The meeting was held in the Law Enforcement Center meeting room.


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

Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to approve the January 17, 2007, minutes. Motion carried.

Closed session announced by Chair for: Potential Claim and Related Employee Compensation Issue. The Committee will meet in closed session to discuss a potential claim and related employee compensation issue and discuss with legal counsel the legal issues associated therewith pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) and (g): Closed session 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.

Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Solsrud, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried.

The Committee went into closed session at 8:33 a.m.

Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 9:30 a.m.

Dave Kaiser was present to discuss ortho photo expenses and to request $2,500.00 from the contingency fund for the corner perpetuation subsidy expense line in the Land Information budget. Taylor/Skogen made a motion to take $2,500.00 from the contingency fund and transfer it into the 2007 corner perpetuation subsidy expense line. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid February 1, 2007, to February 20, 2007, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Solsrud/Taylor made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

The tax deed property purchased by Russ Johnson was discussed. Tatur/Taylor made a motion to give Russ Johnson his money back less the ten percent deposit. Motion failed with Tatur voting yes.

Central supply was discussed. Solsrud/Taylor made a motion to write off the central supply variance from the 2006 contingency fund up to $2,500.00. Motion carried. Taylor/Solsrud made a motion to have the Chair draft a letter directing departments on the proper use of central supply. Motion carried.
Using Professional Placement Services as a collection agency was discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee to have PPS give a presentation of its services at the next Finance Committee meeting.

The long-term use of the Power Line money was discussed. Tatur would like to keep these funds in reserve and use the interest money.

Schmit requested that we go back to paying vouchers on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of once a week on Wednesday. **Taylor/Solsrud made a motion to go back to paying vouchers two times a week beginning next week and amend the Financial Procedures accordingly. Motion carried.**

**Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to approve Linda Effertz’s out of county travel request to attend the WCCO Conference March 19 through 21 in Madison. Motion carried.**

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. The interest rate for the Wells Fargo savings account is 5.4 percent, and the State Pool rate went down to 5.23 percent. **Taylor/Solsrd made a motion to approve Phetteplace’s out of county travel request to attend the WCCO Conference March 19 through 21 in Madison. Motion carried.** There is a party who does not want her name published in the new plat book. Phetteplace has asked the new Corporation Counsel Rich Summerfield for an opinion. Board of Commissioners of Public Lands owns the tax deed property that has been in question for months.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:15 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Aliesha Crowe was present to discuss a laminator fund. The laminator belongs to the WNEP program. Crowe wants the laminating revenue to go to the University Extension budget. They were charging $1.00 per foot. They just increased that to $2.00 per foot and would like to create a fund to be used to replace the laminator. Schmit suggested submitting a resolution to the County Board to set up a non-lapsing continuing appropriation for this laminator fund. **Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to present a resolution to the County Board to establish a non-lapsing continuing appropriation fund for the laminator. Motion carried.**

Crowe presented the UW-Extension carry forward request for support staff to assist with the fair. Skogen suggested if support staff is needed for the fair then it should be a limited term employee for approximately three months. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the Personnel Committee review this request after the February County Board meeting.

Carry forward requests were reviewed as follows: Sheriff, Jail, UW-Extension, Tourism, and HHS various requests. A resolution to present to the County Board was reviewed. This resolution has already been included in the agenda that was mailed to the County
Board members. The request from UW-Extension for support staff was removed from the resolution, and a substitute resolution will be included in the County Board addendum packet.

Andy Albarado and Al Christianson were present. Closed session announced by Chair for: Industrial Land Purchase/Development for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1)(e).

**Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to go into closed session.** Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Solsrud, yes; Taylor, yes. Motion carried. The Committee went into closed session at 1:23 p.m.

**Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to return to open session.** Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 1:51 p.m.

Solsrud left the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Contingency fund requests for 2006 were reviewed as follows: Family Court Commissioner, $691.52; and Coroner, $411.10. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the two contingency fund requests as presented.** Motion carried.

Line item transfers for 2006 were reviewed as follows: Clerk of Circuit Court, Family Court Commissioner, CVWC, Assessment of Property, Sheriff, Jail, Water Patrol, Victim Service Specialist, ATV Patrol, Computer Specialist, Shop with a Cop, BRDEU, Highway, Parks and Recreation, Forestry, Zoning, Development of Habitat, State Aid Forestry, Recycling, HHS W2, HHS IVE Prevention, Board of Adjustment, County Board, Tax Deed, County Clerk, Animal Control, Wildlife Damage, Environmental Challenge, LWCD, Ambulance, Emergency Government, and Animal Shelter. Line item transfers for 2007 were reviewed as follows: Land Information, Public Health, Public Health Preparedness, and HHS IVE Prevention. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the 2006 and 2007 line item transfers as presented.** Motion carried.

A resolution was reviewed to amend the 2006 budget for CDBG. A motion to present this resolution to the County Board was approved at a prior Finance Committee meeting. The Committee signed the resolution.

The Committee reviewed the remainder of the carry forward requests. The Sheriff/Jail request will be approximately $30,000.00 total. A more accurate estimate will be available on Tuesday after vouchers are paid and transfers are entered. **Taylor/Skogen made a motion to approve presenting the carry forward requests to the County Board.** Motion carried.

The 2008 budget was discussed. Taylor said he still feels that some type of executive committee needs to be established.
Nelson presented the Clerk’s report. The taxes for Mendiola and Makowski have been paid in full prior to the end of January. There is nothing new to report on the tax deed process. Twenty-one municipalities have turned in their dog licenses and twelve have not. Total marriage licenses sold in 2007 is four. The primary election was February 20 with only a 6.9 percent voter turnout. A petition requesting to reduce the County Board size to 13 was certified. The referendum relating to this petition will be on the April 3, 2007, election. Chief inspector training was conducted on February 8. Nelson is continuing to work with RSI on the telephone printouts. A request to move the workstation was discussed by the Property Committee. Nelson has been subpoenaed to testify in the Cherie Barnard trial.

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

Albarado presented the economic development report. The SBA is unable to refinance the mortgage for 5R Processors unless we subordinate our loan and 5R agrees to a 2 percent interest rate increase. This needs to go to the County Board for consideration. **Taylor/Skogen made a motion to send this to the County Board without a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Motion carried.** A resolution to amend the budget was reviewed. **Skogen/Tatur made a motion to send the resolution to amend the 2007 budget for Economic Development projects to the County Board. Motion carried.** **Taylor/Skogen made a motion to approve $4,500.00 for repair of the Miner Ave. Building. Motion carried.** The contract has been awarded for the fuel system at the Airport. The asbestos removal at the Fine Arts Center is scheduled to begin on April 2. The regional director from the Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Network will be here on February 22. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve Albarado attending the Bio-energy Opportunities for Northwest Wisconsin on March 9 in Rice Lake. Motion carried.**

The next meeting is March 21, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

**Skogen/Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary