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


Vice-Chair Skogen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to approve the October 17, 2007, minutes. Motion carried.

Rich Summerfield, Tom Christman, Carol Christman, Brent Heldstab, Joseph Mirr, Kay Heath, and Carol Heath were present for the discussion of the tax deed property in the Town of Atlanta. Mirr explained the history of the property that was taken for tax deed. Copies of a letter that Mirr wrote to the Finance Committee were distributed. Summerfield explained the tax deed process. Mirr suggested that the Committee recognize this property as a void tax deed property. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to delay issuing a quit claim deed for this property to give Summerfield time to research this issue and make a recommendation at the next Finance meeting. Motion carried with Solsrud voting no.

Paul Teska, Paula Carow, and Jerry Carow were present to discuss the Dairyland Drawdown Project. J. Carow reported the total cost of the Dairyland Drawdown Project was about $180,000.00 which includes the cost of the boat landings. J. Carow asked that the County approve using the $75,000.00 of Power Line funds for a park improvement project in 2008 instead of the Dairyland Drawdown Project. Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to send a resolution to the County Board to amend the budget for the Dairyland Parks Improvement project. Motion carried. Schmit was instructed to assist Teska with the resolution. Teska reported that the Bucks Lake Dam project is complete.

Summerfield was present to update the Committee on the Ewer tax deed property in the Village of Sheldon. Summerfield listed all the expenses related to this property and explained what had been paid to David Ewer previously. Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to issue a check to Mr. and Mrs. Ewer in the amount of $6,638.71 for final settlement of the Sheldon tax deed property. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid November 1, 2007, to November 13, 2007, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

The resolution to reserve a portion of the general fund to pay a portion of the Fine Arts Center debt will be placed on the next Finance agenda.

Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to approve Melissa Roach and Cassandra Mc Kittrick attending the Finance Officer Winter Training in Stevens Point on December 7. Motion carried.
Sheriff David Kaminski was present to discuss the legal cost reimbursement for the two officers involved in the shooting. This item will be placed on the next Finance agenda.

The Northern Region Family Literacy Program contingency fund request will be placed on the next Finance agenda.

The Committee reviewed a contingency request from the Land and Water Conservation Department for vacation payout for the Watershed employee who is done at the end of the year. The total request is $1,749.72. **Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to approve the request of $1,749.72 from the contingency fund for the Land and Water Conservation Department vacation payout. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers were reviewed as follows: Hazmat, Recycling, HHS W2, and HHS Community Intervention. **Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

Schmit informed the Committee that a mileage reimbursement voucher was not paid since it was for mileage from more than 60 days ago, but no one made that employee aware of the Financial Procedure Manual Policy. **Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to approve the zoning mileage reimbursement of the Lake Classification project employee. Motion carried.**

Schmit distributed a copy of the Economic Development report from Andy Albarado.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Phetteplace updated the Committee on the progress of plat book. Phetteplace is going to have some copies of the new plat book FedExed to her office so that she can have them available for hunters. Interest rates are going down. The State Pool rate is 4.85 percent, and the rate at Wells Fargo is 4.7 percent. **Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to continue banking business with Wells Fargo for one more year due to the services that are available from them. Motion carried.** It was the consensus of the Committee to continue with the sweep account as is.

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

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. The land sale money is coming in. The last day to receive payment for the sale is Friday, November 16. Payment has been received on the property that had ownership and water rights issues. Dog licenses for 2008 will be distributed to the town treasurers tonight. There have been 89 marriage licenses sold to date. The State Election Board will be here for training on November 27, 28, 29, and possibly the 30th. County board supervisor candidates can circulate nomination papers beginning December 1.
Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to approve sending the resolution to write off the illegal tax deed property in the amount of $2,126.44 to the County Board in December. Motion carried.

Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to pay the water bill on the Burgess tax deed property. Motion carried.

The next meeting is December 19, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary