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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, and Jim Platteter. Excused: Dave Solsrud and Cliff Taylor. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit

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

Rich Summerfield was present to give an opinion on the audit contract.

**Skogen/Tatur made a motion to approve the February 20, 2008, minutes. Motion carried.**

Vouchers paid March 1, 2008, to March 18, 2008, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed.

Nanci Mertes and Ed Wundrow were present for the conference call with Clifton Gunderson regarding Risk Assessment Standards SAS 104-111. Renee Messing from Clifton Gunderson was in attendance via speakerphone.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to finish out our contract with Clifton Gunderson and send them a letter addressing our concerns related to the timeliness of the receipt of the financial statements, agreeing to the additional costs of $5,700.00, and asking Clifton Gunderson for its assistance in educating departments of the new audit requirements. Motion carried.**

It was the consensus of the Committee to have the Finance Chair draft a memo to departments to remind them that they should not be paying sales tax when using the County credit card.

Comprehensive planning was discussed.

Paula Carow and Cader Olive were present to request $16,725.00 of power line funds for an educational project. The committee discussed an application process and policy for use of power line funds. Carow will provide possible mission statements for use of the power line funds.

Chair Tatur called for a closed session for considering sale/purchase of property in regards to Weyerhaeuser Industrial building, acquisition of industrial space 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). **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes. Motion to go into closed**
The session approved by roll call vote. The Committee went into closed session at 12:00 p.m.

The Committee returned to open session at 12:23 p.m.

Andy Albarado presented the economic development report. Albarado presented a resolution to amend the budget for economic development projects. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to send the resolution to amend the 2008 budget for economic development projects to the County Board. Motion carried.** Albarado informed the Committee that the EDA grant in the amount of $839,000.00 was approved for the rail industrial park.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. The office is busy with election work. The municipal clerk in Weyerhaeuser quit. All notices and sample ballots have been sent to the newspaper for publishing. The number of addendums for County Board agendas and related costs was discussed.

Aliesha Crowe was present to discuss the Recycling line item transfer and grant and non-grant expenses and revenues. Only $6,537.00 was levied for Clean Sweep in 2008 but $8,537.00 is needed. A contingency fund request for the $2,000.00 difference will be needed. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to take $2,000.00 from the contingency fund to add to the recycling budget. Motion carried.**

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Interest rates are down and sales tax is up for 2007. Bond payments will be wired before the April 1st due date. Personal property charge backs were discussed.

Line item transfers for 2007 were reviewed as follows: Parks and Recreation, Forestry, State Aid Forestry, Wireless 911, Recycling, Trails End, UWEX, WNEP, Human Services TMG, Veterans, LIHEAP, and Human Services IVE Foster Parenting. Line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Child Support and W2. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the 2007 and 2008 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.** **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve sending the resolution to amend the 2008 budget for other tax collections to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Schmit presented the auditor’s report which included sales tax collections, collection of back taxes, the insurance report, and the county car report. Schmit informed the Committee that Cassandra Mc Kittrick will be attending the April 3 and 4 training in Wisconsin Dells in place of Schmit.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve Denise Wetzel attending the Leadership Conference on March 28 in Rice Lake. Motion carried.**
The next Finance meeting is April 16, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary