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


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

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the April 15, 2009, and April 20, 2009, minutes. Motion carried.

Mike Weiler was present to discuss the Family Court Commissioner’s need to fill out time sheets. The Personnel Committee requires all employees to fill out and submit time sheets with their payroll summary sheets. The Committee discussed whether the Family Court Commissioner should be a contracted position. This issue will be referred to the Personnel Committee.

Jason Gillis and Paula Carow were present to discuss the possible forest crop land purchase. Gillis offered to volunteer his time to work on this purchase.

Gillis and Carow were present for the discussion on the procedure for power line reimbursement. Drafts of the procedure and reimbursement form were reviewed, and some slight modifications were made. Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to approve the power line reimbursement procedure and reimbursement form with the recommended changes. Motion carried.

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report. The Schmidtke tax deed property was discussed. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to have the Rusk County Surveyor investigate the cost of an assessors plat by either quote or bid process. Motion carried.

The Pat Sweeney tax deed property was discussed. Skogen/Platteter made a motion to forgo the interest, penalties, and redemption fees associated with this property and allow the property to be redeemed for the back taxes only. Motion carried.

Vouchers paid May 1, 2009, to May 19, 2009 were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed.

Skogen left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

The draft of the standard resolution format was reviewed. It was suggested to include an explanation if a resolution submitted is not signed. Platteter/Kaiser
made a motion to approve the standard resolution format with a space for explanation if there is no signature. Motion carried.

Wetzel reported that nine properties have been taken for tax deed. There is a house on one property located in Weyerhaeuser that is still within the sixty day redemption period.

The budget timetable was reviewed. The 2010 budget was discussed. The discussion included the possibility of requiring employees to take a day or more off without pay, closing the Courthouse on a number of days, and eliminating positions.

Skogen returned to the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the 2010 budget timetable. Motion carried.**

Rich Summerfield was present to answer questions on the Schmidtke tax deed property and Indianhead Community Action Agency board per diems. Summerfield referred to State Statute 70.74 to possibly declare the Schmidtke tax deed property illegal. Summerfield was directed to have a resolution prepared for the County Board meeting on May 26 that will address the ICAA board per diems.

The Committee discussed the creation of the Environmental Health Specialist position.

The Committee discussed reducing the number of members on the County Board.

Mike Naczas and Andy Albarado were present to discuss additional paving and some modifications to the Gates Avenue building. Total cost would be $31,190.00. **Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve the change order for the Gates Avenue building. Motion carried.**

Albarado presented the economic development report. Albarado distributed a copy of the new Visitors Guide.

**Skogen/Kaiser made a motion to approve Renae Baxter attending the 2009 COCC Summer Conference on June 17 to 19 in Wausau. Motion carried.**

NACO membership was discussed. This item is on the May 26 County Board agenda. **Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to forward the NACO membership to the County Board. Motion carried.**
Line item transfers were reviewed as follows: 2008 General Fund Highway and 2009 Health and Human Services Non-Resident. **Skogen/Kaiser made a motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

**Kaiser/Skogen made a motion to forward the resolution to amend the 2009 Land Information Public Access budget to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Wetzel presented the Clerk's report. The Committee reviewed the timetable for the tax deed land sale. Dog license notices were discussed. Increasing marriage license fees was discussed. The domestic partnership bill was discussed. Wetzel informed the Committee about the WGFOA conference that she attended last week. The new County directory will be available next month.

Schmit presented the auditor's report including the collection of back taxes, the sales tax report, the insurance report, and the county car report.

**Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the out of state travel for Manley Peterson to attend the Virtualization Forum in Minneapolis on May 27 and 28. Motion carried.**

The next regular Finance Committee meeting is Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

**Skogen/Platteter made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary