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: Rosemary Schmit.

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

**Motion by Hraban, second by Fisher to approve the September 17, 2014; September 23, 2014; September 25, 2014; and October 2, 2014; meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

Paul Teska was present to request funds for County forest road repairs at an estimated cost of $11,240. **Motion by Hraban, second by Boss to use excess stumpage revenues in the amount of $11,240 for 2014 forest road repairs. Motion carried.**

Brock Geyen from CliftonLarsonAllen, Danielle Zimmer, Chris Kammerud, Stacy VanHeesch, and Elizabeth Schmidt were present for review of the 2013 financial statements.

Thomas McHugh and Al Borgeson were present for the tax deed bid opening.

**Town of Atlanta 002-00613-000, minimum bid, $6,900**  
No bids received.

**Town of Big Falls 006-00462-000, minimum bid, $4,900**  
Patrick Quirk, $6,001.00  
**Doug Lorenzen, $6,500.00**

**Town of Willard 046-00681-0000, minimum bid, $2,990**  
Jon Hillmer, $5,182.91  
**Matthew and Casey Gerber, $26,676.00**  
Thomas McHugh, $10,550.00  
Richard Moen, $4,500.00  
Robert Loomis, $3,500.00  
Gerald Staniszewski and Stephen Nick, $7,910.00  
John and Anthony Gruber, $5,250.00  
Jonathan Unterschuetz, $8,000.00

**Town of Willard 046-00682-0000, minimum bid, $2,990**  
Gerald Staniszewski and Stephen Nick, $7,910.00  
Jonathan Unterschuetz, $8,000.00  
**Matthew and Casey Gerber, $23,676.00**  
Robert Loomis, $3,500.00  
Thomas McHugh, $10,550.00  
Richard Moen, $4,500.00
City of Ladysmith 246-00929-0000, minimum bid, $24,900
Robert Williams, $26,200.00
Kevin Zeman, $25,200.00

City of Ladysmith 246-01432-0000, minimum bid, $4,990
No bids received.

City of Ladysmith 246-02666-0000, minimum bid, 2,495
Robert Williams, $4,200.00
Thomas Neal, $3,150.00

Town of Big Falls 006-00462-000-Motion by Boss, second by Fisher accept the high bid of Doug Lorenzen in the amount of $6,500.00. Motion carried.

Town of Willard 046-00681-0000-Motion by Boss, second by Hauser to accept the high bid of Matthew and Casey Gerber in the amount of $26,676.00. Motion carried.

Town of Willard 046-00682-0000-Motion by Boss, second by Fisher to accept the high bid of Matthew and Casey Gerber in the amount of $23,676.00. Motion carried.

City of Ladysmith 246-00929-0000-Motion by Boss, second by Fisher to accept the high bid of Robert Williams in the amount of $26,200.00. Motion carried.

City of Ladysmith 246-02666-0000-Motion by Fisher, second by Boss to accept the high bid of Robert Williams in the amount of $4,200.00. Motion carried.

Mark Schmitt was present to request a loan for the Town of Big Bend in the amount of $25,000 to finance a salt shed and cold storage. Rich Summerfield would need to draw up an agreement for this loan. Motion by Fisher, second by Hraban to loan the Town of Big Bend $25,000 at an interest rate of 3 percent with Rich Summerfield drafting a loan agreement. Motion carried.

Brian Brewer from R. W. Baird was present to review proposed bond options. Also present were Nanci Mertes and Phil Montwill. Brewer will attend the November 12 County Board meeting to explain proposed the bond option.

Tatur left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Fisher updated the Committee on Personnel issues.

The Committee discussed the HHS risk reserve. The budget includes a risk reserve of $200,000, so the Committee did not take any further action on this.
Lauren Powell from eCivis gave a presentation on their Grants Network License that is available for purchase. The Committee discussed the 10 user license agreement versus the 2 user license agreement. Powell will send proposals for the November 19 Finance meeting.

Julie Keown-Bomar was present via speaker phone regarding UW Extension funding. Tatur will draft a letter to Keown-Bomar relating to the UW Extension funding.

Tatur returned to the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Invoices paid October 1, 2014, to October 14, 2014, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Motion by Hraban, second by Hauser to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

Schmit explained that the 2013-2014 apportionment sheet had a deduction for the state taxes in the amount of $194,391.45, so they were not apportioned to the County taxpayers. The State made an adjustment on this year’s levy limit sheet to correction this, but an adjustment needs to be made in the 2015 budget. **Motion by Hraban, second by Fisher make an adjustment to the 2015 budget for the $194,391.45 apportionment correction using the general fund money. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Hraban, second by Boss to approve Stacy VanHeesch and Rosemary Schmit attending the Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association Winter Conference on December 4 and 5 in Green Bay. Motion carried.**

Andy Albarado presented the economic development report which included an update of buildings and projects.

The Committee reviewed the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances.

The Committee reviewed 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 regular Finance meeting is Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary

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