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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, and Cliff Taylor (at 8:47 a.m.).
Excused: Dave Solsrud. Also present: Denise Nelson and Rosemary Schmit.

Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the May 16, 2007, minutes. Motion carried.

Brian Brewer, Nanci Mertes, Ed Wundrow, and Andy Albarado were present to discuss the capital projects plan and bond issue. Wundrow explained the difference between major and minor collectors relating to the County roads. Wundrow explained the benefits of bonding for road work. Albarado reviewed the capital projects plan proposals submitted to date by the departments. Brewer presented a sample payout for financing some of these capital projects items. The capital projects plan will be discussed at the July 18 Finance meeting. The Committee set July 24 at 8:30 a.m. as an additional meeting date to further discuss the capital projects plan and the proposed bond issue.

Present for the 2008 budget discussion were: Carol Lynn Arndt, Mark Steward, Deb Flater, Sheriff Dave Kaminski, Gary Hahn, Paul Teska, Joanne Phetteplace, Melissa Roach, Gary Rivers, Albarado, Lori Gorsegner, and Aliesha Crowe. Excused: Paula Carow, Renae Baxter, Linda Effertz, Mertes, and Wundrow. Tatur addressed the group on the 2008 budget. The State has not set the levy limits for 2008, and we probably will not know the limit until September. Tatur informed the group that the property insurance deductible is going up from $2,500.00 per occurrence to $10,000.00 per occurrence. Steward commented that postage is a concern since the rate increase. Stumpage revenue was discussed. The stumpage prices have gone down. It was the consensus of the Committee for the departments to use a ten percent proposed increase for health insurance premiums in their 2008 budgets. Schmit will e-mail the departments new estimates for the health insurance premiums to use in their 2008 budgets. Budgets are due into the Auditor’s office on August 13, but if you can turn them in sooner it would be appreciated.

Teska was present to discuss the Forestry truck bids. The Forestry department has been leasing trucks, but this year the less expensive option is an outright purchase.

Taylor/Skogen made to motion to take $15,341.14 for the truck purchase out of the 2007 contingency fund and put the money into the Forestry budget. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid June 1, 2007, to June 18, 2007, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

Taylor left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.
Janice Biederman, on behalf of the Village of Sheldon, inquired about using one of the tax deed properties in the Village of Sheldon for a memorial garden. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the use of the Sheldon tax deed property by the Village of Sheldon for a memorial garden until the property is sold, at no expense to the County, and with the Village providing a certificate of insurance to the County. Motion carried.**

The land sale list was reviewed. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Dave Kaiser look at the properties and report back to Finance next month.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The pre-approved voucher list was discussed. Skogen suggested reviewing the pre-approved list with each department during budget review.

Contingency fund requests for 2007 were reviewed as follows: County Clerk, $54,121.74; Land Information, $186.00; Auditor, $3,256.00; Courthouse, $944.00; Land Information Grant, $123.00; LWCD, $2,935.65; Recycling, $106.26; Parks, $1,124.32; and Forestry, $2,287.99. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the contingency fund requests as presented with the County Clerk’s request going to the full County Board for approval. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers for 2006 were reviewed as follows: Public Health, Home Care, WIC, Reproductive Health, Injury Prevention, Birth to Three, Children with Special Needs, HHS Services, Women’s Cancer, MCH, PNCC, Core Prevention, Immunization, and Tobacco. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the 2006 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers for 2007 were reviewed as follows: Board of Adjustments, County Board, Courthouse, and Animal Control. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the 2007 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

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

Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Phetteplace updated the Committee on the plat book. The Personnel Committee approved a $1.00 per hour wage adjustment for the Tax Lister that will go to the County Board for approval. The City of Ladysmith asked the Treasurer’s office to update its tax listing. It was the consensus of the Committee to update the tax listing for the City of Ladysmith just as they do for the other municipalities.

Albarado presented the economic development report which included an update on the buildings and projects. PECFA work is underway at the Village of Sheldon tax deed property. The Airport contaminated site is closed. Work is progressing at the Wal-Mart development site. Demolition of the former Fine Arts Center building was discussed.
Albarado presented a projects manual prepared by Ayres for the demolition of the former Fine Arts Center. Albarado was instructed to bring it back to the next month’s Finance meeting. The land has been optioned for the industrial rail park. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to forward the Rusk Regional Trans-shipment Facility project resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.** The Committee reviewed a resolution relating to an agreement for financing of City and County projects that the City of Ladysmith is considering. Albarado distributed a conceptual design for the City/County parking lot.

Chair Tatur called for a closed session 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)(c). **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call: Platteter, yes; Skogen, yes; and Tatur, yes. Motion carried.** The Committee went into closed session at 3:41 p.m.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to go into open session. Motion carried.** The Committee returned to open session at 3:55 p.m.

The Committee set up a joint City/County Board meeting on July 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Nelson presented the Clerk’s report which included an update of the tax deed properties. There were 405 post card reminder notices sent out for dog licenses. There were 37 marriage licenses sold so far this year. The election budget will be high next year due to the programming costs. The new County directory is out. Nelson will be attending the Clerk’s conference in Kimberly June 25 through June 27 and will miss this month’s County Board meeting. Bonnie Stoneberg will attend the Clerk’s Institute in Green Bay on July 9 through July 11.

The next Finance meeting will be July 18, 2007.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary