

Resolution #19-2014/2015

WHEREAS, the Iowa Association of County Supervisors and the Grundy County Board of Supervisors recognize 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, 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, Grundy County has considered issuing bonds to pay for its most critical roadway and bridge needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors and the Grundy County Board of Supervisors strongly encourage the implementation a long-term, sustainable transportation funding solution to address the critical needs of our infrastructure system, including the following:

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.

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

Resolved this 12th day of January, 2015.

GRUNDY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Mark A. Schildroth, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Rhonda R. Deters, Grundy County Auditor