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

Present: Randy Tatur, Pete Boss, Karl Fisher, Tony Hauser, and Mike Hraban. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

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

**Hraban/Boss made a motion to approve the April 16, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.**

Verna Nielsen, Richard Moen, and Dewey Link were present to discuss Link’s property that was taken for tax deed. There was $6,361.83 in back taxes on the property when it was taken for tax deed. Moen wanted to know if they can still redeem Link’s property, but the Committee is required to follow State statutes to sell the property.

Tony Ziesler was present to discuss the Old Methodist church tax deed property. Ziesler was interested in trading some of the windows from the building in exchange for some of the equipment that was left in the building and was informed that most of the items that were left in the building have been disposed of.

Terry Nussberger, Erv Murray, Rich Summerfield, and Andy Albarado were present to discuss the easement in the Village of Weyerhaeuser. It was suggested that the Village of Weyerhaeuser redraft the proposal to the County and Albarado can take it to the buyer.

It was the consensus of the Committee to discuss Huber fees at next month’s Finance Committee meeting.

The bid opening was conducted for the tax deed property in Sheldon. The only bid received was from Jesse O’Brien for $1,000. **Fisher/Hraban made a motion to accept the bid of $1,000 from Jesse O’Brien for the Sheldon tax deed property. Motion carried.**

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

The Committee discussed the tax deed property in the Town of Washington. It was the consensus of the Committee to put this property on the regular land sale list.

Invoices paid May 1, 2014, to May 20, 2014, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Hraban/Boss made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

It was the consensus of the Committee that Schmit has the option to pay the finance consultant fees weekly.
The Committee reviewed the budget timetable. The Committee reviewed the notes for preparation and recommended using 2014 health insurance rates for the 2015 budget and a 1.5% wage increase with the understanding that these rates are for budget purposes only, and the 1.5% increase may not apply to every employee when adjustments are made using the point factor evaluation.

Fisher updated the Committee on Personnel activities.

Nielsen presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Treasurer can purchase CDs from Security Bank of New Auburn provided they are giving us the most favorable rate and are collateralized.

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

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, June 18, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary