9:24 a.m. All voting aye.

Peggy J. Rice
Auditor

Harlan Hansen
Chairman