The meeting was held in the Small Conference meeting room.

Present: Randy Tatur, Eldon Skogen, Jim Platteter, Phil Kaiser, and Art Dixon. Also present: Denise Wetzel and Rosemary Schmit.

Chair Tatur called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Dixon/Platteter made a motion to approve the August 18, 2010; August 23, 2010; August 30, 2010; September 1, 2010; and September 13, 2010; minutes. Motion carried.

Ed Wundrow and Nanci Mertes were present to discuss the request from the Town of Stubbs and Town of Atlanta for emergency culvert aid. Skogen/Tatur made a motion to transfer $4,500.00 from the contingency fund into the Highway budget for emergency culvert aid for the Town of Stubbs and Town of Atlanta. Motion carried with Dixon abstaining.

Vouchers paid September 1, 2010, to September 14, 2010, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid following the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Skogen/Platteter made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

Platteter/Dixon made a motion to change the name of the Auditor’s Office to the Finance Department. Motion carried.

Skogen/Dixon made a motion to approve reimbursing the three squads for the stair chairs purchased. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to update the County Code book. It was the consensus to have James Bonneville from Municipal Code present at next month’s meeting to answer questions.

The Committee discussed the letter received from Thor Backus. Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to recommend that the Hospital Board check the accuracy of the figures in the letter that the Finance Committee received from Thor Backus which is dated August 24, 2010, and also recommend that the Hospital Board review their policy regarding those employees who do not pay a portion of their health insurance premiums. Motion carried with Dixon abstaining.

Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the Rusk County Election Contingency Plan. Motion carried.

Dixon/Kaiser made a motion to approve the out of county travel request for Cassandra Camren to attend Employment/Labor Law on September 23 in Hayward, for Linda Effertz to attend the Wisconsin Register of Deeds Fall
Conference on October 7 and 8 in Minocqua, and for Renae Baxter to attend the Clerk of Circuit Court Fall Conference on October 13 to 15 in Eau Claire. Motion carried.

The IT department requested contingency funds for hiring an information technology consultant to assist with consolidating the Rusk County network from two domains to one domain and other network configuration changes. **Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve the contingency fund request of $3,000.00 for the IT consultant services. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers were reviewed as follows: Treasurer, Ambulance, Hazmat, and LIHEAP. **Dixon/Platteter made a motion to approve the line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.**

Joanne Phetteplace presented the Treasurer’s report which included an update on the cash and investments and the plat book. **Dixon/Skogen made a motion to approve Joanne Phetteplace attending the Treasurer’s Fall Conference on October 6 to 8 in Birchwood. Motion carried.**

Tatur left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report which included an update on tax deeds, dog licenses, marriage licenses, elections, and human resource issues. **Dixon/Kaiser made a motion to recommend to the Animal Control Board to continue through with the citation process and not to dismiss the citations. Motion carried.** **Dixon/Kaiser made a motion to charge back to the municipalities any cost that is incurred by the County for reprogramming their voting machines due to municipality error. Motion carried with Platteter abstaining.**

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

Andy Albarado presented the Economic Development report including an update on buildings and projects.

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. The next Finance Budget Meeting is Friday, September 17, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.

**Platteter/Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary