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


Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the June 17, 2009, and June 23, 2009, minutes. Motion carried.**

Al Christianson was present to discuss the possibility of using TIF funding for a feasibility study related to the hospital and nursing home facility. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to request that the City of Ladysmith include an option of a feasibility study for the hospital and nursing home in their updated TIF #9 plan. Motion carried.**

Joanne Phetteplace, John Fitzl, John Stencil, William Schmidtke, and Paul Harding were present for the discussion of the Schmidtke property. An independent surveyor and attorney have been obtained by a property owner to resolve the matter.

Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. Plat books were discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee to market the plat book on [www.platbookwarehouse.com](http://www.platbookwarehouse.com).

Vouchers paid July 1, 2009, to July 14, 2009 were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.**

Tax deed properties were reviewed as follows:

- **Big Bend 004-00450-0000**—Last month the Finance Committee passed a motion to declare this property an illegal.
- **Dewey 010-01004-0000**—minimum bid set at $3,000.00
- **Flambeau 12-769-1**—part of runway
- **Flambeau 12-772-0**—part of runway
- **Flambeau 12-772-1**—part of runway
- **Flambeau 12-772-2**—part of runway
- **Flambeau 12-774-1**—part of runway
- **Flambeau 12-775-1**—part of taxi-way
- **Richland 028-00449-0000**—minimum bid set at $6,000.00
Sheldon 181-55-0000  
Sheldon 181-56-0000  
Sheldon 181-57-0000  
Sheldon 181-58-0000  

Sheldon 181-00179-0000—minimum bid set at $20,000.00

Sheldon 18100011-0000—minimum bid set at $20,000.00

Ladysmith 246-00609-00

Ladysmith 246-3657-00  
Ladysmith 246-01602-0000  
Ladysmith 246-01604-0000—minimum bid set for $500.00 for all three parcels together

**Platteter/Taylor made a motion to approve the minimum bids as listed above and proceed with the tax deed sale. Motion carried.**

Wetzel distributed information on VitalChek. Official Payments is working on a system for debit and credit card payments. It was the consensus of the Committee to wait to see what Official Payments comes up with before considering VitalChek as an option.

The Committee reviewed the resolution to dissolve the lower level of the library operating agreement. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to support the resolution to dissolve the lower level of the library operating agreement and forward the resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Present for the joint meeting with the Highway Committee: Henry Golat, Gene DuSell, Roger Svoma, Tom Costello, Nanci Mertes, Ed Wundrow, and Phil Montwill.

Wundrow explained how operating a county-owned blacktop plant saves taxpayers’ money. Mertes distributed financial statements from the Highway department. The Highway department plans to use STP money and other funds to submit a 2010 levy request that should be approximately $595,892.00 lower than the 2009 request.

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:40 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Rich Summerfield was present to discuss the resolution about the lower level of the library operating agreement.

It was the consensus of the Committee to refer the Strong claim to the County Board. The insurance company recommends that the Board disallows the claim.
Irene Lehman was present to answer questions about a W2 voucher.

**Skogen/Taylor made a motion to keep the same fee agreement for voter registration. Motion carried.**

**Taylor/Platteter made a motion to leave the marriage license waiver fee at $10.00. Motion carried.**

The DNR office is closing for public access and would like the Clerk’s office to become a registration agent. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to sign the agreement with the DNR to become a registration agent. Motion carried.**

The 2010 budget was discussed. The Personnel Committee is meeting on July 22 to discuss ideas for budget reductions.

Budget meeting dates were scheduled as follows: August 20 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only), August 24, September 2, September 9, September 21, and September 25 (if needed).

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve Bonnie Stoneberg attending the BOA training on July 21 in Barron and the County Clerks’ meeting with Vital Records on Domestic Partnership Law on July 23 in Wausau. Motion carried.**

Cassandra Mc Kittrick was present to discuss the request to amend Chapter 6 for electronic payment to Waste Management. There is no charge for electronic payment, but Waste Management will charge $3.00 per account for payment by check. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to amend Chapter 6 to allow for electronic payments to Waste Management. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers for 2008 and 2009 were reviewed as follows: UW Extension (2008), WNEP (2008), and Parks and Recreation (2009). The Committee reviewed a resolution to amend the 2009 budget for County Conservation. **Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the line item transfers as presented and forward the resolution to amend the 2009 budget for County Conservation to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Schmit distributed the Economic Development report and updated the Committee through an e-mail received from Andy Albarado.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report. The tax deed redemption period ends July 20. Request for bids on tax deed properties is scheduled for August and September with bid openings in October. Dog license reminder post cards were mailed. Domestic partnership begins August 1. Wetzel is working on grievances and the Personnel Handbook with the Personnel Committee.
Schmit presented the Auditor’s report which included collection of back taxes, the sales tax report, the insurance report, and the county car report.

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary