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


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

James Rennicke was present to review the District Attorney and the Crime Victim Witness Coordinator budgets.

110—District Attorney—Reduce expense line 216 Other Court Fees from $3,000 to $2,000. Reduce expense line 221 Witness Fees from $6,000 to $5,000. Increase revenue line 46140 from $3,500 to $5,000.

111—CVWC—No changes at the present time.

Paul Teska was present to review the Forestry budgets.

610—County Forest Operations—Decrease revenue 46811 Stumpage Revenue from $1,023,617 to $445,117.

611—State Aid Forestry Operations—No changes at the present time.

612—County Forest Road Aids Program—Increase expense 366 Maintenance from $15,066 to $24,131 using prior year funds.

613—Land Acquisition Fund—Decrease revenue line 46811 from $12,000 to $8,885.

614—County Conservation Aids Program—Use fund balance and eliminate levy.

615—Snowmobile Trails Maintenance Grant—No changes at the present time.

616—Development of Habitat—No changes at the present time.

617—ATV Trail Grant—No changes at the present time.

618—Forestry Gravel Crushing—No changes at the present time.

620—County Parks and Recreation—No changes at the present time.

621—County Owned Dam Repairs—No changes at the present time.

623—Park Development Fund—No changes at the present time.


Hollis Helmeci was present to review the Library budget.

510—Library—No changes at the present time.

Carol Johnson was present to review the Register of Deeds budget.

128—Register of Deeds—No changes at the present time.

Andy Albarado was present to review the Economic Development budgets.


662—Co. Economic Development—No changes at the present time.

663—Co. Industrial Development Agency—No changes at the present time.

665—Bruce/Co. Revolving Loan Fund—No changes at the present time.
666—Tourism-No changes at the present time.
669—Enterprise Center-No changes at the present time.
672—Fritz Avenue-No changes at the present time.
673—Gates Avenue Facility-No changes at the present time.
674—Weyerhaeuser Building-No changes at the present time.
676—Miner Avenue Building-No changes at the present time.
678—Fine Arts Center-No budget for 2017.
679—Rail Industrial Park-No changes at the present time.
680—Forest Industrial Park Building I (Doughty Road)-No changes at the present time.
681—Forest Industrial Park Building II (Jez Road)-No changes at the present time.
682—ADF-No changes at the present time.
683—County M Relocation-No budget for 2017.
685—Mining Reuse Fund-No changes at the present time.

Verna Nielsen was present to review the Treasurer’s budgets.

119—Treasurer-No changes at the present time.
120—Other Tax Collections-No changes at the present time.
121—Plat Book Fund-No changes at the present time.

Mike Naczas was present to review the Buildings and Grounds budgets.

126—General Buildings and Plant-Reduce expense line 332 Mileage from $7,500 to $4,000.
127—Other County Property-Reduce expense line 001 Miner Avenue Building from $8,820 to $5,500.
143—Vending Machine Fund-No changes at the present time.
240—Jail Building Maintenance-Possibly moving to Sheriff budget.
350—Airport Operations-No changes at the present time.
351—Airport Expansion-No changes at the present time.
511—Fairgrounds-Reduce expense line 810 Capital Items from $45,545 to $22,569 which removed black top and chain fence from this line item.
512—Sr./Youth Operations-Increase expense line 249 Repairs from $4,500 to $27,000 to include a full metal roof.
514—Trails End-No changes at the present time.

Corrine Dewitt was present to review the Extension budgets.

515—University Extension-The Committee reviewed three budget options which included current staffing, adding a 50 percent Program Assistant for Restorative Justice, and adding a full-time Program Assistant for Restorative Justice. **Motion by Fisher, second by Hraban to adopt the Extension budget with the 100 percent Restorative Justice Program Assistant pending County Board approval of the new position. Motion carried.** Recommend salary for Program Assistant at $33,092 a year. Reduce expense line 225 Telephone from $600 to $400. Reduce expense line 313 Duplicating from $400 to $300. Use $20,000 of revenue from Otto Bremer towards the cost of Program Assistant.
516—University Extension Meeting Fund-No budget for 2017.

696—CDBG Revolving Loan Fund-No changes at the present time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary

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