

## JOINT FINANCE & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Polk County Finance Committee and the Polk County Highway Committee met jointly in the Second Floor East Conference Room of the Polk County Government Center at 3:30 p.m. on September 6, 2007.

Present for Finance: Gerald Newville                      Mick Larsen                      Gary Bergstrom  
                                 Neil Johnson                      Larry Jepsen

Present for Highway: Marvin Caspersen                      Arthur Gamache                      Jay Luke  
                                 Carl Holmgren

Absent for Highway: William Hughes

Also Present:                      Steve Warndahl  
                                 Tonya Weinert  
                                 Members of the Public  
                                 Members of the Press

Chair Newville called the meeting to order on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Chair Caspersen called the meeting to order on behalf of the Highway Committee.

**Moved by Johnson/Luke to approve the Agenda as published. Motion carried by voice vote.**

### Possible Funding Sources for Road Projects

Highway Commissioner Steve Warndahl handed out "*Proposed Six Year Road Plan (Includes 5% Cost Increase per Year) Polk County Highway Department*" for the joint committee's review. Warndahl explained the proposed six-year plan including the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) explanation. Warndahl reported on the \$880,000 2007 budget shortfall and also on the proposed five-year equipment replacement plan. Warndahl reported that the Polk County equipment is rusting out after five years rather than ten years because the equipment is housed outside. The joint committee members discussed a possible Wheel Tax to offset levy dollars in an effort to help the Highway Department stay on track in maintaining county roads. **Moved by Luke/Larsen to direct the Finance Committee to research a Wheel Tax for the benefit of the Highway Department. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Moved by Holmgren/Luke to adjourn. Meeting adjourned on behalf of the Highway Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Moved by Johnson/Larsen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned on behalf of the Finance Committee. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.