Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 9:00 a.m.


Dave Smith from the Ladysmith Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Clifford Taylor, District #19 Supervisor.

Motion by Golat, second by Dixon to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2007 meeting. Motion carried by aye vote.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

Chair Tatur welcomed students from area high schools, asked that they introduce themselves and identify the school they represented. Robert Stone, Rusk County Veteran Service Officer, went through handouts that were supplied from county departments. Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, provided a short history of Rusk County. Tatur thanked the VFW and the American Legion for sponsoring County Government Day.

MEMORIAL PRESENTATION FOR ROBERT BRICCO

Art Dixon, Highway Committee Chairman, presented a plaque from the Wisconsin County Highway Commission to Mrs. Bricco for Robert’s years of service. The State Highway Association memorialized Mr. Bricco at their annual meeting.

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS

Tatur read a thank you from the Weyerhaeuser School Administrator, Barb Lorkowski, for the recognition from the county of the fallen soldier from their community, Andrew Manus.

RUSK COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

Tatur provided background information on the fair and the fairgrounds use agreement.

Jan McKittrick, President of the Rusk County 4H Leaders Council stated their organization will stand behind the board’s decision as long as it is in the interest of the kids.

Tatur clarified a mistake made in a letter to the editor, in the Ladysmith News, by Jim Meng, Chairman of the Rusk County Fair Commission that the Jaycee’s help during the fair but do not profit from it. Meng advised it was a typing error; it should have been Junior Leaders Organization (JLO).

Meng, introduced other commission members present before explaining problems from last year; over spending, longevity of members, and what it takes to run the fair stating they have a new budget and plan to stick to it.

A petition supporting the commission running the fair and an annual report was provided to Tatur. Discussion on receiving help with accounting of funds, money being donated towards 2006 Jr. Class premiums if the commission is granted use of fairgrounds, money received from the state for Jr. Class premiums and banks in the community agreeing to donate the difference to pay the remaining premiums regardless of board’s decision. Fair’s current debt is $21,764.44, not including premiums. Discussion regarding sheriff’s investigation of books, it going back three years, and a member no longer on the commission hiring an attorney.

Meng gave his personal guarantee, no matter what the decision is today the Commission will continue to do fundraisers until the debt is paid with fundraisers starting in April.

Dave Groothousen, Commission stated farmers are discouraged that the fair may be taken away, already having signed contracts and what happens if the fair doesn’t happen.

Jeanette Vlcek commented how this fits in with the job description of the Ag Agent, Aliesha Crowe.

Carol Heath introduced discussion on budget comparison from previous years and budget savings this year.

Jeff Zimmer stated kids show at other fairs that do not have rides.

Kristine Rosolowski, 4H Jr. Leaders Counsel, commented on getting vendors with outstanding debt already with them.

Discussion regarding outstanding debt, some vendors caring debt, possibility of county forgiving debt incurred, no money levied for fair, and past audits done of Commissions books.

Aliesha Crowe, UW Agriculture Agent, along with Heather Schmitz, 4H Agent and Michelle Diamond, WNEP Educator were present to discuss options if commission did not run fair.

Crowe stated that they would not run the fair but commented on what her office could do for the fair, rolls of the different agents, a committee structure for events, a volunteer for secretaty position help in office if this is done, money in budget this year and no levy money needed next year to run fair. Discussion regarding Ag & Extension Committee being responsible party if Extension ran fair, insurance issues, and extra money in budget this year.


Recess at 10:40 a.m. Reconvene at 10:53 a.m.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

John Stencil provided a handout of Wisconsin Statute 59.694(2)(c) pertaining to residency of board members. Jason Gillis spoke on his concern that two board members (member and alternate) live in the Township of Stubbs. Discussion with Corporation Counsel, Summerfield on home rule, county code interpretation, county authority and requesting clarification from Attorney General on whether this is an acceptable practice or not. Motion by Stencil, second by Taylor to have Corporation Counsel send information in and ask for Attorney General’s opinion based on this information and any other information they base their opinion on. Motion carried by aye vote. Gillis also addressed the Rusk County Water Alliance needing county board approval to change the waterline
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APPROVAL OF DNR FIRE WARDEN LIST

Motion by Golat, second by Schneider to approve the 2007 DNR Fire Warden list. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #07-03 REQUEST FOR WAIVER – KENNECOTT FLAMBEAU MINE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, on or about the 1st day of August, 1998, Rusk County, the Town of Grant and the City of Ladysmith, all Wisconsin Bodies Politic and Kenneckott Explorations (Australia) LTD. ("Kennekoch"), entered into a local agreement for the development of the Kenneckott Flambeau Mine, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid agreement is binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the local agreement, specifically the "closing plan", granted to the aforesaid Rusk County, Town of Grant and City of Ladysmith the first option or right of first refusal to purchase any property owned by Kenneckott in Rusk County in the event Kenneckott either received an offer to purchase or was desirous of selling to third parties, and

WHEREAS, the Ladysmith Industrial Development Corporation (LCIDC) has entered into negotiations with Kenark, Inc. successor to Kenneckott’s property interest subject to the agreement, and the LCIDC has made an offer for purchase on the following described real estate located in the Town of Grant, County of Rusk and State of Wisconsin, to wit:

Two acres and a dwelling located at N4188 Meadowbrook Rd., which is part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 10, Town 34 N., Range 6 W., lying west of the Wisconsin Central railroad.

WHEREAS, the County of Rusk, by its authorized agents, is not desirous of exercising its right of first refusal or first option.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Rusk, by its authorized agents does hereby release from the operation of the aforesaid agreement and specifically that portion relating to the first option or the right of first refusal the above described real property and consents to the sale thereof under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Motion by Taylor, second by Skogen to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #07-04 TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM AGRICULTURE TO RESIDENTIAL-RECREATIONAL 3, TOWN OF STUBBS, DEAN TAYLOR, OWNER

WHEREAS; the Zoning Committee met and held a public hearing regarding the rezoning request by Dean Taylor to change the zoning on the following described real estate from Agricultural to Residential-Recreational 3;

A parcel in the SW ¼ - SW ¼, Section 24, T34N, R8W. Approx. 23.60 acres in the NW ¼ - NW ¼ , Section 25, T34N, R8W and approx. 4 acres in the NE ¼ - NW ¼ , Section 25, T34N, R8W. Parcel numbers of the properties are 36-589-0, 36-608-0, 36-609-1, 36-610-0, and 36-609-0. Town of Stubbbs, and

WHEREAS; the Zoning Committee did not approve the rezoning request; and

WHEREAS; the Town of Stubbbs did not approve the rezoning request; and

WHEREAS; the abutting property owners of over 50% of the total perimeter have filed a protest with the County Clerk objecting to the rezoning request; and

WHEREAS; per WI STATS 59.69 (5) 5g if a protest has been filed, the ordinance may not be enacted except by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the board present and voting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the rezoning of the following described real estate from AGRICULTURAL TO RESIDENTIAL-RECREATIONAL 3.

Submitted by: S/ Mai

Motion by Solsrud, second by Farrington to adopt. Mark Steward, Zoning Administrator, explained the petition from abutting land owners, votes required to pass ordinance and RR1 versus RR3 zoning. Discussion on current zoning in area, lot size, possible use of land and municipalities views. Duane Taylor, provided maps for review, background on Wonderspot Resort, their needs, location of land and explained rezoning is not a conditional use plan. Roll Call. Voting yes-11 Voting no- 5. Voting yes: Costello, Skogen, Mai, Farrington, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Golat, Svoma, Solsrud, Kaiser. Voting no: Schneider, DuSell, Kromkey, Dixon, Tatur. Motion fails. Discussion on new motion for rezoning, if new motion is proper and ability to do new motion at current meeting. Stencil calls to challenge the Chair. Corporation Counsels responded that a person voting no to the prior motion can make a motion to reconsider the motion. Motion by DuSell, second by Stencil requesting to reconsider the vote on the question and bring back the same resolution to the floor. Motion carried by aye vote. Roll Call. Voting yes- 12. Voting no-4. Voting yes: Skogen, Mai, Farrington, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, DuSell, Svoma, Kromkey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Costello. Voting no: Schneider, Golat, Dixon, Tatur. Ordinance adopted by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #05-52EE AMEND 2006 BUDGET FOR CDBG FUNDS

WHEREAS, more CDBG grant funds were received then budgeted; and

WHEREAS, additional funding allowed for more loans and administration than was budgeted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2006 budget be amended for CDBG grant revenues and expenses as follows with no affect to the County levy:

Expenses:

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\text{Original} & \text{Amended} & \text{Difference} \\
231-62-56500-225 & 15,000.00 & 20,100.00 & 5,100.00 \\
231-62-59200-000 & 100,000.00 & 115,000.00 & 15,000.00 \\
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Revenues:

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231-62-43581-000 & 115,000.00 & 135,000.00 & 20,000.00 \\
231-62-49990-000 & 0.00 & 100.00 & 100.00 \\
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Expense:

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231-63-56500-790 & 100,110.00 & 114,897.44 & 14,787.44 \\
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Revenues:

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\text{Original} & \text{Amended} & \text{Difference} \\
231-63-48102-000 & 10.00 & 18.41 & 8.41 \\
231-63-49200-000 & 100,000.00 & 115,000.00 & 15,000.00 \\
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231-69-56901-220 CDBG/RLF-Administration 7,500.00 19,719.99 12,219.99
231-69-56901-250 CDBG/RLF-Lead Inspections 0.00 630.33 630.33
231-69-56901-791 CDBG/RLF-Loans 50,000.00 100,724.36 50,724.36

Revenues:
231-69-46100-000 CDBG/RLF-Loans Repaid 56,000.00 141,389.16 85,389.16
231-69-46200-000 CDBG/RLF-Rentals Repaid 2,000.00 0.00 (2,000.00)
231-69-48101-000 CDBG/RLF-Interest on Loans 400.00 0.00 (400.00)
231-69-49990-000 CDBG/RLF-Pr. Yr. Funds (900.00) (20,314.48) (19,414.48)

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur


RESOLUTION #06-40C AMEND 2007 BUDGET FOR CARRY FORWARD BALANCES
WHEREAS, certain departments have requested to carry forward revenues or unused levy dollars to its 2006 budget for use in 2007; and
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed these requests as required by the County Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added to the 2007 budget:

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<td>HHS-Alzheimers Fam. Caregiv.</td>
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<td>Public donation</td>
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Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur, Skogen, Solrud, Taylor


Chair announces closed session for discussion and possible motion regarding potential claim and related employee compensation issues. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(g), for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning the strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.


CLOSED SESSION at 12:21 p.m.

Motion by Skogen, second by Kromrey to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

OPEN SESSION at 1:32 p.m.

Motion by DuSell, second by Skoma to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION 06-40D AMEND 2007 BUDGET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
WHEREAS, Rusk County separately and jointly with the City of Ladysmith own and operate facilities available for lease by business, and
WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to conduct maintenance and improvement activities, and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Fritz Ave. manufacturing facility needs remodeling and improvement for it to be suitable for a tenant, and
WHEREAS, the Rusk County/City of Ladysmith Joint Management Committee has determined a scope of work including demolition of interior walls, installation of overhead doors, painting, general finishing, creation of outdoor storage area, and
WHEREAS, funds for replacement of this system are available from lease revenues, and
WHEREAS, Rusk County administers the budget for this facility and it is necessary to amend the budget to accommodate this capital improvement expense.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend the 2007 budget for renovation and improvements at the Fritz Avenue Multi-Tenant Manufacturing Center as follows,

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Submitted by Finance: S/Tatur, Skogen, Taylor


5-R REFINANCING OPTION

Albarado distributed a handout on the refinancing option by 5-R. Discussion on county being in 2nd position on loan, inventory, assets, term of loan and 2nd mortgage. Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to accept the new refinancing proposal by 5-R. Motion carried by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #07-05 CREATE A NON-LAPSING CONTINUING APPROPRIATION FOR LAMINATOR REPLACEMENT AND SUPPLIES

WHEREAS, since the new ortho photos have been available, UW-Extension has received several requests to have these photos laminated; and WHEREAS, there are no local businesses that have the equipment to laminate maps this size; and WHEREAS, this laminator was purchased using WNEP funds and there are no funds available to replace this laminator in the event that it gets broken or wears out; and WHEREAS, UW-Extension currently charges $2.00 per foot for these laminations which could be used to build up a fund to replace this laminator.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves establishing a non-lapsing continuing appropriation which will be used to replace the laminator and purchase supplies for this laminator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds that are automatically carried forward into this non-lapsing fund be the difference between the laminating revenue received in revenue line 100-56-46771-000 UW-Extension Laminating Charges and expense line 100-56-55621-321 UW-Extension Laminating Supplies and Expense.

Submitted by the Finance Committee. S/Tatur

Motion by Costello, second by Skogen to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

RESOLUTION 07-06 WISCONSIN COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Wisconsin County Highway Departments maintain the state highway system under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; and WHEREAS, maintenance and operation of the transportation roadways are critical to providing mobility and economic growth; and WHEREAS, Wisconsin’s transportation system is a critical element to the effective delivery of products and services throughout Wisconsin; and WHEREAS, County Highway Department Personnel are critical to the effective delivery of these services, and are providing these services on Wisconsin Highways, daily, and WHEREAS, it is imperative that the state highway maintenance functions are performed with paramount attention to safety to all Transportation service provider personnel, and WHEREAS, working together the Wisconsin County Highway Association and Wisconsin Department of Transportation support all elements to promote safety on Wisconsin Highways and Work Zones, and WHEREAS, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) will be held April 2-6, 2007. The theme for this year’s event being “Signs of Change.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin County Highway Association, in conference assembled, this 31st day of 2007, does hereby support and promote National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to be held April 2-6, 2007.

Submitted by Rusk County Highway Committee: S/Dixon, Golat, DuSell, Svoma

Motion by Dixon, second by Golat to adopt. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

WAIVER OF ORTHO PHOTO FEES FOR COUNTY FOREST PROPERTY FOR DNR

Tatur informed the board that the Forestry Department is requesting not charging the DNR for these photos as they mark trees for the county. Discussion on getting a signed agreement by the DNR stating they would not distribute photos. Motion by Schneider, second by Golat to wave the fees for the photos to the DNR to use for County Forest. Motion carried by aye vote.

LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE ORTHO FEES

Discussion on committee’s authority. Motion by DuSell, second by Skogen to give the Land Information Committee the authority to waive fees for ortho photos. Motion carried by aye vote.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tatur read a letter that the Rusk County Youth Development Partnership Council is having a community dinner on March 21st at the Stefan Pavilion in the Town of Grant at 6:00 p.m. if you have questions contact Erny Heiden. Tatur announced the State of Wisconsin will be having an appeals hearing on the Flambeau Mine on April 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the LEC room of the courthouse. Albarado announced there will be a conference on Bio-Green on March 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stencil, second by Costello to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting March 27, 2007

Denise Nelson, Rusk County Clerk
Bonnie Stoneberg, Chief Deputy Clerk