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

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Cliff Taylor (at 8:39 a.m.), and Phil Kaiser. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

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

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the April 16, 2008, minutes. Motion carried.**

Vouchers paid May 1, 2008, to May 20, 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.**

The Committee reviewed a resolution to establish a procedure for spending the power line impact fees. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send the resolution to the County Board with the changes as discussed. Motion carried.**

Chair Tatur announced a closed session for: Review salaries for Economic Development Director and County Auditor and review Deputy Auditor I reclassification request for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, WI Stats 19.85(1)(c). **Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Taylor, yes; Kaiser, yes. Motion to go into closed session approved by roll call vote.** The Committee went into closed session at 10:04 a.m.

**Skogen/Taylor made a motion to go into open session. Motion carried.**

The Committee went into open session at 10:41 a.m.

The Finance Committee discussed changing the meeting date to the third Monday of the month. It was the consensus of the Committee to keep the meeting day the third Wednesday of the month but change the deadline departments turn information into the Auditor’s office to 4:30 p.m. the Friday before Finance meets.

Andy Albarado was present to answer questions regarding the Economic Development Director position. **Kaiser/Taylor made a motion to recommend to the Personnel Committee approving a $5,000.00 stipend paid over one year to the Economic Development Director for the additional comprehensive planning work in addition to whatever wage adjustment the Personnel Committee recommends. Motion carried.** Skogen suggested that
Tatur attend the June Personnel Committee meeting to support this recommendation.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to support the County Auditor’s request for a wage adjustment and forward it to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.**

Schmit will forward the reclassification request from the Deputy Auditor I to the Personnel Committee for consideration.

The Committee decided not to go into closed session for hospital negotiation goals. This item will be discussed at next month’s Finance meeting.

The Committee reviewed the request to reimburse Renae Baxter for travel expenses that were turned in beyond the 60 days outlined in the Financial Procedure Manual. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve paying Renae Baxter’s travel expenses which were turned in beyond the 60 day deadline this one time since it was her first offense and to notify Baxter that any travel requests in the future that are submitted beyond the 60 days would be denied. Motion carried.**

The Committee reviewed the general fund undesignated unreserved balance.

Platteter left the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:07 p.m. to 12:51 p.m.

**Taylor/Skogen made a motion to approve the budget timetable with changing the Finance dates back to the third Wednesday. Motion carried.**

Erika Robinson and Gary Hahn were present to discuss the allocation between the jail meals and the senior meals. **Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to approve the new allocations for the jail meals and senior youth as presented on the second page of the handout pencil figures effective January 1, 2008. Motion carried.**

It was the consensus of the Committee to keep the Senior/Youth budget as a separate budget.

**Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send the resolution to amend the 2007 and 2008 Fairgrounds budget for the AgStar grant to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Wetzel sent a letter to Sharon Paulson as the Committee had directed, but Wetzel has not received a response from Paulson. **Skogen/Taylor made a**
motion to direct Rich Summerfield to move forward on the Paulson tax deed property. Motion carried.

Wetzel received a proposal to pay the back taxes on a property owned by Tom Sadowski. Skogen/Taylor made a motion to accept the proposal on the Sadowski property. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Taylor made a motion to extend the payment deadline for the Ron and Joyce Wester property until the end of the month. Motion carried.

NACO membership was discussed. Taylor/Skogen made a motion to join NACO in 2009 if it will benefit the public. Motion carried.

Schmit informed the Committee that it appears that the County has an OPEB by allowing retirees to remain on the County’s health insurance plan. An actuary needs to be hired to determine the value of this OPEB in order to meet the new accounting guidelines. Barron County contracted with Actuarial Health Care Solutions LLC from Pewaukee for $6,850.00. Schmit was directed to bring more information regarding the number of retirees on health insurance to the next meeting.

The resolution requesting placement of wireless emergency 911 surcharges into the State budget repair bill was reviewed. This resolution is not needed since the bill was signed last Friday.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve Linda Effertz attending the Wisconsin Association of County Officers Summer Seminar in Sheboygan on June 10. Motion carried.

Taylor/Skogen made a motion to approve the out of county travel requests for Bonnie Stoneberg to attend the BOA Workshop in Rice Lake on June 11, for Bonnie Stoneberg to attend the Parliamentary Procedures and Ethics training in Stevens Point on June 23, and for Denise Wetzel to attend the WCCA Conference/Symposium in Manitowoc on June 22 to 25. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to approve the out of state travel request of Andy Albarado, Randy Tatur, and Tony Hauser to go to Chicago on May 28, 29, or 30 with an overnight stay if needed. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Taylor made a motion to approve the 2007 and 2008 contingency fund requests for Wisconsin Retirement System payments in the amounts of $2,544.37 for other general government budget (2008), $227.05 for Dairyland Drawdown (2007), and $531.83 for Environmental Challenge (2007). Motion carried.
Line item transfers for 2007 were reviewed as follows: Clerk of Circuit Court, Judge, Coroner, District Attorney, Corporation Counsel, County Board, Tax Deed Property, County Clerk, Treasurer, Insurance, Sheriff, Jail, Ambulance, LEPC, Emergency Government, Highway-General Fund, ICAA, Land Information Grant, Land Information Public Access, Animal Shelter, Jail Maintenance, Vets Commission, Fairgrounds, UW Extension, UW Extension Meeting Fund, Dairyland Drawdown, WLWCA, Economic Development, Tourism, County Owned Buildings, Homeland Security, ATV, Snow Trails, Mining, Mining Reuse, Mining Reuse Airport Hangar, Mining Reuse Tourism, Mining Reuse 5R, Mining Reuse FAC, Mining Reuse Enterprise Center, Wildlife Damage, Joint Management Fritz Avenue, Joint Management Enterprise Center, Joint Management Gates Avenue, Joint Management Miner Avenue, Joint Management FAC, Environmental Challenge, LWCD, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Child Support, Economic Support, Care Call, MAPC, W2, Community Intervention, Northwest Consortia, HHS Services, Service Management, Home-Delivered Meals, Benefit Specialist, Congregate Meals, Congregate Management, Animal Control, and RLF. Line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Parks & Recreation and Northwest Consortia. Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the 2007 and 2008 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to forward the resolution to amend the 2007 CDBG MVP Grant budget to the County Board. Motion carried.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve sending the resolution to amend the 2008 County Owned Dam budget to the County Board. Motion carried.

Kaiser/Taylor made a motion to approve sending the resolution amending the 2008 Boat Landing Repairs budget to the County Board. Motion carried.

Skogen/Kaiser made a motion approve sending the resolution to amend the 2008 Land and Water Conservation budget to the County Board. Motion carried with Taylor opposing.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. There are seven parcels to deed to the County not counting the tax deed parcel reviewed previously at this meeting. The Clerk’s office is working on postcard notices for delinquent dog licenses. There is a special election on June 3 for the School District of Weyerhaeuser referendum. June 1 is the first day for circulation of papers for the County Register of Deeds, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and District Attorney for the election being held in November.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. The Schmidtke tax deed property was discussed. The interest rate at the State Pool is 2.73% and 2.62% for the Wells Fargo savings account. Taylor/Skogen made a motion to
approve Joanne Phetteplace attending the Wisconsin Association of County Officers Conference on June 10 to 13 in Sheboygan. Motion carried.

Albarado presented the Economic Development report which included an update on buildings and activities. The Gateway project is going to be scaled back, because the bids came in higher than estimated. Gas sales have increased at the Airport. The Fine Arts Center site is still below grade. Kaiser/Taylor made a motion to allow Albarado to proceed with grading and topsoil at the Fine Arts Center site. Motion carried. Albarado outlined the proposal for the State Trust Fund loan to fund the Industrial Rail Park and other projects. This proposal needs to go to the County Board for approval. Taylor/Kaiser made a motion to send the State Trust Fund loan proposal to the County Board. Motion carried.

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

It was the consensus of the Committee to continue the current policy of charging $2.00 for the County directory.

The next meeting is Wednesday June 18, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary