

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 13, 2007  
9:00 A.M.**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Eldon Skogen at 9:00 A.M.

Roll Call. Present-20. Excused-1. Present: DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, Skogen. Excused: Tatur. Corporation Counsel Richard Summerfield present.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Stanley Kromrey, District #5 Supervisor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Dixon, second by Golat to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2007 meeting. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RECOGNIZE SPECIAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS**

Vice Chair Skogen announced that the Fair Commission requested to be removed from the agenda.

Kerm Morgan, representing local veterans, read a letter requesting a wage increase for the Veteran Service Officer and increase in daily support hours for their office staff. Cheryl Patrick commented on the necessity for the Veteran Service Officer and needed preparations for wounded soldiers coming home.

Tracy Smith commented on rising health insurance cost, people that can't afford it, and the need for the county to increase deductibles for employees to help reduce use ratios and bring costs down.

Wayne Stevens, representing the ambulance service, noted there are not enough EMT's and petitions are circulating to increase run time pay from \$11.00 to \$12.00 per hour, standby pay from .80 per hour to \$1.00 if at home or at work, and \$2.00 if they are at the ambulance garage. He also indicated they are working on changing laws allowing an EMT & First Responder to handle runs instead of two EMT's.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Andy Albarado, Economic Development Coordinator, updated the board on the Wal-Mart, Fine Arts Center and Norse projects. A complete copy of the updated projects is available in the county clerk's office.

Edward Wundrow, Highway Commissioner, distributed information on a five year plan and updated the board on the 2008 Road Projects. A complete copy of the 2007 & 2008 project information and 5 year plan is available in the county clerk's office.

**READING OF THE 2008 BUDGET**

Skogen read the Rusk County 2008 Budget Proposal Summary.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2008 BUDGET**

Public hearing on the budget opened at 10:00 a.m. Tracy Smith commented again on raising the deductible to lower health insurance costs. The Auditor, Rosemary Schmit, distributed a 2008 Budget Proposal Summary to the board. The list includes items the finance committee was not aware of prior to developing the budget. Total increase is \$53,616.41. A 3.8% budget increase was approved by the governor. Public hearing was closed at 10:10 a.m.

**RUSK COUNTY 2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

<b>Budget Number</b>	<b>Used for comparison purposes Budget Category</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Approved By County Board</b>
<b>EXPENSES (Net of Applicable Revenue)</b>			
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>			
101	Clerk of Circuit Court (net)	100-01-51211	<b>93,383.10</b>
102	Judge/Probate (net)	100-02-51212	<b>57,755.46</b>
103	Family Court Commissioner (net)	100-03-51221	<b>14,916.84</b>
104	Law Library (net)	100-01-51231	<b>0.00</b>
105	Coroner (net)	100-04-51261	<b>27,104.31</b>
106	Indigent/Guardian Ad Litem (net)	100-05-51252	<b>28,000.00</b>
107	County Board (net)	100-11-51100	<b>97,320.83</b>
108	Board of Adjustment (net)	100-10-51105	<b>2,128.67</b>
109	Condemnation Commission (net)	100-92-51212	<b>0.00</b>
110	District Attorney (net)	100-06-51310	<b>130,364.09</b>
111	Crime Victim Witness Coord. (net)	100-07-51315	<b>13,840.94</b>
112	Corporation Counsel (net)	100-08-51320	<b>56,505.04</b>
113	Family Counseling Fund (net)	208-12-51212	<b>0.00</b>
114	County Clerk/Elections/Payroll (net)	100-14-51420	<b>217,804.56</b>
115	Section 125-wellness (net)	100-32-51421	<b>0.00</b>

116	Auditor/Finance/Insurance Admin/Audit (net)	100-20-51511	<b>234,372.89</b>
117	Property and Liability Insurance (net)	100-19-51931	<b>105,000.00</b>
118	Cost Allocations Reimbursed (net)	100-33-51512	<b>(312,591.96)</b>
119	County Treasurer (net)	100-15-51520	<b>55,004.60</b>
121	Plat Books Fund	100-13-51741	<b>0.00</b>
122	County Car Operations Internal Service Fund	620-15-51670	<b>0.00</b>
123	Central Services Internal Service Fund	610-15&610-18	<b>0.00</b>
126	General Buildings & Plant (net)	100-16-51610	<b>385,734.96</b>
127	Other County Property (net)	100-73-etal	<b>18,264.00</b>
128	Tax Deed Property Management (net)	100-12-51540	<b>(44,700.00)</b>
129	Register of Deeds (net)	100-18-51711	<b>51,682.93</b>
130	Land Information (net)	100-17-51750	<b>75,494.24</b>
131	Land Information - Grant (net)	100-39-51751	<b>31,958.49</b>
132	Land Information - Public Access (net)	100-40-51752	<b>0.00</b>
140	Legal Fees/Labor Negotiations	100-38-51100	<b>35,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (net of revenue)</b>		<b>1,374,343.99</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>		
210	Sheriff Patrol/Administration (net)	100-21-52111	<b>1,425,344.78</b>
211	Jail Operations (net)	100-22-52112	<b>1,127,327.57</b>
212	Water Patrol Program (net)	211-34-52120	<b>2,906.12</b>
213	Snowmobile Patrol Program (net)	211-35-52130	<b>0.00</b>
215	Traffic Safety Commission	100-45-52161	<b>0.00</b>
216	Conservation Officer (net)	100-46-52112	<b>0.00</b>
220	D.A.R.E. (net)	211-21-52170	<b>0.00</b>
221	B.R.D.E.U. (net)	211-22-52175	<b>0.00</b>
224	Underage Alcohol Violators (net)	211-25-52178	<b>0.00</b>
225	Victim Service Specialist (net)	211-26-52179	<b>650.00</b>
226	Explorer Post (net)	211-29-52182	<b>0.00</b>
228	BRDEU Meth Grant (net)	211-36-52187	<b>0.00</b>
229	Wireless 911 (net)	211-38-52189	<b>0.00</b>
233	ATV Grant (net)	211-33-52186	<b>0.00</b>
235	Computer Specialist (net)	100-76-52111	<b>45,061.71</b>
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236	Shop with a Cop (net)	211-39-52190	<b>0.00</b>
237	Digital Recording (net)	211-40-52191	<b>0.00</b>
240	Jail - Bldg Maintenance (net)	100-42-51610	<b>8,576.00</b>
241	Jail Assessment Fund (net)	207-15-59230	<b>0.00</b>
250	Ambulance Operations (net)	100-23-52301	<b>0.00</b>
251	First Responder Equipment grant (net)	100-29-52304	<b>0.00</b>
252	Ambulance Equipment Grant (net)	100-24-52303	<b>0.00</b>
253	Local Emergency Planning Grant (net)	100-25-52506	<b>0.00</b>
254	LEPC Equipment Grant (net)	100-26-52507	<b>2,500.00</b>
255	Emergency Government (net)	100-30-52501	<b>33,070.90</b>
256	Hazardous Materials Training (net)	100-28-52509	<b>12,918.15</b>
257	Homeland Security Grant	100-75-52509	<b>0.00</b>
280	Dog Tax Trust Fund (net)	710-41-51160	<b>0.00</b>
281	Animal Control (net)	100-41-54165	<b>32,857.01</b>
284	Animal Control-Spay/Neuter Fund	100-98-54166	<b>0.00</b>
285	Animal Control-Gift Fund	100-99-54167	<b>0.00</b>
286	Animal Control-Endowment Fund (net)	100-93-54168	<b>0.00</b>

288	Animal Control-Low-Income Grant (net)	100-96-54168	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY (net of revenue)</b>		<b>2,691,212.24</b>
	<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>		
310	Highway Administration (net)	100-31-53100	<b>68,845.73</b>
311	Trunk Highway Maintenance (net)	100-31-53310	<b>616,255.13</b>
312	Trunk Hwy Construction (net)	100-31-53318	<b>763,669.89</b>
313	Bridge Construction & Aid (net)	100-31-53319	<b>151,767.29</b>
314a	Bituminous Operations (net)	601-31-53260	<b>0.00</b>
314b	Gravel Pits (net)	601-31-53250	<b>0.00</b>
315	State Maintenance (net)	601-31-53321	<b>0.00</b>
316	Local Districts (net)	601-31-53330	<b>0.00</b>
317	Local Departments (net)	601-31-53400	<b>0.00</b>
318	Public Charges (net)	601-31-53400	<b>0.00</b>
350	Airport Operations (net)	100-35-53510	<b>26,115.00</b>
351	Airport Expansion (net)	100-34-53511	<b>0.00</b>
352	Indianhead Transit Service (net)	100-36-53525	<b>18,500.00</b>
353	Personal Escort Service (net)	100-37-53529	<b>12,373.00</b>
354	Recycling Grant (net)	230-15-53635	<b>6,537.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (net of revenue)</b>		<b>1,664,063.04</b>
	<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES:</b>		
410	Senior Services-Senior Citizen Center	250-95-51650	<b>17,640.79</b>
411	Senior Services-Care Call Program (net)	250-45-54530	<b>0.00</b>
412	Senior Services-Source Newsletter (net)	250-97-54612	<b>0.00</b>
413	Senior Services-Service Management (net)	250-91-54607	<b>32,869.10</b>
414	Senior Services-Congregate Management (net)	250-96-54604	<b>6.56</b>
415	Senior Services-Congregate Meals (net)	250-94-54605	<b>5,119.09</b>
416	Senior Services-Jail Meals (net)	250-22-54602	<b>0.00</b>
417	Senior Services-Home Delivered Meals (net)	250-92-54606	<b>51,278.99</b>
418	Senior Services-Vehicle/Equip. Trust	250-15-etal	<b>0.00</b>
419	Senior Services-Benefit Specialist (net)	250-93-54608	<b>0.00</b>
422	Senior Services-Elder Abuse Grant (net)	250-98-54610	<b>0.00</b>
423	Senior Services-Family Caregiver Grant (net)	250-99-54611	<b>0.00</b>
440	Public Health (net)	250-01-54101	<b>149,201.61</b>
441	Public Health-Home Health Care (net)	250-02-54103	<b>0.00</b>
445	Public Health-WIC Grant (net)	250-04-54109	<b>0.00</b>
446	Public Health-Reproductive Health Grant (net)	250-05-54106	<b>0.00</b>
449	Public Health-Women's Cancer Grant (net)	250-82-54120	<b>0.00</b>
450	Public Health-Prenatal Care Grant (net)	250-84-54111	<b>0.00</b>
451	Public Health-Core Services-Prev. Grant (net)	250-85-54112	<b>0.00</b>
452	Public Health-Immunization Action Grant (net)	250-86-54113	<b>0.00</b>
453	Public Health-Birth to Three (net)	250-09-53550	<b>0.00</b>
454	Public Health-Tobacco (net)	250-87-54114	<b>0.00</b>
455	Public Health-Children with Special Needs (net)	250-10-54116	<b>0.00</b>
456	Public Health-Injury Prevention Grant (net)	250-08-54107	<b>0.00</b>
458	Public Health-MCH (net)	250-83-54118	<b>0.85</b>
459	Public Health-Preparedness (net)	250-11-54115	<b>0.00</b>
462	Human Services-Economic Support (net)	250-14-etal	<b>62,073.00</b>
463	Human Services-Services (net)	250-54-etal	<b>643,447.68</b>
464	Human Services-Wis. Works (W2) (net)	250-50-etal	<b>0.00</b>
466	Human Services-Community Intervention (net)	250-52-etal	<b>0.00</b>

467	Human Services-LIHEAP-Low Inc Energy (net)	250-53-etal	0.00
468	Human Services-Temporary Assistance (net)	250-48-etal	0.00
469	Human Services-Intoxicated Drivers Surchg. (net)	250-57-54570	0.00
470	Human Services-Foster Care (net)	250-55-etal	0.00
471	Human Services-Youth Aids (net)	250-60-etal	0.00
472	Human Services-MA Pers Care/EDS Case Mgmt (net)	250-46-etal	0.00
473	Human Services-Temporary Crisis Loan (net)	250-56-52255	0.00
480	Veterans Service Office (net)	250-47-54701	84,336.67
482	Veteran's Service Commission (net)	100-47-54702	2,100.00
490	Child Support Agency (net)	250-13-51330	47,531.46
495	Rusk County Memorial Hospital (net)	500-34133	0.00
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES (net of rev.)</b>		<b>1,095,605.80</b>
	<b>CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>		
510	Library Services	100-51-55111	296,810.12
511	Fairgrounds Upkeep (net)	100-54-55462	17,752.00
512	Youth/Senior Community Center operations (net)	100-74-51635	4,579.25
514	Trails End Youth Camp (net)	100-55-55470	19,085.85
515	UW Extension Office (net)	100-56-55621	101,080.31
516	UW Extension Meeting Fund	100-57-55622	0.00
518	WNEP	100-58-55623	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION &amp; EDUCATION (net of rev.)</b>		<b>439,307.53</b>
	<b>CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>		
610	County Forest Operations (net)	100-61-56111	(261,307.93)
611	State Aid Forestry Loan (net)	204-61-56121	0.00
612	County Forest Road Aid Grant (net)	100-82-56113	0.00
613	Land Acquisition Fund	100-61-57030	0.00
614	County Conservation Aids (net)	100-60-56115	2,477.00
615	Snowmobile Trails Maintenance (net)	205-54-55440	2,192.92
616	Development of Habitat (net)	100-81-56116	0.00
617	ATV Trail Grant (net)	204-62-56122	0.00
620	County Parks & Recreation (net)	100-52-55201	146,099.02
621	County Owned Dam Repairs (net)	100-84-55209	0.00
622	Murphy Park Development (net)	100-83-55207	0.00
623	Park Development (net)	100-53-55208	0.00
651	LWCD & SMHC Expenses (net)	220-65-56171	134,324.64
652	Dairyland Draw Down Project (net)	100-62-56900	0.00
659	Powerline (net)	100-78-56200	(48,733.37)
661	Revolving Loan Fund DOD (net)	720-67-56705	0.00
662	Economic Development - County (net)	100-67-56706	0.00
663	County Industrial Development Agency (net)	100-48-56715	0.00
664	Internet Site Development (net)	100-49-56708	0.00
665	Bruce/Co USDA Revolving Loan Fund (net)	722-67-56705	0.00
666	Visitor Center (net)	100-68-56702	27,500.00
669	Joint Management Project - Enterprise Center (net)	214-73-51618	0.00
672	Joint Management Project - Fritz (net)	214-16-51620	0.00
673	Gates Avenue Building (net)	214-76-51621	0.00
674	Weyerhaeuser Building (net)	214-72-51617	0.00
676	Miner Avenue Building (net)	214-80-51625	0.00

677	U.S. Castings Building (net)	214-81-51626	0.00
678	Fine Arts Center Building (net)	214-82-51627	0.00
679	Rail Industrial Park (net)	214-83-51628	0.00
685	Mining Reuse Fund (net)	206-etal	0.00
686	Mining Fund (net)	206-15-56191	0.00
687	Technology Development Grant (net)	232-67-56706	0.00
688	Tourism JEM Grant (net)	100-68-56703	0.00
689	CDBG-Milk Volume Production (net)	232-68-56706	0.00
690	Zoning Department (net)	100-64-56431	68,936.92
692	Zoning Meter Fund (net)	100-66-56432	0.00
693	Lake Classification Grant (net)	100-65-56435	0.00
696	Housing Grant - Revolving Loan #1-#2-#3 (net)	231-69-56901	0.00
697	HOME Grant (net)	231-64-56500	0.00
698	CDBG-Rehab./Homebuyer Grant (net)	231-62-56500	0.00
699	CDBG-Rehab./Homebuyer Grant (net)	231-63-56500	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT (net of rev)</b>		<b>71,489.20</b>
	<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY:</b>		
713	Office Equipment - Courthouse Fund	100-70-57010	31,500.00
714	Courthouse Tower Improvements	100-70-57020	0.00
715	Capital Projects	400-16-57170	0.00
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY (net of revenue)</b>		<b>31,500.00</b>
	<b>DEBT SERVICE:</b>		
125	Debt Service Fund (net)	300-15 etal	701,307.11
	<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>		<b>701,307.11</b>
	<b>CONTINGENCY: (to be transferred to depts)</b>		
719	Health Insurance Increase Estimate (bal)	100-91-59200	55,000.00
719	Emergencies/Wage Adjustments/Shortages	100-91-59201	100,000.00
	<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY</b>		<b>155,000.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AFTER REIMBURSEMENTS (net)</b>		<b>8,223,828.91</b>
	<b>OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES:</b>		
120	Other Tax Collections (net)	100-09 etal	(1,418,080.00)
124	Sales Tax Fund Applied	100-90-41221	(900,000.00)
--	General Fund Applied-From Prior Years	100-09-49300	(778,803.73)
120	Exempt Computer Aid	100-09-43412	(6,714.00)
	<b>TOTAL OTHER GENERAL COUNTY REVENUES</b>		<b>(3,103,597.73)</b>
	<b>LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2008</b>		<b>5,120,231.18</b>

**2006 LEVY FOR 2007 COLLECTION WAS \$4,965,603.00**

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**RESOLUTION #07-39 AGREEMENT BETWEEN RUSK COUNTY AND RICHARD SUMMERFIELD FOR LEGAL SERVICES AS COUNTY CORPORATION COUNSEL**

Submitted by Personnel Committee. A complete copy of the renewed contract is available in the clerk's office.

