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 9:02 a.m.

Bonnie Stoneberg, Phil Schneider, Bob Nawrocki, Tony Ziesler, and Eileen Ziesler were present for the bid openings.

Bids were opened for the tax deed properties as follows:

**Big Bend 004-00583-0000**-minimum bid, $200.00  
***Keith Kohls, $3,000.00  
Daniel St. Clair, $250.00

**Flambeau 012-01023-0000**-minimum bid, $10,000.00  
No bids received.

**Grant 014-00260-0010**-minimum bid, $500.00  
Debra Jenness, $525.00  
***Michael Moravec, $764.00

**Grant 014-00199-0000**-minimum bid, $1,200.00  
***Michael Moravec, $1,444.00

**Washington 042-00298-0000**-minimum bid, $225.00  
***Wayne & Dorothy Linhart, $1,200.00  
Todd & Amy Strupp, $311.00

**Willard 046-00627-0003**-minimum bid, $100.00  
***Gregg Klindt, $310.00

**Willard 046-00593-0000**-minimum bid, $4,000.00  
***Paul Lisiecki, $4,000.00

**Bruce 106-00237-0000**-minimum bid, $600.00  
Michael Mirr, $802.60  
John & Sandra Liazuk, $750.00  
***Pat & Rob Gagnon, $810.00  
Al & Patti Hager, $675.00

**Conrath 111-00010-0000 and Conrath 111-00011-0001**-minimum bid, $400.00  
No bids received.

**Sheldon 181-00011-0000**-minimum bid, $6,000.00  
No bids received.
**Tony 186-00083-0000**-minimum bid, $500.00
No bids received.

**Weyerhaeuser 191-00345-0000**-minimum bid, $1,000.00
***Rob & Pat Gagnon, $1,210.00
Al & Patti Hager, $1,175.00

**Weyerhaeuser 191-00254-0000**-minimum bid, $6,000.00
***Rob & Pat Gagnon, $6,300.00

**Ladysmith 246-02649-0000**-minimum bid, $4,000.00
***Conrad Ziesler, $4,100.00

**Ladysmith 246-03657-0000**-minimum bid, $40,000.00
No bids received.

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Skogen/Platteter made a motion to accept the high bids on the tax deed properties. Motion carried.

Schneider, Nawrocki, Paul Teska, Roger Svoma, and Arian Knops were present for the discussion of the wage adjustment for the Assistant Forest Administrator.

Chair Tatur called for a closed session for a closed session for wage adjustment Assistant Forest Administrator 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). Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1)(e). Dixon/Platteter made a motion to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Tatur, yes; Skogen, yes; Platteter, yes; Kaiser, yes; Dixon, yes. Motion to go into closed session carried by roll call vote.

The Committee went into closed session at 9:25 a.m.

Dixon/Skogen made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried.

The Committee returned to open session at 9:54 a.m.

Dixon/Platteter made a motion to recommend the wage adjustment for the Assistant Forest Administrator to the Personnel Committee and the County Board. Motion carried.

Paula Carow was present to discuss the Land and Water Conservation department budget. Carow requested that the Finance Committee restore the $20,000.00 that they reduced the department levy by during the budget
meetings. The levy is already at its maximum limit. The Committee discussed using $14,837.30 that is in the Land and Water Conservation non-lapsing continuing appropriation to restore some of these line items during the November 15 budget meeting. Platteter/Kaiser made a motion to make a recommendation to the Land and Water Conservation Committee to use $14,837.30 of the non-lapsing continuing appropriation for the 2012 budget and further recommended that the Land and Water Conservation Committee propose a budget amendment on the floor of the November 15 County Board budget meeting. Motion carried.

Andy Albarado presented the request from Xcel Energy for electrical utility easements. Platteter/Dixon made a motion to recommend to the County Board approval of these easements with Andy Albarado authorized to sign temporary right of easements. Motion carried.

Skogen/Kaiser made a motion to forward the Resolution to Comply with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions and Appointment to the County Board. Motion carried with Platteter voting no.

The Committee discussed ideas for streamlining the voucher process. Wetzel suggested a flow chart to show the current process.

The Committee needs to amend the Financial Procedures Manual if the GASB 54 resolution is approved and for other recent procedure changes such as paying the vouchers once a week.

Wetzel updated the Committee on the health insurance bids.

The next regular Finance meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.

Skogen/Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Rosemary Schmit, Recording Secretary