Rusk County Sheriff’s Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.

Present: Skogen, Golat, Lieffring, Knops and Willingham

1. Chairman Skogen called to meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Lieffring/Knops motion to approve the June 10, 2009 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Golat/Willingham motion to approve the agenda, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Coroner presentation – absent

5. Old Business
   a. Personnel updates – The Personnel committee terminated Deputy Jones. Deputy Guthman is on paid suspension. This leaves the department short-staffed two full-time patrol deputies, one part-time patrol deputy and one part-time male dispatch/jailer. The Sheriff will begin the hiring procedure by advertising for one full-time and one part-time patrol, one part-time dispatch/jailer and to create an eligibility list for one year. Discussion followed on 2010 budget concerns.

6. New Business
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Kaminski presented the June 2009 monthly report. The average daily inmate population was 47. Upcoming training requested for Whitney Trott on 8/3/09 in Eau Claire. Willingham/Lieffring motion to approve the requested training, motion carried. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy attended various meetings. Monthly calls for service were reviewed. There was a total of 460 vacant hours in June due to suspensions, vacation, comp and sick. Of those hours, 160 were filled by adjusting schedules, 132 hours were filled using overtime, 12 hours filled by LPD, 116 hours were left unfilled.

   Inmate housing billed for June was $12,000 and YTD is $72,440. Washburn County Sheriff advised he may reduce his contracted bed days in 2010 from 10 to 8 due to budget restraints. Bills total $52,066.88. Golat/Lieffring motion to approve and pay bills, motion carried.

   b. Rusk County Address and Road Name Ordinance – Sheriff Kaminski will present the final ordinance next month before submitting to the full County board.

   c. Emergency Government – If the Director retires the end of 2009, Sheriff Kaminski recommends this position be added to the Sheriff’s Dept. The State will fund a half-time position. There was discussion on whether the County would hire a replacement or the Sheriff’s Department absorbs the duties. The Sheriff advised the committee that his department could not absorb the duties but would have to hire the position.

7. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5 at 9:00 A.M.