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

**RESOLUTION #07- 40 CREATE 19-HOUR PER WEEK SURVEY ASSISTANT IN LAND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, land survey assistance services have been provided through contracted services; and

WHEREAS, said contractor has not been able to furnish an assistant for the 2007 year; and

WHEREAS, with a temp service, the same person is not always available to provide these services which results in many hours spent training the various contracted individuals; and

WHEREAS, at its October meeting the Land Information/Surveyor Committee approved a full time assistant in the 2008 budget, pending other Committee and County Board approvals; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee approved funding for a 19 hour per week survey assistant in the 2008 budget, pending Personnel Committee and County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, at its November 1, 2007, meeting, the Personnel Committee approved creating a 19-hour per week Survey Assistant position, pending County Board approval; and

WHEREAS, funding for this 19-hour per week position was included in the 2008 proposed County budget by reallocating contracted services expense line money into wage and benefit expenses lines.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors creates a 19-hour per week Survey Assistant (union position) in the Land Information Department effective January 1, 2008, at a rate of pay of \$12.09 per hour.

Submitted by Personnel Committee: S/Kromrey, Mai, Dixon, Kaiser.

Motion by Kromrey, second by Schneider to adopt. Discussion on work not getting done and this reducing the contracted services expenses. Resolution adopted by aye vote.

**POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT TO COMMITTEE PER DIEM RATES**

Discussion on last increase in 1992, concerns with other budget cuts, maintaining high level of caliber for position, long hours and business owners who are members losing money to attend meetings. Motion by Dixon, second by Taylor to increase to \$40.00 for up to 3 ½ hour meetings, \$50.00 for over 3 ½ hour meetings and maximum of \$100.00 a day, taking effective after the next county board supervisor election. Roll call. Voting yes – 10. Voting no – 9. Abstaining -1. Voting yes: Hauser, Svoma, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Hofacker, Taylor, Schneider, Skogen, DuSell. Voting no: Fetke, Solsrud, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Golat. Abstaining: Kromrey. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT OF COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMANS SALARY**

Discussion on present salary, base plus per diem, mileage, retirement, work load and responsibilities of the chairman. Motion by Platteter, second by Heiden to increase to \$6,000.00. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION # 07-41 ADOPT 2008 BUDGET AND 2007 PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO BE COLLECTED IN 2008**

WHEREAS, Department Administrators and overseeing committees, elected officials, and the Finance Committee have met and determined the 2008 budget and 2007 tax levy to be collected in 2008; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held for interested citizens and taxpayers to voice their opinions on the proposed budget and levy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget has been published in the Ladysmith News and copies have been made available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors adopts the 2008 proposed budget and establishes the 2007 levy on the taxpayers of Rusk County of \$5,077,665.79 to be collected in 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors has established this levy within the guidelines and mandates issued by the State of Wisconsin, Department Revenue for 1993 and years thereafter.

Submitted by Finance Committee: S/Tatur

Motion by Platteter, second by Costello to adopt including the 2008 Budget Proposal Summary and the per diem increases.

Motion by Dixon, second by Mai to remove the following items on page 354A – Recycling lines A through G with the exception of C that were proposed in the budget by finance for wage adjustment. Discussion on this cut not affecting the levy, reclassifications or wage adjustments needing to be done in June, and grant funds. Aleisha Crowe, Agriculture Agent spoke in regard to grant applications time line. Discussion of salary funds being allocated to other line items for grant funding and no salary increase being done. Roll call on amendment. Voting yes – 0. Voting no – 20. Voting no: Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Hauser, Skogen. Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

Motion by Platteter, second by Dixon to amend the budget by increasing the levy by \$5,588.98 for county board chairs salary and per diem increases. Roll call on amendment. Voting yes – 18. Voting no – 2. Voting yes: Fetke, Kromrey, Kaiser, Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Taylor, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Skogen. Voting no: Solsrud, Stencil. Motion to amend carried by roll call vote.

Recess at 11:05 a.m. Reconvene at 11:17 a.m.

Discussion on addition funding already in library budget, donations and what funds to use for computer updates. Motion by Solsrud, second by Taylor to delete \$13,927.68 from the budget proposal summary page line 510 library services for building maintenance. Carolyn Ford, Library Director, gave on update on extra funds, cost of upgrades for technology, software, building repairs and maintenance needs. Roll call on amendment. Voting yes – 7. Voting no – 13. Voting yes: Solsrud, Kaiser, Stencil, Taylor, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke. Voting no: Kromrey, Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Skogen. Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

Reconvene at Rusk County Memorial Hospital & Nursing Home 12:00 noon

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Mike Shaw, RCMH Administrator and RCMH Board Members welcomed County Supervisors and colleges. Shaw reported on RCMN/RCNH operations. Lunch was provided.

Reconvene at Law Enforcement Center – Courthouse 1:22 p.m.

Motion by Dixon, second by Costello to add \$1760.00 for extra help back in the LWCD budget. Motion to amend carried by aye vote.

Motion by Taylor, second by Hauser to remove \$6000 from line H, remove \$6000 from line U and change line V back to \$2000 from page 510B library budget for maintenance, technology maintenance and software support. Ford explained that we always paid for these just they are in their correct budget lines now. Discussion on grants, donations and maintenance. Roll call on amendment. Voting yes – 7. Voting no – 13. Voting yes: Solsrud, Kaiser, Stencil, Taylor, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke. Voting no: Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Kromrey, Skogen. Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

Motion by Solsrud, second by Hauser to take \$13,927.20 out of the general fund to keep the library levy the same. Roll call on amendment. Voting yes – 8. Voting no – 12. Voting yes: Kaiser, Stencil, DuSell, Taylor, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Solsrud. Voting no: Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Schneider, Golat, Kromrey, Skogen. Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

Motion by Solsrud, second by Taylor to cut line V from the Coroner budget by \$400 for conventions and dues. Discussion on need for so many deputy coroners and training for all. Motion to amend carried by aye vote.

Crowe informed the board on ways they are looking at increasing use of the Trails End facility.

Paul Teska, County Forester, commented on current and projected timber markets, stumpage revenue and allowable cuts. Motion by Platteter, second by Costello to raise gross stumpage revenue by \$20,000.00. Roll call on amendment. Voting yes – 13. Voting no – 7. Voting yes: Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Stencil, Taylor, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Skogen. Voting no: Dixon, Costello, Mai, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Hauser. Motion to amend carried by roll call vote.

Recess at 2:48 p.m. Reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

Kathy Mai Excused 2:48 p.m. Returned 3:32 p.m.

Discussion on Hwy salaries. Nanci Mertes, Hwy bookkeeper, explained salary adjustments, transitional period and administrative salaries paid by revenues. Motion by Stencil, second by Taylor to increase revenue line U in Hwy administration to \$60,000.00. Voting yes – 3. Voting no – 17. Voting yes: Stencil, Taylor, Hauser. Voting no: Costello, Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser, Dixon, Skogen. Motion to amend failed by roll call vote.

Motion by Platteter, second by Heiden to stop debate. Voting yes – 14. Voting no – 6. Voting yes: Mai, Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Svoma, Fetke, Dixon, Costello, Skogen. Voting no: Stencil, Taylor, Hauser, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Roll call on resolution as amended with a levy at \$5,120,231.18. Voting yes – 15. Voting no – 5. Voting yes: Willingham, Farrington, Hofacker, Platteter, Heiden, Schneider, Golat, DuSell, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Dixon, Costello, Mai, Skogen. Voting no: Stencil, Taylor, Hauser, Solsrud, Kaiser. Resolution adopted as amended by roll call vote.

Cliff Taylor Excused at 4:06 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTION #07-42 SUPPORT STATE FUNDING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANDATES FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 252 of WI State Statute, every local health officer employed by a local health department, upon the appearance of any communicable disease, shall immediately investigate all the circumstances and make a full report to the appropriate governing body and also to the WI Department of Health and Family Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the local health officer shall promptly take all measures necessary to prevent, suppress and control communicable diseases, including doing what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease, and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no state financial support of the cost of carrying out the local mandates for communicable disease prevention and control, and

**WHEREAS**, the state, through revenue caps, has limited the counties ability to raise funds for these mandated programs, and

**WHEREAS**, except in a declared state emergency, if isolation or quarantine is required to control communicable disease, the county or municipality in which a person with a communicable disease resides is liable for the costs accrued, unless the costs are payable through third-party liability or through any benefit system, and

**WHEREAS**, the local costs include: 1.) the expense of employing guards, 2.) the expense of maintaining quarantine and enforcing isolation of the quarantined area, 3.) the expense of conducting examinations and tests for disease carriers made at the direction of the local health officer, and 4.) the expense of care provided to any dependent of the quarantined individual, and

**WHEREAS**, if the local authorities fail to enforce the communicable disease statutes and rules, the department shall take charge, and expenses thus incurred shall be paid by the county or municipality, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the citizens of Wisconsin to have a public health system which is funded to carry out the duties and responsibilities of communicable disease prevention and control, and

**WHEREAS**, under current Wisconsin law, the state does not provide any funding to local health departments to carry out this mandated responsibility, and

**WHEREAS**, in twelve counties in the western region in FY 2006, a total of \$901,522 of local tax levy dollars, or an average of \$75,127 per county, was spent for communicable disease prevention and control efforts, none of which was reimbursed by the state, and

**WHEREAS**, in Rusk County in FY2007, over \$15,000 was spent for peruses prevention and control efforts alone, none of which was reimbursed by the state, and

**WHEREAS**, it is time that the State of Wisconsin share in funding the infrastructure costs that are necessary to assure that this essential public health service and health protection measure is accomplished at the local level.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Rusk County Board of Health and Human Services does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to provide ongoing funding to local health departments to carry out the duties and responsibilities for communicable disease prevention and control mandated under Chapter 252 of WI State Statute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor James Doyle, State Senator Russell Decker, State Representative Mary Williams, Secretary Kevin Hayden, State Health Officer Sheri Johnson, the WI Counties Association, and the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by Health & Human Services Committee: S/Schneider, Golat, DuSell

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

**RESOLUTION #06-23J AMEND THE RUSK COUNTY GENERAL CODE TO CREATE AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ORDINANCE AND TO DESIGNATE ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES**

WHEREAS, Rusk County has not created an ordinance regulating the uses of all-terrain vehicles in the county, and

WHEREAS, Rusk County has not designated any all-terrain vehicle routes in Rusk County, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to promote the recreational use of all-terrain vehicles in Rusk County to designate a limited number of all-terrain vehicle routes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 7.16 of the Rusk County Code is renumbered to Section 7.17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 7.16 of the Rusk County Code is created as follows:

7.16 All-Terrain Vehicles.

(1) Except as provided in (2) below, Section 23.33 as it exists at the time of the adoption of this ordinance, and as it may from time to time be amended, is hereby adopted as a Rusk County ordinance.

(2) Sections 23.33 (13) (b) 2. And 3.; 23.33 (13) (c), (cg), (cm), and (d) are not adopted as portions of the Rusk County All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance as they provide for criminal penalties which can not be made part of a county ordinance.

(3) The following are designated as all-terrain vehicle routes in Rusk County:

- A. County Highway D from Plumber Road to Dzimielia Road.
- B. County Highway D from Cut Across Road to Fireside Lake Road.
- C. The portion of CTH "M" in the Village of Hawkins from Grand Ave to South Ave. The portion of CTH "M" from Grand Ave to Highway "8" is Closed to ATV travel.
- D. CTH "H" from Highway "40" to Imalone Road in the Town of Murry
- E. Town of Hawkins CTH M south of South Avenue in the Village of Hawkins to Little Jump Road and CTH "M" north of the Village of Hawkins line to Cranberry Road.
- F. Town of Washington – CTH "D" from Old "D" to Ranch Road, CTH "E" From CTH "D" north to Chippewa Ave, and CTH "E" from Bailey Rd North to Town of Thornapple.
- G Town of Hubbard – CTH "A" from the intersection of State Highway 40 and CTH "A" to the intersection of West Fairveiw Road and CTH "A". For the purpose of ATV traffic across the Chippewa River Bridge on CTH "A" to allow access to the ATV trail system in the Blue Hills.
- H Town of Rusk – CTH "F" from Bednarek Road to Sugar Lake Road, a distance of 2.5 miles.
- I. Town of Rusk – CTH "D" from Sunrise Point Road to the Town of Rusk/ Town of Big/Bend line, a distance of approximately 1.5 miles
- J. Town of Big Bend – CTH "D" from Plummer Road to the Town of Big Bend/Town of Rusk line.
- K. Town of Stubbs – CTH "F" from Amacoy Lake Road to Norwegian Road.
- L. Village of Tony – CTH "I" north from North Avenue to Deertail Road and CTH "I" due south from Highway 8 to Old 14.
- M. Town of Willard – CTH "I" from Rangeline Road to CTH "G" and CTH "G" to the Conrath Village Line.
- N. Town of Hawkins / Village of Hawkins – New CTH "M" from Hanson Rd. east to South Ave.**
- O. Town of Rusk – CTH "D" from the Barron County Line to Sunrise Point Road (.5 miles).**
- P. Village of Sheldon – CTH "VV" from Spur Road north to CTH "D" and and CTH "D" from east village limits to west village limits.**

(4) The cost of appropriate signage and markings for designated all-terrain vehicle routes shall be paid by an all-terrain vehicle club or the Township in which the route is located.

Submitted by Highway Committee.

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

**INDECK PURCHASING OPTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY**

Albarado indicated the clarifications on the acreage amounts in original purchase agreement. Motion by Golat, second by Svoma to adopt amended purchase. Motion carried by aye vote.

**POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF STORAGE UNIT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – NO CLOSED SESSION NEEDED**

Albarado reported on the signed purchase agreement for \$139,000 with contingencies. Discussion on soil sampling reports, construction of the building and funding to come from recent bond issue. Motion by Golat, second by Kromrey to adopt the purchase with funds coming from the bond issue and if sampling reports are not clean no purchase. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RUSK REGIONAL TRANS-SHIPING FACILITY – TONY LAND PURCHASE – POSSIBLE MOTION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH LAND PURCHASE**

Albarado reported there's no official notification on EDA application. The purchase option expires December, 13, 2007. Recommendation from Joint Management and City of Ladysmith to proceed with purchase with cost being split between city and county.

Motion by Platteter, second by Hauser to exercise our option to purchase the land for the trans-shipping facility. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RESOLUTION #07-43 2008 COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE PAYMENTS**

WHEREAS, Counties having lands entered as "County Forest Lands" under the provisions of a.a. 28.11 (4) (b) of the WISCONSIN STATUTES, annually receive from the state as a non-interest bearing loan, the amount of preservation and maintenance of such lands; and

WHEREAS, said loan monies are repaid through a 20% Severance tax on timber sales revenue coming from County Forest Lands unless a higher rate is mutually agreed to by the County and Department, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of Section 28.11 (8) (b) 1. enacted in 1979 make it possible for the County at its option to receive instead of the payment based on 10 cents per acre, a payment more closely related to meeting the needs identified in its County Forest 10 Year Plan on the basis of \$.50 cents per acre.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Rusk County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest 10 Year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2008 payment to the County under s.s. 28.11 (8) (b) 1. on the basis of \$.50 cents for each acre of our County Forest Lands, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

Submitted by Land and Forestry Committee: S/DuSell, Schneider.

Motion by Schneider, second by Svoma to adopt. Motion carried by aye vote.

**RUSK COUNTY FORESTRY 2008 WORK PLAN**

Skogen reviewed the Forestry 2008 Work Plan. Motion by DuSell, second by Hauser to approve plan. Motion carried by aye vote. A complete copy of the plan is available in the county clerk's office.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Long Term Care Organization Motion by Dixon, second by Farrington to approve the appointment of David Willingham with Kathy Mai as an alternate to the Long Term Care Organization. Motion carried by aye vote.

**POWERLINE FUNDS ANNUAL PAYMENT UPDATE**

Vice Chair reported that the funds are still in limbo and nothing is happening at this time.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

Motion by Stencil, second by Kaiser to table until the next county board meeting. Roll call. Voting yes – 11. Voting no – 8.  
Voting yes: Farrington, Hofacker, Heiden, Stencil, DuSell, Hauser, Svoma, Fetke, Kromrey, Solsrud, Kaiser. Voting no: Dixon, Costello, Mai, Willingham, Platteter, Schneider, Golat, Skogen. Motion carried by roll call vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stencil announced that Rick Stadelman will be attending an upcoming Towns Association meeting addressing Comprehensive Planning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Costello, second by Golat to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. Next meeting December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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