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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Dave Solsrud, and Cliff Taylor (at 8:42 a.m.). Excused: Jim Platteter. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to approve the December 17, 2007, and December 19, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

Tom Christman, Carol Christman, and Rich Summerfield were present. Closed session was announced by Chair for: Heldstab Summons 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 or is likely to become involved, WI Stats 19.85 (1)(g). Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call: Skogen, yes; Solsrud, yes; Tatur, yes. Motion to go into closed session carried by roll call vote. The Committee went into closed session at 8:38 a.m.

Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 9:23 a.m.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to submit an answer to the Heldstab complaint as recommended by Corporation Counsel. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid January 1, 2008, to January 14, 2008, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Solsrud/Skogen made a motion to approve the bills. Motion carried.

The Fair Commission garbage bills have been taken care of.

Tatur shared Taylor County’s resolution relating to its Power Line funds.

Ed Wundrow, Nanci Mertes, and Jerry Carow were present to discuss the Highway Department request for Power Line funds to purchase wetlands for a wetland bank. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the County Board decide whether there should be a separate committee established to make recommendations on how to spend the Power Line funds.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Phetteplace asked the Committee what it wants to do relating to requests for permission to copy the plat book. This will be placed on the February Finance agenda. Phetteplace asked the Committee what price it wants to set for the County Road Atlas. Solsrud/Taylor made a motion to set a price of $30.00 for the Road Atlases
which includes sales tax. **Motion carried.** October sales tax is down from last month. Phetteplace explained that there was a conversion that resulted in a higher September sales tax figure and a lower October sales tax figure. The processing fluctuations should end now that the conversion is complete.

Andy Albarado was present for the discussion on the City/County parking lot agreement. The Property Committee made recommendations and those have been incorporated into the proposed agreement. There has to be a public hearing on the site plan. It was the consensus of the Committee that this agreement be forwarded to the County Board.

A resolution supporting regional cooperation in West Central Wisconsin was reviewed. Rusk County has been invited to join Momentum. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to forward the resolution supporting regional cooperation in West Central Wisconsin to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Albarado went over a list of possible projects and capital needs. A letter of intent was received from Weather Shield to purchase the Norse building. **Skogen/Solsrud made a motion to approve the February 6, 2008 to February 8, 2008, out of county travel request of Albarado to attend the Governor’s Economic Development Conference in Madison. Motion carried.**

Solsrud left the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 1:08 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. Tax deed letters will go out at the end of the month. Dog licenses for 2008 will be coming in from municipalities beginning in February. There were 94 marriage licenses sold in 2007. The programming for the primary has been sent to Command Central.

The Committee reviewed a resolution to amend the Rusk County Sheriff’s office schedule of fees. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send the resolution relating to the Rusk County Sheriff’s office fees to the County Board. Motion carried.** It was noted that the price for copies on CD varies from the amount that the Finance Committee approved for the Treasurer to charge for CDs.


Wetzel updated the Committee on the amount due on Buck Murray’s health insurance balance. Murray paid $1,800.00 towards his balance. He still owes approximately $1,200.00. It was the consensus of the Committee to wait a few months before contacting him again.

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

The next meeting is February 20, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

Taylor/Skogen made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The Finance Committee adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary