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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Dave Solsrud, and Cliff Taylor (at 9:05 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 April 18, 2007, minutes. Motion carried.**

The Committee discussed a request received from the City of Ladysmith to assist with funding for lifeguards at Memorial Park. It was the consensus of the Committee that since the County has had to cut funds in County programs, there is no money to assist the City with this project.

The Library funding was discussed which included the possibility of some funding ($10,000.00) coming from Chippewa County for use of the Rusk County library since Chippewa County doesn’t have its own county funded library system.

Roger Svoma, Paula Carow, and Jerry Carow were present to discuss the Dairyland project. The Land and Water Conservation Committee approved a resolution to present to the County Board for the budget for this project. The Finance Committee signed the resolution with the budget figures.

Vouchers paid May 1, 2007, to May 14, 2007, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

Sheriff Kaminski and Dean Hon were present to discuss the Visionair Public Safety software that needs to be purchased soon in order to have it operational by January 1, 2008. The current software for the CAD record management system and jail records will not be supported after January 1, 2008. The Sheriff’s department met with different companies to look at software. It was suggested that a resolution be written to present to the County Board to approve the purchase of the Visionair software. The Visionair software could be included in the capital projects plan but funded from the general fund until bonds are issued for the capital projects plan. The 2006 budget will be returning approximately $120,000.00 into the general fund that could be used towards this software if the Board doesn’t approve the bond issue. **Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to prepare a resolution to present to the County Board in May to approve the purchase of the Visionair Public Safety software. Motion carried.** The Sheriff’s department will write a resolution to present to the County Board, and Schmit will assist with the wording relating to the funding.

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the budget timetable as presented. Motion carried.**
A resolution to consider reorganization of the County Board was discussed. Tatur would like to see what happens in Price and Walworth County. **Solsrud/Taylor made a motion to postpone the resolution for six months. Motion carried.**

The pre-approved voucher list was discussed. This will be placed on the department administrators’ agenda for discussion.

Dave Kaiser was present to discuss the corner perpetuation subsidy fund. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to transfer $2,500.00 from the 2007 contingency fund into the corner perpetuation subsidy expense line. Motion carried.**

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Schmit requested permission for herself or Cassandra Mc Kittrick to attend the Area Finance Officers meeting in Barron on June 7 or 8. The date has not been finalized yet. If the meeting is on the 7th, Schmit will attend. If it is on the 8th, Mc Kittrick will attend. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the Auditor’s office out of county travel request. Motion carried.**

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve Nancy Hahn’s out of county travel request to attend the Wisconsin Victim/Witness Professionals 17th Annual Conference on May 16 to 18 in Onalaska. Motion carried.**

Contingency fund transfers for 2007 were reviewed as follows: Auditor, $777.00, and Extension, $1,259.00. Aliesha Crowe was present to answer questions about the Extension request. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the Gateway computer for Extension at a cost of $1,079.59. Motion carried. Solsrud/Taylor made a motion to approve the contingency fund requests for the Auditor in the amount of $777.00 and for Extension in the amount of $1,079.59. Motion carried.**

The meeting moved to the small conference room at 1:30 p.m. Skogen left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Line item transfers for 2006 were reviewed as follows: Economic Development, Jail Meals, Child Support, Economic Support, Care Call, Veterans Service, W2, Community Intervention, Youth Aids, Service Management, Home-Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, Congregate Management, Elder Abuse, and Family Caregivers. **Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to approve the 2006 line item transfers. Motion carried.**

The Committee reviewed a 2007 line item transfer which would transfer the levy and expense associated with the accounting software from the Clerk’s budget to the Auditor’s and Treasurer’s budgets. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to approve the 2007 line item transfer. Motion carried.**
Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to approve the Senior Services carry forward request to present to the County Board. Motion carried. Schmit will assist Senior Services in writing a resolution.

The Committee reviewed the Animal Shelter carry forward requests. Solsrud/Taylor made a motion to deny the Animal Shelter carry forward requests. Motion carried.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report.

Skogen returned to the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Solsrud left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Phetteplace requested permission to attend the Treasurer’s Seminar in Appleton on June 12 to 15. Platteter/Taylor motion to approve the Treasurer’s out of county travel request as presented. Motion carried. Phetteplace informed the Committee that she has been trying to pay as many bills through electronic transfers as possible. There is nothing to report on the plat books at the present time. There is a meeting to review the Webguide3 on Thursday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. Taylor/Platteter made a motion to approve Phetteplace attending the ADC customer appreciation/user meeting in Eau Claire on June 21. Motion carried.

Skogen left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Nelson presented the Clerk’s report. There are 34 property owners who have not paid the 2003 taxes on 48 parcels. Nelson is requesting not to have a land sale this year. Taylor suggested placing the tax deed process on the agenda for next month to discuss. There have been 25 marriage licenses sold this year. The total bill for programming the April election is $7,967.50, and the County’s portion of this is $1,650.00. The Clerk’s office billed the municipalities for their portions. The school districts were billed separately.

Skogen returned to the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Postage rates increased May 14. New software was installed in the postage machine. The post office conducted training on the changes last week. New County directory information is coming in, and new directories should be out sometime in June.

Board of canvass per diems were discussed. Taylor asked Nelson and Schmit to research whether the board of canvass could be paid as a contracted service.

Andy Albarado presented the economic development report which included an update on the buildings. Albarado will be putting the web site out for bid. Next week the Tourism Committee will get its first look at the new branding plan. Work is progressing at the Wal-Mart project. Estimated costs to be incurred for Highway work, fill, clearing, electrical demolition at north parking lot, and electrical line demolition at the Fine Arts center is $75,000.00. Asbestos removal is underway at the Fine Arts Center. The asbestos has been removed on the first floor.
Schmit presented the Auditor’s report which included sales tax update, collection of back taxes, and the insurance report. There were 12.75 hours of overtime worked during the recent FMLA. All three of the office staff have entered payrolls. There have been some questions relating to health insurance withholdings which will be addressed by the Highway Committee at its meeting on Monday, May 21.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19, 2007. The date in the budget timetable needs to be changed to reflect this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary