LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 12, 2016

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 1:30 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Karl Fisher, Robert Stout, Arian Knops and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, Carol Johnson, John Fitzl, Verna Nielsen and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Knops/Schmitt to approve the committee minutes from the December 8 and December 15, 2015 meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Schmitt/Knops to approve the payment approval report. Motion carried.

RV Language: Ted Hakala was present to discuss the number of RV units allowed on a lot. He would like to see language that would limit the number of units or change the time they can be left on the property. No specific proposal was introduced. This will be looked into further as code language is reviewed this year.

Land Records: Fitzl stated Elaine Borton has created a pamphlet to help people navigate the WebGuide Xtreme website. It should be very helpful. The GPS equipment has been sold and the funds will be used to help with the parcel migration for the villages.

Register of Deeds: Johnson stated backscanning is still being done. IT has been down about getting the records online with a new provider. Johnson questioned if they needed County Board approval to change vendors. Johnson and Tesky will check with Corporate Counsel.

Treasurer: Nielsen said the plat book sales for 2015 totaled 229. She will be starting the tax deed process this month. Numbers look to be lower than last year.

Zoning: Tesky handed out her annual report. Enforcement continues to move forward with a citation being issued to a property owner in the Town of Big Bend. Further action including daily citations can be done if the issue is not resolved soon. Home burials have become an issue and they are only allowed on properties zoning Ag. There has been a lot of activity by the legislature in regard to shoreland zoning. The new shoreland ordinance needs to be adopted by October 1, 2016. Tesky will put this issue on future agendas and will use the model ordinance to put language together for the committee to review. Tesky is working on holding a zoning workshop with Barron County in early May.

LCDD report: Tesky reported the Land Information Plan is done and has been submitted to the state. The Land Information Council will need to approve it. The plan runs from 2016-2019. The draft plan and grant were approved. The grant should be $125,000. Advertised for the GIS intern with a proposed start date of March 1. Tesky is working on RFPs for remonumentation in Big Bend and the County boundary. Plan to open bids at the February meeting. The City of Ladysmith wants to share ARC/GIS with the county.
Levee agreement: Larry Gotham was in attendance along with the board from the Town of Stubbs. Gotham reviewed the history of the levee (tubes) and needing to get FEMA approval to recognize the levee as a flood control device. The county will need to submit the application on behalf of the township. There is no cost to the county. Motion by Fisher/Stout to forward the resolution to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

NR115 ordinance: Tesky reviewed changes that need to be made and gave a preliminary timeline for the project.

Out of County Travel: WLIA Annual Conference Feb 10-12 in Elkhart Lake for Borton and Fitzl; Soils Training in Hayward Jan 20 for Tesky and Johnson. Motion by Knops/Stout to approve the requested travel. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be February 9, 2016.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:13 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator