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 the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the July 15, 2009, and July 22, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid August 1, 2009, to August 18, 2009 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.

Platteter/Taylor made a motion to lower the minimum bid for the Richland tax deed parcel #028-00449-0000 from $6,000.00 to $4,000.00. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Committee not to adjust any of the other minimum bids on the tax deed properties.

Brad Schultz from Wells Fargo Bank gave a presentation on the WellsOne commercial card. Joanne Phetteplace, Bonnie Stoneberg, and Cassandra Mc Kittrick were also present.

Tim Metropulos requested additional time to pay the back taxes on his property in the Township of Wilson. The County already took tax deed on his property. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to allow Metropulos to redeem his property by August 31, 2009, as it is Rusk County’s intent to allow taxpayers to redeem their properties whenever possible. Motion carried.

Phetteplace updated the Committee on the Schmidtke property. Gordon Morris is working on this issue. His client is contracting with a surveyor and will work with the land owners to get the parcels deeded correctly.

Phetteplace, Rebecca McEatheran-Kramer, and John Fitzl were present for the discussion on the property in Big Bend that was considered an illegal. It was the consensus of the Committee to have Dave Kaiser research this further.

Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. More than $50,000.00 in taxes were collected on line. Phetteplace updated the Committee on unpaid taxes, equalized value changes, and net new construction.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:35 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.
Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve Rich Summerfield attending WCA Conference on September 13 and 14 in La Crosse and the Corporation Counsel Defense Counsel Forum on September 18 in Stevens Point. Motion carried.

Charging for notary service was discussed. Departments can charge 50 cents for notary service. It was the consensus of the Committee to not charge for this service.

Indianhead Community Action Agency per diems were discussed. Taylor/Platteter made a motion to pay all the meeting per diems for Rusk County representatives on the Indianhead Community Action Agency Board. Motion carried with Skogen abstaining.

It was the consensus of the Committee to put the audit contract out for bids.

Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to approve Joanne Phetteplace attending the County Treasurer Fall Conference on October 13 through 16 in Egg Harbor. Motion carried.

Contingency requests were reviewed as follows: Personal Escort match, $271.00, and Land and Water Conservation unemployment, $5,600.00. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the contingency fund requests as presented. Motion carried.

Line item transfers were presented as follows: Treasurer and Human Services Children and Families. Skogen/Kaiser made a motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

A resolution to amend the 2009 budget for the Justice Assistance Grant was reviewed. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to forward the Justice Assistance Grant resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.

Nanci Mertes was present to discuss the two Highway department resolutions. It was the consensus of the Committee to not forward these resolutions to the County Board at this time.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. The redemption period ended July 20. There have been 36 marriage licenses sold so far this year. There have been two domestic partnerships since August 1. Wetzel has been working with Boston Mutual Life Inc. to sign up employees. Wetzel has been working on land sale distribution materials and notices.

Schmit presented the Auditor’s report which included the sales tax report, collection of back taxes, the insurance report, and the county car report.
Andy Albarado presented the Economic Development report. **Taylor/Platteter made a motion to allow Albarado to proceed with the PECFA loan for the Sheldon site (Jim’s Heating). Motion carried.** Taylor/Skogen made a motion to apply the lease payments from the Gates Avenue building to the Glen Flora facility. Motion carried with Kaiser abstaining.

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

The first Finance budget meeting is Thursday, August 20, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

**Platteter/Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary