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


Chair Boss called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Motion by Fisher, second by Hauser to approve the September 21, 2016; and September 29, 2016; and October 5, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Invoices paid October 1, 2016, to October, 2016, 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.

Verna Nielsen was present for the opening of tax deed bids:

**Town of Atlanta 002-00834-0000, minimum bid $5,995:**
- James Scheffler, $6,100.00
- Tom Gauthier, $7,000.00
- **Scott Lewis, $7,111.00***

**Town of Dewey 010-00387-0100, minimum bid $14,995:**
- David Nordine, $16,500.00
- **Kevin Ambrosius, $17,112.13***
- James Scheffler, $16,100.00

**Town of Grant 014-00838-0000 and 014-00847-0000, minimum bid $12,000:**
No bids received.

**Town of Hawkins 018-00607-0000, minimum bid $10,000:**
- Nathan Rubusch, $10,000.00*

**Town of Stubbs 036-00626-0010, minimum bid $10,000:**
- Bruce Hill, $12,500.00
- Steve Petznick, $11,000.00
- Robert Lorkowski, $11,500.00
- **Scott Lewis, $14,111.00***

**Village of Bruce 106-00108-0001, minimum bid $1:**
- Michael Jankowski, $261.00*

**Village of Bruce 106-00144-0000, minimum bid $2,149:**
No bids received.

**Village of Bruce 106-00206-0000, minimum bid $6,000:**
- James Scheffer, $6,001.00
- **Robert Lorkowski, $6,500.00***

**Village of Bruce 106-00464-0001, minimum bid $1:**
- Dave Pavick, $101.00* adjacent land owner
- James Scheffler $100.00
- Michael Jankowski $411.00

**Village of Glen Flora 131-00026-0000, minimum bid $499:**
Martha Edming $502.00*

Village of Glen Flora 131-00038-0000 and 131-00039-0000, minimum bid $19,000:
Martha Edming $19,200.00*

Village of Sheldon 181-00240-0000, minimum bid $18,000:
Matthew and Casey Gerber $18,676.00*
Steve Petznick $18,500.00

City of Ladysmith 246-01602-0000, 246-01603-0000, 246-01604-0000, minimum bid $1,000:
No bids received.

City of Ladysmith 246-01929-0001, minimum bid $1,000:
Brian Groothousen $1,062.00*

City of Ladysmith 246-01972-0001, minimum bid $1,000:
No bids received.

Motion by Hraban, second by Hauser to accept the high bids for the tax deed properties with the exception of Village of Bruce 106-00464-0001 to accept the bid from the adjacent land owner Dave Pavick since that is most advantageous to the County. Motion carried.

Nielsen presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances.

April Anderson from CliftonLarsonAllen, Kitzie Nelson, Skye Wilder, and Angela Harvey were present for the review of the 2015 Financial Statements.

Motion by Hraban, second by Hauser effective January 1, 2017, to pay all County employees, including RCMH, semi-monthly on the 10th and 25th or the Friday before if the payday falls on the weekend. Motion carried.

Fisher gave an update on Personnel issues.

Andy Albarado presented the Economic Development report which included an update of buildings and projects. Motion by Hraban, second by Hauser to authorize Andy Albarado to negotiate the asbestos abatement plan on the Methodist Church tax deed property not to exceed a cost of $5,300 with funds to come from Tax Deed budget. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the Clerk’s report which included an update of marriage licenses, elections, and dog licenses.

Schmit presented the Finance Director’s report which included an update of county cars, back taxes, and sales tax.

The next Finance meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Hauser, second by Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary

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