



## STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION WINTER MAINTENANCE FUNDING

May 1, 2017

TO: Highway Committee

FR: Frank Pascarella

RE: Vehicle Registration Fee

In this agenda packet you will find the same packet of Wheel Tax information that was provided to the Highway Committee at the Thursday, April 27, 2017 meeting.

No changes have been made to the draft PowerPoint or original draft resolution. The reason is because there was no official motion to amend any of the draft documents and direct staff to bring back amended documents for discussion.

After the motions failed and a consensus couldn't be reached, the Committee discussed possibly amending the draft resolution to include the use of sales tax funds. The suggestion was to use sales tax funds to increase road construction initiatives. The suggested amount was either a specific dollar amount (\$100,000 - \$200,000) or an additional percentage increase (1-2%) to the current annual CIP Highway construction funding program. No specific determination was made regarding which of the two dollar amount options to use.

After further review and consultation with Corporation Counsel regarding this proposed option, there are concerns with using sales tax funds for operational purposes as a means of circumventing the current Sales Tax Ordinance. In order to implement this suggestion it will require the County Board to first amend the Sales Tax Ordinance. Corporation Counsel will be at the meeting to discuss this subject with the full committee.

*Frank R. Pascarella*  
County Administrator

History:

01/26/17 Highway Committee