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


Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Rich Summerfield, Jim McKenzie, and Jeff Ahonen were present for the discussion of the voided tax deed property in the Town of Atlanta.

Chair Tatur announced a closed session for Voided Tax Deed—Town of Atlanta for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, WI Stats 19.85 (1)(g). Skogen/Kaiser made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Taylor, yes; Kaiser, yes. Motion to go into closed session by roll call vote. The Committee went into closed at 2:06 p.m.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 2:38 p.m.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send a resolution to the full County Board to return $20,473.00 to Tom Christman in full settlement of any and all claims against the County. Motion carried.

Andy Albarado presented the economic development report which included an update on the buildings.

Dennis Pruszinski, Loss Prevention Specialist, was present via speakerphone to discuss unclaimed funds. He claims there is $43,800.00 in unclaimed funds in the name of Rusk County that have been sitting with a fiduciary trustee since 1999. His fee is twenty percent of funds collected. Pruszinski will send a contingent fee agreement and references to Schmit via e-mail.

It was the consensus of the Committee to delay the decision on the island until next month’s meeting.

Joanne Phetteplace was present to discuss the Chris Hoeft tax deed property. It was the consensus of the Committee to wait until the court action is settled to discuss this matter again. A policy should be set that a deed for a reclaimed property should not be issued until the check has cleared the bank.

Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. A certificate of deposit matures on Friday. It was the consensus of the Committee to renew that certificate. It was suggested to have Ernie Gerber attend the next month’s Finance meeting to answer bank related questions.
The Committee discussed contracting with an actuary for the OPEB. Schmit asked the hospital about a joint contract, but the hospital does not have an OPEB. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve contracting with Key Benefit Concepts, LLC, for actuarial services needed to meet accounting board standards.** Motion carried.

Schmit requested permission to attend Managing Through an Economic Downturn and Legislative Update which will be presented at the WGFOA Spring Conference. **Taylor/Kaiser made a motion to approve Schmit attending the WGFOA Spring Conference in Wisconsin Dells on March 26 and 27.** Motion carried.

A contingency request of $106.31 for the 2008 County Board budget was reviewed. Line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Coroner, County Board, Tax Deed, County Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff, Jail, Water Patrol, Snow Patrol, ATV Patrol, County Conservation Officer, BRDEU, Victim Service Specialist, Shop with a Cop, BRDEU Meth., Legal Fees/HR, Dog Trust Fund, Parks and Recreation, Trails End, Extension, Forestry, Economic Development, Tourism, Mining, Fritz Avenue, Weyerhaeuser Building, Enterprise Center, Land and Water Conservation, Recycling, and HHS Child Placing Agency. Line item transfers for 2009 were reviewed as follows: HHS Preparedness and HHS Child Placing Agency. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the 2008 and 2009 line item transfers and 2008 contingency request as presented.** Motion carried.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to send the resolution to Amend the 2008 Budget for Wireless 911 and the resolution to Amend the 2008 Information Technology Budget to the County Board in March. Motion carried.

Carry forward requests from Health and Human Services were reviewed. **Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to send the carry forward requests to the County Board in March.** Motion carried.

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

**Skogen/Taylor made a motion to adjourn.** Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary