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: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

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

Motion by Boss, second by Hraban to approve the September 15, 2015; September 16, 2015; September 29, 2015; and October 6, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Stacy VanHeesch, Brock Geyen, and April Anderson were present for the review of the 2014 Financial Statements.

VanHeesch and Bonnie Stefczak were present for the tax deed bid openings. The tax deed bids were opened as follows:

Town of Atlanta 002-00613-0000; minimum bid $2,499.
No bids.

Town of Dewey 010-00861-0000; minimum bid $449.  
Stephen Lee, $610.00*
Premium Marketing Solutions Inc., $576.00

Town of Dewey 010-00951-0000 combined with 010-00952-0000; minimum bid $1,999.  
Stephen Lee, $2,201.00*

Town of Hawkins 018-00619-0001; minimum bid $44,900.  
Stephen Ignasiak, $50,500.00*

Town of Hubbard 020-00096-0000 combined with 020-00103-0000; minimum bid $4,999.  
No bids.

Town of Rusk 030-00072-0076; minimum bid $4,999.  
Christine Zeches, $5,201.00*

Town of Stubbs 036-00626-0010; minimum bid $25,900.  
Michael & Bonnie Stefczak, $3,010.50 (does not meet minimum bid amount)

Town of Thornapple 038-00116-0000; minimum bid $2,999.  
Jed McArthur, $3,507.50
Kyle Ewer, $6,101.00*  

Town of Thornapple 038-01112-0000; minimum bid $99.  
Michael Jancowski, $201.00*

Town of Thornapple 038-01154-0000; minimum bid $999.  
Michael & Bonnie Stefczak, $1,610.50*
Town of Washington 042-00114-0000; minimum bid $3,999.
Stephen Petznick, $4,000.00

James Sheffler, $8,050.00*

Town of Willard 046-00521-0000; minimum bid $11,900.
Stephen Lee, $19,100.00*
LeeAnn & Christopher Cook, $18,112.00
Dan Korver, $12,568.80
Stephen Petznick, $12,500.00
Matthew & Cassie Gerber, $13,676.00
Charles Wachsmoth, $15,000.00

Village of Bruce 106-00108-0000; minimum bid $3,499.
No bids.

Village of Bruce 106-00206-0000; minimum bid $14,999.
No bids.

Village of Glen Flora 131-00026-0000; minimum bid $999.
No bids.

Village of Sheldon 181-00240-0000; minimum bid $21,900.
No bids.

Village of Tony 186-00267-0000; minimum bid $599.
No bids.

City of Ladysmith 246-01432-0000; minimum bid $1,499.
No bids.

(High bids noted in **bold** plus *.)

**Motion by Boss, second by Hraban to reject the bid on Town of Stubbs 036-00626-0010 since it did not meet the minimum bid requirement. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Boss, second by Hraban to accept the high bids on the remaining tax deed parcels. Motion carried.**

It was the consensus of the Committee since the parcel in the Village of Bruce did not get any bids that Wetzel could negotiate selling the parcel to the Village of Bruce for $1.

Sheriff Jeff Wallace was present to discuss the protective status of the jail/dispatch positions.

The Committee reviewed the four audit proposals that were received from CliftonLarsonAllen, WIPFLI, Schenck, and Baker Tilly. **Motion by Boss, second by Hauser to retain CliftonLarsonAllen for the single audit for 2015, 2016, and 2017. Motion carried.**
Kristen Walters was present to discuss the Glen Flora school property. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Walters get advice from Rich Summerfield on how to proceed.

Karen Welke and Ken Pederson were present to discuss the new Animal Shelter building site. Pederson expressed concerns regarding mowing of the site until the construction begins.

Invoices paid October 1, 2015, to October 20, 2015, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Motion by Hauser, second by Fisher to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

Verna Nielsen and Rebecca McEathron-Kramer were present to discuss Rusk County preparing its own plat book. Motion by Fisher, second by Hauser to allow Land Information to hire an LTE using funds from the Public Access Budget to develop the new plat book. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, second by Hraban to take $39,309.55 out of contingency fund for the 2014/2015 unapportioned taxes. Motion carried.

Nielsen presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances. The Committee discussed whether there would be funds available to lend to the hospital to purchase the new technology needed.

Motion by Hraban, second by Fisher to approve Loren Beebe attending the Clerk Core Election Training on November 12 and 13 in Manitowoc and Nancy Hahn attending the joint training for Victim/Witness Professionals and District Attorneys on November 9 to 15 in Elkhart Lake. Motion carried.

Wetzel presented 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 Committee discussed the contingency request for the Trails End septic system. Motion by Fisher, second by Hraban to transfer up to $7,000 from the contingency fund to the 2015 Trails End budget to replace the septic system. Motion carried.

The next regular Finance meeting is Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned 1:22 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary

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