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


Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Jim Rassbach was present to discuss monthly per diems for the deputy coroners. **Fisher/Knops made a motion to present a resolution to the County Board to pay a monthly per diem of $100 to each of the four deputy coroners.** Motion carried.

Rich Summerfield was present to discuss the possibility of taking tax deeds in REM. **Boss/Fisher made a motion to direct the Corporation Counsel to write a resolution to present to the County Board to amend the County ordinance to allow the County to take tax deeds in REM.** Motion carried.

**Boss/Knops made a motion to pay off the Heath note payable with a 10-year loan from the general fund with an interest rate of 2 percent.** Motion carried.

**Knops/Fisher made a motion to approve the January 18, 2014 minutes.** Motion carried.

Invoices paid February 1, 2014, to February 18, 2014, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Boss/Knops made a motion to approve paying the bills.** Motion carried.

CeCe Tesky was present to discuss the excess revenues in the Environmental Challenge budget. It was the consensus of the Committee to pay WRA the Dairyland reimbursement for expenses incurred by WRA related to the Environmental Challenge projects in 2013.

Lyn Yotter was present to discuss the Circuit Court budget for back scanning of court documents. **Boss/Fisher made a motion to approve increasing the hours of the Deputy Assistant I by 11.75 hours each week on a temporary basis until the end of the year using existing budget funds and returning to the Finance Committee if additional funds are needed at the end of the year.** Motion carried.

Fisher updated the Committee on Personnel activities.

**Knops/Fisher made a motion to approve Nancy Hahn attending the Regional meeting with the Department of Justice on March 19 in Medford, Nancy Hahn attending the Wisconsin Victim/Witness Professionals Annual Spring Conference on May 13 to 16 in Onalaska, Stacy VanHeesch attending the CliftonLarsonAllen 5th Annual Government Training Academy, and Stacy VanHeesch and Denise**
Wetzel attending the HR Law 2014 seminar on April 23 in Eau Claire. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed line item transfers and contingency fund requests. It was consensus of the Finance Committee to act on these at its March meeting when the amounts are finalized.

The Committee reviewed carry forward requests. It was the consensus of the Committee to act on the carry forward requests at its March meeting.

Verna Nielsen presented the Treasurer’s report including an update on bank balances.

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

The Committee reviewed the Economic Development and Joint Management report which included an update on buildings, projects and business opportunities. It was the consensus of the Committee that Andy Albarado negotiate with Activedogs in regards to the Weyerhaeuser property now that the Heartland Cooperative did not exercise its rights.

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

The next Finance meeting is Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary

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