The meeting was held in the Law Enforcement Center 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 July 20, 2011, minutes. Motion carried.

Hollis Helmeci was present to discuss the repairs needed at the library.

Vouchers paid August 1, 2011, to August 16, 2011, were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Vouchers to be paid after the meeting were reviewed, discussed, and signed. Platteter/Skogen made a motion to approve paying the bills. Motion carried.

Tax deed properties were reviewed at the July 20 meeting, and minimum bid prices were set as follows:

- Big Bend 004-00538-0000—minimum bid $200.00
- Big Bend 004-00450-0000—write off as illegal (will need further action by County Board)
- Flambeau 012-01023-000—minimum bid $10,000.00
- Washington 042-00298-0000—minimum bid $225.00
- Willard 046-00627-0003—minimum bid $100.00
- Sheldon 181-00011-0000—minimum bid $6,000.00
- Weyerhaeuser 191-00254-0000—minimum bid $6,000.00
- Ladysmith 246-02649-0000—minimum bid $4,000.00
- Ladysmith 245-3657-00—minimum bid $40,000.00

Skogen/Platteter made a motion to recommend to the County Board to write off the Big Bend tax deed property 004-00450-0000 as an illegal. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the list of properties to be taken for tax deed. Dave Kaiser was present via speakerphone. Tatur directed D. Kaiser to check out the tax deed properties as soon as he has a break in the LiDAR project that he’s working on.

The Committee reviewed Tammy Paul’s request for an extension for paying the taxes on her property to avoid it being taken for tax deed. Platteter/Dixon made a motion to grant an extension to Tammy Paul if Paul pays the 2006 and 2007 taxes by the end of September and makes arrangements to pay off the rest of the taxes in a reasonable time frame. Motion carried. P. Kaiser abstained.
Cassandra Camren was present to update the Committee on the health insurance plan proposed changes.

The Committee talked about the possibility of Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home reimbursing the County for indirect costs beginning in 2012. It was the consensus of the Committee to discuss this during budget meetings.

**Skogen/Dixon made a motion to extend the depository agreement with Community State Bank for three more years. Motion carried.**

**Platteter/Dixon made a motion to forward the resolution to amend the 2011 budget for the New Freedom grant to the County Board. Motion carried.**

Tatur informed the Committee that Indianhead Community Action Agency may apply for funding from the Federal Transit Administration for a Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative grant. Tatur will work with ICAA on a resolution to be presented to the County Board to approve applying for this grant.

**P. Kaiser/Platteter made a motion to approve the easement on behalf of Rusk County to extend utilities in the Village of Hawkins. Motion carried.**

Line item transfers were presented as follows: Recycling and Health and Human Services-Services. **Skogen/Dixon made a motion to approve the line item transfer requests as presented. Motion carried.**

Schmit distributed the Treasurer’s report.

Wetzel presented the Clerk’s report which included an update of marriage licenses, DNR licenses, elections, tax deed sales, and dog licenses.

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

Al Christianson, Dan Gudis, Tony Hauser, Mike Naczas, and Andy Albarado were present for the meeting with the Joint Management Committee which was held at 1:00 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the repairs needed at the library and discussed funding options.

Albarado presented the Economic Development report.

The first Finance budget meeting is Monday, August 29, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.
The next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary