The meeting was held in the Rusk County Government Center third floor (LEC) meeting room.

Present: Randy Tatur, Jim Platteter, Peter Boss, Karl Fisher, and Arian Knops. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

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

It was the consensus of the Committee to reduce the wage increase proposed for 2013 from 2 percent to 1.5 percent.

250—Ambulance-Increase expense line 900 Cost Allocation by $11,280 to $11,280.
118—Cost Allocation-Increase indirect cost revenue by $11,280.

CeCe Tesky and Mike Zimmer were present for the discussion of combining Zoning, Land Information, and Land Conservation. It was the consensus of the Committee to include the combined budget for these departments in the proposed 2013 budget which included contracting out survey work instead of employing a Surveyor.

Paul Teska was present to discuss stumpage revenue estimates for 2012 which would affect the amount of general fund that is available to reduce the 2013 levy. The Committee increased the 2012 stumpage revenue estimate and increased the amount of general fund used by $45,000.

Sheriff Dave Kaminski, Marc Egle, and Deb Flater were present for review of the Sheriff’s department budget.

210—Sheriff-Use $3,200 from K-9 fund balance instead of levy for the 2013 K-9 expenses. Include the proposed wage adjustment for the Receptionist in the budget. Change expense line 164 Holiday OT from $21,948 to $15,000 and expense line 166 Patrol OT from $35,000 to $42,000. Lower expense line 313 Central Duplication by $1,500 to $6,000.

211—Jail-Reduce expense line 164 Holiday Overtime by $6,624 to $20,000.

124—Sales Tax-Increase the 2012 revenue estimate to $720,000. Adjust the amount of sales tax to lower the 2013 levy by $50,000 to $800,000 using additional prior year fund balance.

Tatur left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Manley Peterson was present to ask questions related to computer purchases.

It was the consensus of the Committee to remove all the computer requests and the Maintenance tractor from the individual budgets and develop a capital projects budget with funding to come from a State Trust Fund loan.
The next Finance budget meeting is Tuesday, October 2, at 8:30 a.m.

Knops/Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary