The meeting was held in the small conference room.

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Dave Solsrud, and Cliff Taylor (at 8:48 a.m.). Also present: Denise Nelson and Rosemary Schmit.

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

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the June 19, 2007, minutes. Motion carried.**

Dave Kaiser was present to review the tax deed properties. It was the consensus of the Committee (with Taylor abstaining) to set the minimum bid on Flambeau 12-1122-0000 of $500.00, put Flambeau 12-1113-0000 and Grant 14-1065-0000 together with a minimum bid of $500.00, and set a minimum bid of $500.00 on Flambeau 12-1117-00. The Finance Committee will review the list again at its August 15 meeting and set the remaining minimum bids on that date. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion for the County Clerk to have an appraisal done on Rusk 030-00072-0054. Motion carried.**

Phil Schneider, Andy Albarado, Cassandra Mc Kittrick, Cheryl Nussberger, Bob Patrick, Helen Patrick, Miranda Hamilton, Alice Winchel, and Nancy Cynor were present for the discussion on the proposed memorial in the Village of Sheldon. In 2009, the Village of Sheldon will be celebrating its centennial. At last month’s meeting, the Finance Committee gave approval to temporarily use tax deed property in the Village of Sheldon for a memorial garden to honor veterans. The group proposing this memorial garden would like to name it the “Patrick Lybert Memorial Garden” and would like to have it be a permanent memorial. Albarado suggested that the County turn over the property to the Village of Sheldon after it is cleaned up with the back taxes to be paid from economic development funds. It was the consensus of the Committee to review this matter at a later date after the Village of Sheldon discusses this issue.

Vouchers paid July 1, 2007, to July 17, 2007, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

Mc Kittrick was present to explain the ICAA letter from the State. The State’s auditors had changed the formula, and Indianhead is getting that corrected.

Pre-approved vouchers were discussed. These will be reviewed with the individual departments as they come down for budget meetings.

Comprehensive planning was discussed. Platteter commented that we need to get the ball rolling on comprehensive planning so that we can meet the deadline imposed by the State. Platteter commented that an amount should be included in the County’s 2008 budget proposal for comprehensive planning. Platteter asked to have comprehensive planning placed on next month’s Finance agenda. Tatur suggested placing it on the County Board agenda for discussion.
Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to approve the 2007 line item transfer for Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

Schmit presented the Auditor’s report which included the insurance report, county car report, collection of back taxes, and sales tax report.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. The plat book pages have been coming in, and her office has been proofing them as time permits.

Solsrud left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Albarado presented the economic development report which included an update of the buildings and projects. The new owner is in place at Norse Building Systems. The land contract remains in effect, payments are expected to resume in August, and a certificate of insurance is on file. The website needs to be converted to a “.php” site. The tourism committee is going to launch a new theme this fall. The tentative opening date for Wal-Mart is October 23. The asbestos removal has been completed. Demolition will be bid out with bid opening at the September Property Committee meeting. The Property Committee approved placing the demolition out for bids at its July 13 meeting.

The capital improvements plan was reviewed. The Finance Committee is meeting on Tuesday, July 24, at 8:30 a.m. to review the proposals in depth with the departments.

Nelson presented the Clerk’s report. Fifteen properties were taken for tax deed. There are six remaining parcels that could be taken for tax deed. Marriage licenses sold to date are 53. Yearly maintenance is beginning on the voting machines.

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 24, at 8:30 a.m. The next regular Finance Committee meeting is August 15, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

Taylor/Skogen made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary