The meeting was held in the Rusk County Government Center County Board meeting room.

Present: Randy Tatur, Peter Boss, Karl Fisher, Anthony Hauser and Michael Hraban. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

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

Sheriff Jeff Wallace, Phil Grassmann, Gloria Brunner, and Deb Flater were present to review the Sheriff’s budgets.

The Committee discussed the budget options as presented which included staffing at current levels, increasing staffing by two patrol positions, and increasing staffing by four patrol positions. At the present time the budget at current staffing levels is the budget that is factored into the total levy and the amount needed to be cut.

210—Sheriff Patrol/Administration-No changes at the present time.
211—Jail Operations-No changes at the present time.
212—Water Patrol Program-No changes at the present time.
213—Snow Patrol Program-No changes at the present time.
214—K-9-No changes at the present time.
216—Conservation Officer-No changes at the present time.
220—EDGE Program-No changes at the present time.
221—BRDEU-No changes at the present time.
224—Underage Alcohol Violator Program-No budget for 2016.
225—Victim Service Specialist-No changes at the present time.
228—BRDEU Meth. Grant-No changes at the present time.
229—Wireless 911-No changes at the present time.
233—ATV-No changes at the present time.
236—Shop With a Cop-No changes at the present time.
237—Project Lifesaver-No changes at the present time.
239—Unfunded Equipment Grant-No budget for 2016.

CeCe Tesky was present to review the Land Conservation and Development budgets.

130—Land Information Division-No changes at the present time.
132—Land Information Public Access-No changes at the present time.
641—Wildlife Damage Program-No changes at the present time.
643—LCD Tree Sales Program-No changes at the present time.
644—Environmental Challenge-No budget for 2016.
650—LWWM Cost Share Program-No changes at the present time.
651—Land and Water Conservation Division-No changes at the present time.
690—Zoning Division-No changes at the present time.
Tom Hall was present to review the Emergency Government budgets.

250—Ambulance Operations- The Committee discussed options for the ambulance service including an option using Medics.

251—First Responder Grant- No budget for 2016.

252—Ambulance Equipment Grant- No changes at the present time.

253—Local Emergency Planning Committee Operations Grant- No changes at the present time.

254—Local Emergency Planning Equipment Grant- No changes at the present time.

255—Emergency Government Program- No changes at the present time.

256—Hazmat- No budget for 2016. The Committee discussed the Hazmat fund balance.


Jim Rassbach was present to review the Medical Examiner budget.

105—Medical Examiner- No changes at the present time.

Ken Brown, Ken Pedersen, and Roger Gierke were present to review the Animal Shelter budgets.

281—City/County Animal Shelter Operation- The Committee discussed removing the truck from the 2016 budget and funding it with 2015 unspent wages and benefits. Schmit will work on the numbers, and this budget will be reviewed at a later date.

282—Building Fund- No changes at the present time.

284—Spay/Neuter Fund- No changes at the present time.

285—Gift Fund- No changes at the present time.

286—Endowment Fund- No changes at the present time.

Chair Tatur adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary