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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Cliff Taylor, and Phil Kaiser. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

Platteter nominated Randy Tatur for Chair. Tatur called for nominations three times. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Randy Tatur as Finance Chair. Motion carried.**

Taylor nominated Eldon Skogen for Vice-Chair. Tatur called for nominations three times. **Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Eldon Skogen as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.**

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the March 19, 2008, minutes. Motion carried.**

Present for the discussion of Westlake Enterprises price increases were as follows: Len Jablonski, Janet Platteter, Deb Bricco, Terry Verdegan, Gary Rivers, Mike Naczas, Cassandra Mc Kittrick, Andy Albarado, Paul Teska, Florence Selonke, and Lou Beilfuss. The rate increase proposed by Westlake Enterprises is not for janitorial services. The proposed increased is for mowing. Discussion followed on the effect on the County budgets.

Chair called for closed session for Westlake 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). **Taylor/Skogen made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call: Platteter, yes; Taylor, yes; Kaiser, yes; Skogen, yes; Tatur, yes. Motion to go into closed session approved by roll call vote.** The Committee went into closed session at 9:52 a.m.

**Taylor/Skogen made a motion to go into open session. Motion carried.** The committee went into open session at 10:02 a.m.

Albarado presented the economic development report. Albarado has written a memo to the Town of Grant asking for its assistance with additional industrial space. Albarado would like to hire one intern to do the research and a second one to do the mapping for comprehensive planning. He has approval from the Personnel Committee for one intern and will have to go back to get permission for the second intern. **Taylor/Platteter made a motion to allow Albarado to pursue hiring an intern for mapping and research with funds to come from the Economic Development budget. Motion carried.**
Vouchers paid April 1, 2008, to April 15, 2008, 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.

Wetzel requested an increase in the limit on the main credit card that is kept in the Clerk’s office. The current limit is $1,000.00, but it is used by several departments. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to increase the limit on the main credit card to $5,000.00. Motion carried.

Aliesha Crowe was present to discuss the request to increase the limit on the Recycling credit card from $500.00 to $1,000.00. Skogen/Taylor made a motion to increase the limit on the Recycling credit card to $1,000.00. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dave Kaminski was present to discuss the percentage of allocation between the Jail meals and Senior Site meals. The figures will be recalculated and reviewed next month with Erika Robinson present.

Sheriff Kaminski was present to discuss the TraCS/OWI project grant. The Committee reviewed a resolution to present to the County Board. Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send the TraCS/OWI project grant resolution to County Board for its consideration. Motion carried.

The Sheriff’s department has been leasing snowmobiles. The dealer that they have been leasing snowmobiles from is going out of business. The County can purchase the snowmobiles that we are currently leasing. The purchase price would be $2,500.00 for the 2006 snowmobile and $3,400.00 for the 2007 snowmobile. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to purchase the two snowmobiles that we are currently leasing with funds to come from the Snowmobile budget. Motion carried.

Wetzel informed the Committee that Sharon Paulson has asked for an extension to pay the past due taxes on her property. Total taxes with interest is $2,728.83. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Paulson propose some type of payment plan to County personnel and present it at next month’s Finance Committee meeting for consideration.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A resolution was reviewed for establishing a procedure for spending the Power Line funds. This resolution will be reworked and brought back to the May Finance Committee meeting.
The Board of Adjustment budget was discussed. Wetzel informed the Committee that Board of Adjustment could go over budget this year due to the number of meetings.

A membership with NACO was discussed. The annual membership fee is approximately $500.00, and county citizens could be eligible for a “drug card” which would provide discounts on prescription medications. Wetzel will get more information about NACO for the Committee to review at a later date.

Wetzel requested permission for Bonnie Stoneberg to attend the May 19, 2008, Open Meetings and Public Records Law training in Stevens Point. Discussion followed on whether Stoneberg should attend the County Board member training on open meetings instead. Taylor/Platteter made a motion to approve Bonnie Stoneberg attending whichever open meeting training Denise Wetzel feels will be most beneficial. Motion carried. Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve Denise Wetzel attending the WRS Regional Training on April 23, 2008, in Rice Lake. Motion carried.

A sales tax exemption policy and procedure was discussed.

A contingency fund request for 2008 in the amount of $1,833.87 was reviewed for the Land Information insurance claim. Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve transferring $1,833.87 to the Land Information budget from contingency for the insurance claim. Motion carried.

A line item transfer for 2007 Land and Water Conservation Trees was reviewed. It was suggested that the Land and Water Conservation Committee review whether the County should keep the tree planter. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the 2007 line item transfer as presented. Motion carried. Line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Board of Adjustment, HHS Consortia Grant, HHS Child Support, HHS Services, and HHS Foster Parent Fingerprinting. Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to approve the 2008 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Schmit informed the Committee that she needs to draft a resolution to present to the County Board for the Fairgrounds budget. The work for the AgStar grant was not completed in 2007, but that revenue had been applied to 2007 expenditures. The Fairgrounds budget needs $2,500.00 from the general fund.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. Payment for 2004, 2005, and 2006 back taxes is due by May 12. Beginning April 21, everyone has to bring in a certified copy of their birth certificate in order to get a marriage license. The Weyerhaeuser School District is having a special election on June 3 for a referendum question.
Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Phetteplace asked the Committee if it wants to establish a policy for giving a discount on shipping if they purchase multiple plat books. Tatur offered to deliver plat books to Rice Lake businesses.

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

The next meeting is Friday, April 18, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home Riverside Room.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary