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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Cliff Taylor (at 8:53 a.m.), and Phil Kaiser. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

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

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the June 18, 2008, minutes. Motion carried.**

Vouchers paid July 1, 2008, to July 15, 2008, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

Chair Tatur announced a closed session 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). **Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Taylor, yes; Kaiser, yes. Motion to go into closed session carried by roll call vote.** The Committee went into closed session at 9:32 a.m.

**Skogen/Taylor made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried.** The Committee returned to open session at 10:05 a.m.

Andy Albarado presented the economic development report. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to authorize spending $5,000.00 for a school district consolidation feasibility study. Motion carried.**

Phillip Lukowicz, George Lawrence, Connie Teska, Elva Smith, Linda Bentley, and Mark Brost were present to discuss funding for Kinship in 2009. Kinship requested $8,000.00 for 2009.

Renae Baxter was present to discuss collection of court fines. Baxter suggested supporting legislation that would allow federal tax intercepts. The Committee discussed using a collection agency for out of state individuals.

Rich Summerfield was present to discuss the Buta Vivian tax deed property. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to wait for six months for the right of redemption to expire to allow the new buyers to pay the taxes on the Buta Vivian tax deed property. Motion carried.**

Wetzel distributed a copy of the tax deed procedure for the Committee to review.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
The role of the Rusk County Lower Library Committee was discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee that Skogen and Platteter meet with Al Christianson to discuss this issue.

Reconsideration of NACO membership was discussed. Tatur will talk to the NACO representative at the convention.

It was the consensus of the Committee to wait until next month to act on the Sadowski tax deed property.

Petty cash and cash handling was discussed. Departments are only allowed to have petty cash upon the Finance Committee’s authorization.

The resolution to establish a procedure for spending the power line impact funds was reviewed.

Taylor/Platteter made a motion to write off the taxes in the amount of $195.83 for Parcel #242-03566-00 and $1,256.12 for Parcel #246-00609-00 from the property exchanged with the City of Ladysmith. Motion carried.

Gary Rivers was present to request the 2007 budget balance to create a risk reserve. Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send a resolution to the County Board which would set up a risk reserve fund for Health and Human Services with the fund lapsing on December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to approve the 2007 line item transfer for Foster Care. Motion carried/

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve sending the resolution to create a non-lapsing continuing appropriation for Fairgrounds overnight parking revenue to the County Board. Motion carried.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Sales tax was discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee to allow Albarado access to the sales tax information.

Tatur reported that the CDBG got a favorable audit report.

Taylor/Platteter made a motion to approve sending the power line resolution to the County Board along with the draft application. Motion carried.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. Tax deed was taken on eight parcels. Two properties with homesteads were redeemed. There are three remaining parcels with homesteads. There have been 26 marriage licenses sold this year. The
annual maintenance was completed on the voting machines. Wetzel has completed a web training for HAVA. Wetzel has been working on various personnel issues. Wetzel is working with the Personnel Committee on updating the Personnel Handbook.

**Platteter/Taylor made a motion to forward the voter registration resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Schmit presented the Auditor’s report which included sales tax, collection of back taxes, the insurance report, and the county car report. The external auditors will be here July 21. There was a lot of extra work associated with the new auditing guidelines.

Dates set for budget meetings with departments are as follows: August 28, September 3, September 18, September 23, September 25, and October 1.

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

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary