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

Present: Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Cliff Taylor (at 8:58 a.m.), and Phil Kaiser. Excused: Randy Tatur. Also present: Denise Wetzel (until 11:30 a.m.) and Rosemary Schmit.

Vice-Chair Skogen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

P. Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to approve the February 18, 2009, February 24, 2009, and March 9, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid March 1, 2009, to March 17, 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.

Mike Naczas was present to discuss the tax deed property in Sheldon. Platteter/Taylor made a motion to have the Maintenance Department clean up the property in Sheldon. Motion carried.

Taylor/P. Kaiser made a motion to have Dave Kaiser survey the property at the Old Creamery Building in Sheldon to determine property lines and report back to Finance before contacting the railroad. Motion carried.

Ernie Gerber, Joanne Phetteplace, Melissa Roach, and Cassandra Mc Kittrick were present to discuss funds in Community Bank of Northern Wisconsin.

There was a discussion about transferring the responsibilities of the Lower Level Library Committee to the Library Board. Taylor/P. Kaiser made a motion to have Rich Summerfield look into amending Chapter 2 of the County Code to transfer the responsibilities of the Lower Level Library Committee to the Library Board. Motion carried.

The federal government changed the rules that Indianhead cannot pay per diems to board members that oversee the Headstart program. Discussion followed on the possibility of the County paying the per diems for the four members who represent Rusk County. This item will be placed on next month’s Finance meeting.

The Committee discussed the Maintenance Department’s request to have a credit card. Taylor/P. Kaiser made a motion to have the Maintenance Department use the general County credit card that has a limit of $5,000.00. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hold off making a decision about the island until liability issues can be researched.
A resolution to present to the County Board to return $20,473.00 to Tom Christman for the voided tax deed property was reviewed. **Platteter/Taylor made a motion to send this resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Resolutions to amend the 2008 budget that will be presented to the County Board were reviewed as follows: District Attorney with $7,121.03 from the general fund, Courthouse with $56,711.28 from the general fund, Land Information with $3,209.97 from the general fund, Land Information Grant with $9,046.42 from the general fund, Maintenance Tracking, Senior/Youth Building with $4,279.94 from the general fund, and Information Technology with $14,167.13 from the contingency fund. **Platteter/P. Kaiser made a motion to forward the resolutions to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Contingency fund requests and line item transfers for 2008 were reviewed as follows: Clerk of Circuit Court with $294.56 from contingency, GAL/Indigent with $1,967.15 from contingency, Corporation Counsel with $1,461.84 from contingency, Insurance/Other General Expenses, Auditor returning $2,394.21 to contingency, Parks & Recreation, Fairgrounds with $1,371.81 from contingency, Forestry, Dairyland, Zoning with $695.33 from contingency, County Owned Buildings with $2,327.99 from contingency, and HHS CIP. Line item transfers for 2009 were reviewed as follows: HHS Economic Support, HHS W2, and HHS CIP. **Taylor/P. Kaiser made a motion to approve the line item transfers and contingency fund requests. Motion carried.**

A carry forward resolution was reviewed. **Platteter/P. Kaiser made a motion to forward this resolution to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Gary Rivers was present to answer some questions relating to HHS vouchers that were reviewed earlier in the meeting.

The Clerk’s report was distributed.

Schmit presented the Auditor’s report.

Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report.

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

**Taylor/Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary