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.

Andy Albarado presented the joint management report including an update of buildings and projects. It was the consensus of the Committee to first pursue removing the easement with the Cooperative on the Weyerhaeuser outlot one.

Thomas Muller and Verna Nielsen were present to discuss Muller’s tax deed property. The total back taxes owed on Muller’s property is $1,292.04, but $406.30 needs to be paid off so that the property is not taken for tax deed on July 31. **Boss/Fisher made a motion to allow Verna Nielsen to set up a payment schedule with Thomas Muller to pay the back taxes on his property.** Motion carried.

Thomas McHugh and Nielsen were present to discuss McHugh’s tax deed property which is in the name Dewey Link and Thomas McHugh. Since the County has already taken tax deed title on the property, the land has to go through tax deed sale per the State Statutes.

Joe Lawrence and Nielsen were present to discuss the tax deed property owned by John Skrypek. The total back taxes owed on the property is $7,564.06. It was the consensus of the Committee to follow State Statutes and let the property go through the tax deed process.

Allen Kenyon was present to inform the Committee of properties that the City of Ladysmith is considering condemning.

Annette Barna was present to request levy funding for 2015 for Rusk Restorative Youth Programs if they do not receive a grant from Otto Bremer. Barna is going to give a presentation to the County Board on July 29. Barna would like to see the coordinator position eventually become a County position.

**Hraban/Boss made a motion to approve the June 18, 2014 minutes.** Motion carried.

Invoices paid July 1, 2014, to July 14, 2014, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Boss/Hraban made a motion to approve paying the bills.** Motion carried.

Fisher updated the Committee on Personnel activities. The Personnel Committee is working on a job description for the Medical Examiner and has been discussing a rate of pay for the position. The Personnel Committee has been discussing a 2 percent
increase through the point factor evaluations so it was the consensus of the Finance Committee that the 2015 budget spreadsheets be updated to reflect a 2 percent increase instead of the 1.5 percent that the Finance Committee previously directed the departments to include in the budget. The Personnel Committee has also been working on updating job descriptions.

Jim Bugbee was present to discuss Amazon Prime which would cost $100 per year. It was the consensus of the Committee to discuss this at a later date.

Rich Summerfield was present to discuss the land use compensation from Xcel Energy for an easement in the amount of $7,179. Summerfield will draft a motion to present at the July County Board meeting.

The Committee reviewed the resolution for the plow museum land purchase that will be presented at the July County Board meeting.

The Committee discussed potential snowmobile club loans. It was the consensus of the Committee not to act on this at the present time.

The Committee reviewed the property for the tax deed land sale as follows:

Town of Atlanta 002-00613-000
Town of Big Falls 006-00462-000
Town of Hawkins 018-00619-0001
Town of Willard 046-00681-0000
Town of Willard 046-00682-0000
Village of Glen Flora 131-00086-0000
City of Ladysmith 246-00929-0000
City of Ladysmith 246-01432-0000
City of Ladysmith 246-02666-0000

The Committee requested that Wetzel take pictures and will set the minimum bids at next month’s regular Finance Committee meeting.

The Committee reviewed the cost estimate from MCC for Supplement No. 5 to the Rusk County Code of Ordinances. Wetzel informed the Committee that the codification expense line is already over budget but will see if there is money available in other line items for this expenditure before requesting contingency funds.

Hraban/Fisher made a motion to approve Danielle Zimmer attending the State Voter Registration Training on July 22 and 23 in Grand Chute. Motion carried.

Summerfield was present to discuss Weyerhaeuser Active Dogs offer to purchase the two lots in the Village. Boss/Hraban made a motion to rescind and sign a mutual termination and release. Motion carried.
The Committee set the following meeting dates for 2015 budget review: Thursday, August 28, at 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, September 3, at 8:30 a.m.; Monday, September 8, at 11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, September 23, at 8:30 a.m.; and Thursday, September 25, at 8:30 a.m.

Nielsen presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances. The Committee discussed using ADM for investments. The Committee would like to review a contract before making a decision.

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

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

The next Finance meeting is Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary