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

Present: Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Cliff Taylor (at 8:48 a.m.), and Phil Kaiser. Excused: Randy Tatur. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

Vice-Chair Skogen called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Platteter/P. Kaiser made a motion to approve the April 18, 2008, minutes. Motion carried. Skogen/P. Kaiser made a motion to approve the May 21, 2008, minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid June 1, 2008, to June 17, 2008, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

At 9:00 a.m. there was a joint meeting with the Personnel Committee and the IT Committee. Present: Tom Costello, Kathy Mai, Roger, Svoma, Dean Hon, Dave Kaminski, Gary Hahn, Ted East, Andy Albarado, and Rebecca Mc Eathron-Kramer. Hon distributed a handout which explained the computer systems that he is responsible for. IT staffing was referred to the IT Committee for its recommendation for the budget. The joint meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Wetzel informed the Committee that there are three tax deed properties that have homesteads on them.

It was the consensus of the Committee not to take any action regarding the actuary for the OPEB at this time.

Schmit informed the Committee that there may need to be comp time or a need to contract with Marilyn Kulibert in order to get the audit work completed that is related to the new auditing standards.

Collection of court fines was discussed. Since Renae Baxter was not available, this will be placed on next month’s Finance agenda. Discussion followed on whether the old court fines should go to a collection agency. Taylor/Platteter made a motion to have Renae Baxter give the Finance Committee some options for collecting the court fines and investigate how other counties are collecting these fines. Motion carried.

G. Hahn reported on the 911 payback. 911 funding is ending in 2008, so the County will have to budget for this expense.

The Rusk County Lower Library Committee was discussed. Chapter 2 of the County Code Book would need to be amended to discontinue the Lower Library Committee.

The Committee discussed ways to reduce energy costs.
P. Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to approve Cassandra Mc Kittrick attending the Payroll Law 2008 training in Eau Claire on July 16. Motion carried.

The resolution to Amend Rusk County Jail Huber Fees was reviewed. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to support this resolution and send it on to the County Board. Motion carried.

The resolution for Acceptance of 2008 COPS Methamphetamine Initiative Grant was reviewed. P. Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to support this resolution and send it on to the County Board. Motion carried.

The resolution to Amend 2007 Senior Center Budget using General Fund Money to Cover 2006 Deficit was reviewed. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to send this resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Taylor made a motion to approve Karen Whittaker attending FMLA training in Wausau on July 8. Motion carried.

Department Administrators were present to discuss the 2009 budget. Present: Joanne Phetteplace, Linda Effertz, Kathy Revak, Nanci Mertes, Carol Lynn Arndt, Annette Grotzinger, David Kaiser, Deb Flater, Mike Naczas, Lyn Yotter, G. Hahn, Nancy Hahn, CeCe Tesky, Michelle Diamond, Kaminski, Melissa Roach, Mc Kittrick, Gary Rivers, Rich Summerfield, Carol Benik, and Albarado. Excused: Baxter, Paul Teska, and Paula Carow. Skogen addressed the group.

A major issue for some budgets is energy costs. The Committee asked the departments to do as much as they can to alleviate these costs. Skogen asked the departments to do a better job on inventory control. Departments are expected to have the inventories updated by the time the department meets with the Finance Committee to review individual budgets. Budgets are due to the Auditor’s office by August 8.

D. Kaiser, Phetteplace, and Summerfield were present for the discussion on the Schmidtke property. Skogen suggested that Summerfield come back to the next Finance Committee with a list of procedures that should be followed for the tax deed properties.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:20 p.m. to 12:57 p.m.

Albarado presented the Economic Development report which included an update of the buildings. The Rusk County Government Center sign was discussed. Albarado reviewed proposed projects, financing, and cash flow available to pay for this financing.

The Fine Arts Center debt was discussed. Taylor/Skogen made a motion to take $174,000.00 and apply it to the principal on the Fine Arts Center debt State Trust Fund loan. Motion carried.
A 2007 contingency fund request was reviewed for Senior Centers in the amount of $305.60. **Taylor/Platteter made a motion to approve the 2007 contingency fund request. Motion carried.**

A 2008 contingency fund request was reviewed for the Auditor in the amount of $7,013.94. **Taylor/Platteter made a motion to approve the Auditor's contingency fund request in the amount of $5,700.00 for the additional audit costs with review of the other requests at the end of the year if needed. Motion carried.**

P. Kaiser left the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Line item transfers for 2007 were reviewed as follows: Recycling, Public Health, Home Care, WIC, Family Planning, Injury Prevention, Birth to Three, Children with Special Needs, PH Preparedness, Child Support, Jail Meals, Cancer, MCH, PNCC, Core Prevention, Immunization, Tobacco, and Senior Centers. **Taylor/Platter made a motion to approve the 2007 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Auditor, Sheriff, Jail, Snow Patrol, BRDEU Federal Meth, Victim Service Specialist, Computer Specialist, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Courthouse, FAC, Sheriff Building, and HHS Children's Waiver. **Taylor/Platteter made a motion to approve the 2008 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. It was the consensus of the Committee to start reviewing tax deed properties next month. Six hundred fifty post cards were sent out for delinquent dog licenses last week. The yearly maintenance on the voting machine was done on June 17 and 18. There was a complaint filed with the court and GAB against the Weyerhaeuser School district regarding the way it conducted the recount. Wetzel will be attending the WCCA Conference on June 22 through 25. Rusk County is considering assisting Barron County in hosting the WCCA conference in 2011. The new county directories are available.

Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update of the bank account balances.

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary