The meeting was held in the Rusk County Government Center third floor conference room.


Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Fisher, second by Boss to approve the January 20, 2016, minutes. Motion carried.

Andy Albarado presented the Economic Development report which included an update of buildings and projects.

Sheriff Jeff Wallace, Chief Deputy Phil Grassmann, and Deb Flater were present to discuss the Sheriff’s department requests. Wallace explained that the DNR has decided to discontinue communication towers. Wallace has negotiated an agreement to rent the tower from one property owner for $400 a month for 25 years with an out clause. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Sheriff should take the funds out of the Sheriff’s budget for this tower rent in 2016 and request contingency funds if needed at the end of the year. The Sheriff’s desk needs to be replaced. The Committee discussed options not to exceed $3,000 for this desk. The Committee discussed the video/audio recording equipment needed. The cost for two rooms for new equipment would be $13,090. The department is applying for a grant that may pay up to $12,000 of this cost. There may be refurbished equipment at a cost of $6,295 that can be purchased if grant funds are not available. The old equipment can be repurposed at the Sheriff’s storage building. Grassmann explained the need for five VRS repeaters for squads plus one license. Total cost would be approximately $15,000. Grassmann’s squad needs replacing. The Sheriff requested a loan from the County for this year’s cost and would budget for this squad beginning in 2017. Motion by Boss, second by Fisher to loan the money to purchase a squad for Grassmann at an interest rate of three percent over the next three years. Motion carried. It was the consensus the Committee to proceed with the projects as discussed.

Ted East was present to request out of state training. Kitzie Nelson was also present to answer questions about Medicare coding. Motion by Boss, second by Fisher to approve Jessica Kuhart and Brooke Hillman attending the Coding and Oasis Training in Chicago, Illinios, on April 17 to 19. Motion carried.

Invoices paid February 1, 2016, to February 16, 2016, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Motion by Fisher, second by Boss to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

Fisher gave an update on Personnel issues.
It was the consensus of the Committee to deal with 2016 contingency fund requests and line item transfers at its March meeting.

Verna Nielsen presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report which included an update of marriage licenses, elections, personnel issues, and dog licenses.

Schmit presented the Finance Director’s report which included an update of back taxes, sales tax, insurance, and county cars.

The next regular Finance meeting is Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned 11:35 a.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary

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