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

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

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

Fisher/Platteter made a motion to approve the November 28, 2012 minutes. Motion carried.

Gary Swoverland was present to discuss the bill the Fair received from the Highway department. Boss/Knops made a motion to pay for the cost of Highway services provided for the Fair out of the Fair budget and transfer $957.90 from the contingency fund into the Fair budget to cover the cost. Motion carried.

Joanne Phetteplace, Verna Nielsen, and Stephen Traczyk were present to discuss redeeming his property that was taken for tax deed. It was the opinion of Corporation Council that the State statutes do not allow the owner to redeem property after the County has taken title.

Chris Brooks Carlton was present to discuss the interest on the back taxes for the WLDY property. It was the opinion of Corporation Council that the State statutes do not allow the County to reimburse the interest on the back taxes.

Tony Hauser, Monte Groothousen, and Mike Naczas were present to discuss the tax deed property in the Village of Tony. Boss/Knops made a motion to sell the tax deed properties in the Village of Tony (parcel numbers 186-00191-0000, 186-00193-0000, 186-00195-000, and 186-00197-0000) to the Village of Tony for $1.00. Motion carried.

Hauser was asked about the December 10, 2012, Forestry minutes in which the Forestry Committee made a motion not to approve the bills.

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow the Maintenance staff to decide on the disposition of the personal property in the tax deed property in the City of Ladysmith.

Brian Brewer from Robert W. Baird & Co., Andy Albarado, Cassandra Camren, Melissa Roach, Phetteplace, and Nielsen were present to discuss the proposed bond issues. The Committee discussed capital project items. Schmit informed the Committee that at its December 14 meeting the Property Committee voted not to proceed with the time keeping system project. Boss informed the Committee that there is a county bridge in need of major repair. The Committee discussed possible remodel of the jail kitchen and issues with the micro switches located on the tower at the Government Center. It was the consensus of the Committee to increase the amount of the bond issue for capital project items to $750,000 to cover these additional items. Platteter/Fisher made a motion to forward Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed $600,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes for Capital Projects, Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately $1,340,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, and Resolution Providing for the Sale of Approximately $3,025,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds to the County Board for approval with amending the amount of the debt issue for capital projects from $600,000 to $750,000. Motion carried.
Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of bank balances and tax deeds.

Albarado presented the economic development report which included an update on buildings and activities. Albarado would like to use the remainder of the revolving loan funds towards the Innovative Foundation. This item will be placed on next month’s Finance meeting for discussion and possible motion.

Invoices paid December 1, 2012, to December 18, 2012, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Invoices to be paid after Finance approval were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Boss/Knops made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Committee that there is no need for a County raffle license. Individual departments can purchase raffle licenses as needed.

The Committee reviewed Chapters 16 to 18 of the Financial Procedures Manual. The Committee added the language “with the exception of Joint Management leases, Highway leases, and leases falling under an individual committee’s jurisdiction.” under item B in Chapter 18. Platteter/Knops made a motion to approve Chapters 16 to 18 of the Financial Procedures Manual as amended. Motion carried.

Fisher updated the Committee on Personnel activities.

The Committee reviewed line item transfers and contingency fund requests. It was the consensus of the Committee that it does not want to act on 2012 budget amendments and contingency fund requests until the February 2013 meeting.

Platteter/Fisher made a motion to forward the resolution Supporting Same Day Voter Registration to the County Board. 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 next regular Finance meeting is Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary