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


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


Renee Messing from Clifton Gunderson, Cassandra Mc Kittrick, and Melissa Roach were present for the 2006 Financial Statement review.

Vouchers paid September 1, 2007, to September 18, 2007, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

The Sheriff’s department requested permission to obtain a Kwik Trip credit card. **Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to approve the Kwik Trip credit card for the Sheriff’s department. Motion carried.**

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to submit a resolution relating to comprehensive planning to the County Board on September 25. Motion carried with Solsrud voting no.**

Dave Kaiser was present to discuss the Schmidtke tax deed property. Kaiser explained that the assessor plans to put a zero value on this parcel and assign the value to the property owner who has the land. Tatur will contact Rich Summerfield to discuss whether this can be declared an illegal certificate. This item will be placed on next month’s Finance agenda.

**Platteter/Solsrud made a motion to set a price of $200.00 for the tax deed property Parcel #181-00167-0000 in the Village of Sheldon. Motion carried.**

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the out of county travel request for the Auditor’s staff to attend WRS training in Eau Claire on November 7. **Motion carried.**

The Chair called for a closed session for insurance claim for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is in or is likely to become involved, WI Stats 19.85(1)(g). **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Solsrud, yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.** The Committee went into closed session at 11:17 a.m.
The Committee returned to open session at 11:23 a.m.

The Chair called for a closed session for Sheriff storage building 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). **Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Solsrud, yes. Motion carried by roll call vote.** The Committee went into closed session at 11:24 a.m.

The Committee returned to open session at 11:42 a.m.

Andy Albarado presented the Economic Development report which included an update of the buildings. The Artrain will be in town next week. Three JEM grants have been submitted. The grant was approved for the downtown Gateway project. We are waiting for the State to sign off on the County M reroute. Albarado detailed some of the costs for the Fine Arts Center project. The low bid for the demolition was $56,000.00 and $10,000.00 for fill and grading.

**Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to add HHS Fiscal Agent vouchers to the pre-approved vouchers list. Motion carried.**

The Committee discussed amending Chapter 3.07 (3) of the County Code to increase the amount of overpayment reimbursement from $2.00 to $5.00. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to send a resolution to the County Board to increase the amount of the overpayment reimbursement from $2.00 to $5.00. Motion carried.**

The Library Board allocated $6,300.00 of the Act 150 reimbursement to 2008 instead of $25,000.00. The City of Ladysmith Finance Committee is meeting tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. to review the Library budget. This change in revenue means a $12,401.84 increase in the levy. Rusk County received notification from the State that the State shared revenue for 2008 is about $6,000.00 less than estimated in the budget. The Committee needs to cut $19,306.52 to balance the budget. The Finance Committee will meet on September 27 at 8:30 a.m. to finalize the budgets.

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

Roach replaced Schmit at the meeting since Schmit was on a conference call related to the bond issue.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Bond issue money was received and will be transferred into a separate State pool account today. June sales tax is up from June of last year. Skogen suggested that Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home put its money into a sweep account and collect interest on it like the County does. A new signature plate for the Hospital has been ordered and installed. Phetteplace updated the Committee on the work her office has done with the plat book. Wetzel has been sending draft pages to townships to verify roads, but most townships are not
returning any corrected drafts to the Treasurer’s office. Skogen suggested handing out plat book pages for each township to the County Board members for them to verify roads. Discussion was held on what to do with the old plat books. The Committee suggested donating a box of plat books to each school district. **Solsrud/Platteter made a motion to set the price for new plat books at $25 including sales tax. Motion carried.**

Roach presented the Auditor’s report including the insurance report, sales tax report, collection of back taxes, and activities of the office.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. All information and postcards have been sent out to tax deed landowners. A for sale sign has been returned to the Two Bear Lake property. Dog tags have been received and are ready to be distributed in November to the townships. Marriage licenses sold to date are 79. Required election training is set for September 26. The power strip for the election machines has been installed in the storage area. MOU renewals for municipalities have been sent out. These renewals need to go out every two years. At that time, the County can look at raising the rates. The Clerk’s office is working on setting up for the school referendum. There have been five Board of Adjustments hearings already in 2007, and we only budgeted for three.

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is October 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary
Melissa Roach, Recording Secretary