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


The start of the meeting was postponed until 12:30 p.m. since there was not a quorum present at 8:30 a.m. Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the August 20, 2008, and August 28, 2008, minutes. Motion carried.**

Vouchers paid September 1, 2008, to September 16, 2008, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

The Library Board has discussed the lower level of the library, and it was the consensus of the Library Board to continue as is.

Discussion of the Clerk of Circuit Court accounts receivable and the resolution to support federal tax intercepts will be placed on next month’s regular Finance agenda.

The Committee reviewed the proposed language for Chapter 2 Petty Cash. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the new language of Chapter 2 of the Financial Procedures Manual with the addition of the wording “Failure to follow the Financial Procedures Manual and audit guidelines may result in the Finance Committee closing the petty cash fund of that department.” Motion carried.**

At its September 12, 2008, meeting, the Property Committee recommended turning over the tax deed property in the City of Ladysmith to the City of Ladysmith CDBG grant for building demolition. Discussion followed on whether the County could recoup the funds for back taxes from the City.

Chair Tatur called for a closed session for Hospital Negotiation Goals 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/Skogen made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Kaiser, yes. Motion to go into closed session carried by roll call vote.** The Committee went into closed session at 1:33 p.m.
Skogen/Platteter made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 3:11 p.m.

Platteter/Skogen made a motion to transfer ownership of the tax deed property to the City of Ladysmith with the City to do demolition of the building and if the City recoups money from the sale of the property that the County gets the amount of the back taxes written off. Motion carried. Skogen/Platteter made a motion to write off the taxes for this tax deed property with funds coming from the Tax Deed budget. Motion carried.

Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve Renae Baxter attending the Clerk of Circuit Court Fall Conference on October 15 to 17, 2008, in Spring Green. Motion carried.

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve Denise Wetzel attending the Clerk’s conference on October 12 to 14 in Wisconsin Dells and the Igniting Your Passion workshop on October 15 in Eagle River. Motion carried.

Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve a contingency fund request of $4,869.11 for Maintenance department comp time payout. Motion carried.

A line item transfer request from HHS Services was reviewed. Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the line item transfer as presented. Motion carried.

The 2009 IT budget was discussed. This budget will be reviewed at the September 18 budget meeting.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. The IRS penalty was discussed. Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to approve transferring $4,743.21 from the contingency fund to the Treasurer’s budget for the IRS penalty. Motion carried.

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve Joanne Phetteplace attending the Treasurer Conference on October 15 to 17, 2008 in Eagle River. Motion carried.

Andy Albarado was excused from presenting the economic development report.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. The land sale is published in the paper this week. Wetzel is continuing to have conference calls for SVRS. The September primary went well but there was a small turn out. Wetzel is working on personnel issues including initial exchanges with the Highway AFSCME union, Sheriff’s union, and LAW union. Wetzel reported that her computer was hit by a virus and crashed on election night.
Schmit presented the Auditor’s report which includes sales tax report, collection of back taxes, insurance report, and county car report.

The next budget meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. The next regular monthly meeting is Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary