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


Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Rich Summerfield was present to discuss the Schmidtke tax deed property. The assessors plat would cost approximately $12,000.00. Summerfield informed the Committee that some of the property owners are working to resolve the property lines and that the County could declare this tax deed property an illegal.

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the May 20, 2009, minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid June 1, 2009, to June 16, 2009 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 2010 budget was discussed.

Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the contract with Sequoia to provide professional consulting services for the cost allocation plan for five years. Motion carried.

Dave Kaiser was present for the review of tax deed properties.

Big Bend 004-00450-0000--Taylor/Platteter made a motion to send the Big Bend parcel to the County Board to declare an illegal with a write off of $402.34 in taxes and $15.89 in redemption fees for a total of $418.23. Motion carried.

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  
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  

It was the consensus of the Committee to review these further at the July 15 Finance Committee meeting.  

Platteter/Skogen made a motion to forward the resolution assigning the Committee on Committees the task of recommending the size of the Rusk County Board after the next census to the County Board. Motion carried.  

Carol Lynn Arndt was present for the discussion of sending reminder post cards or corrective action notices. It was the consensus of the Committee to send out one post card instead of a letter.  

Present for the discussion of the 2010 budget with department administrators: Ed Wundrow, Nancy Hahn, Melissa Roach, Dave Kaminski, Cassandra Mc Kittrick, Paul Teska, Nanci Mertes, Joanne Phetteplace, Linda Effertz, CeCe Tesky, Deb Flater, Dean Hon, Andy Albarado, Char Johnson, D. Kaiser, and Arndt. Excused: Lyn Yotter. Tatur informed the group that preliminary figures show that there will be a budget deficit of approximately $700,000.00 after using $1,000,000.00 from the general fund reserve. Tatur asked the departments to keep the 2010 budgets at no increase for next year except for wage and health insurance increases. Tatur asked that departments also turn in estimated budgets for 2011.  

Wundrow and Mertes were present to discuss the Kwik Trip credit account. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to authorize a Kwik Trip credit account for the Highway department for emergency use only. Motion carried.  

It was the consensus of the Committee to have a joint meeting with the Highway Committee during the July 15 Finance Committee meeting.  

The Committee recessed for lunch from 12:25 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the signing of the contract with the NACo. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed increasing the marriage license fee from $60.00 to $75.00. Taylor/Platteter made a motion to increase the marriage license fee from $60.00 to $75.00 effective January 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Wetzel has additional revenue for the Clerk’s budget, but this money must be spent on election incentives. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to purchase five election award plaques with these incentives funds and keep the remaining funds for future election incentives. Motion carried.

Line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Public Health, Home Care, WIC, Family Planning, Injury Prevention, Birth to Three, Children with Special Needs, Preparedness, Northwest Consortia Planning Grant, Child Support, Economic Support, Jail Meals, Care Call, MAPC, Veterans Services, W2, Community Intervention, LIHEAP, Human Services, DAIP & Foster Care Training, Youth Aids, Women’s Cancer, MCH, PNCC, Core Prevention, Immunization, Tobacco, Service Management, Home-Delivered Meals, Benefit Specialist, Congregate Meals, and Congregate Management. Skogen/Taylor made a motion to approve the 2008 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Line item transfers for 2009 were reviewed as follows: Auditor, Sheriff, Jail, IT, DARE, ATV, Water Patrol, Snow Patrol, BRDEU Meth, LIHEAP, and Children & Families. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the 2009 line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report.

Skogen left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Personnel committee members present for the discussion of possible 2010 budget reductions: Tom Costello, Kathy Mai, Dave Willingham, John Stencil, and Roger Svoma.

The two committees discussed preliminary budget estimates.

Chair Tatur announced a closed session for discussion of possibilities for 2010 budget reduction 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/Taylor made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Platteter, yes; Taylor; yes. Motion to go into closed session carried by roll call vote. The Committee went into closed session at 2:30 p.m.
Taylor/Platteter made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried. The Committee returned to open session at 4:18 p.m.

It was the consensus of the group to have the Personnel committee meet with all union executive board representatives and all department administrators on June 25 at 1:30 p.m. Finance committee members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Albarado was present to inform the Committee about possible economic development funds (which would include a Commerce grant) to relocate a portion of County M. Albarado distributed a copy of the Economic Development report.

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

Wetzel distributed the Clerk’s report.

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

Platteter/Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary