Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning Committee to order at 2:29 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center at the Rusk County Courthouse. Members present were: David Willingham, Phil Schneider, Karl Fisher and Tom Costello. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson. Kathy Mai was excused.

Motion by Costello/Fisher to approve the 6-14-2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Costello/Schneider to pay the bills. Motion carried.

2012 Budget: This item will be listed on the agenda for the next few months. Tesky added LiDar into the 12 month figures and will check with the Finance department about setting up a new account. Land use and sanitary revenues are down significantly. Reviewed the meter budget. Motion by Costello/Schneider to have Tesky submit the draft budgets to the Finance committee. Motion carried.

The Department of Commerce will now be the Department of Safety & Professional Services. All references in the ordinance to the Department of Commerce will need to be changed. Leroy Jansky retired in June. No replacement is planned at this time. There has been language proposed to allow discharge of sewage to the surface of the ground. Committee asked Tesky to have Richard Summerfield draft a resolution to oppose allowing septage to run on the ground.

HR1309-Flood Reform Act. The Federal Government needs to renew the flood insurance program. Discussed letting Representative McCollum know we appreciate her help.

FEMA CAV summary: Tesky needs to prepare responses to the list of potential violations sent to us through the CAV. There may be a couple of instances where a permit was issued by the County where the floodplain could be in question. Our job is to fix it if there is a problem. Elevations will be needed in some cases and possibly cross sections of the water body. Motion by Costello/Fisher to empower Tesky to work with engineers to solve any potential floodplain problems. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:00 P.M. to open a public hearing for salvage yard in the town of Atlanta for Jed MacArthur.

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Tesky read the notice which was posted by the requirements of a Class II notice. The owner and town clerk were notified by Certified Mail and property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail.

Tesky explained that the property is zoned Ag and there are some wetlands in the area. There are some man-made ponds in the area and the nearest residence is that of the applicant. It is more than 300’ to the nearest home. Most of the adjoining land is farmland.
Chairman Willingham asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the request. Jed MacArthur spoke in favor. He explained that he has experience and knowledge regarding the salvage business and would operate according to the rules and regulations of the DNR regarding hazardous materials. He plans to have drop off area between Conrath and Rice Lake. He will need licenses from the DNR and has a reclaimer unit to process hazardous materials.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone present to speak against the request. Ken Bennor spoke but said he wasn’t opposed and felt Jed could do whatever he wants with his property. Jed explained that he is working on a fence to help with the windshield glare to the Bennor property.

Chairman Willingham asked three more times for anyone present to speak in favor or against the request. There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:12 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting.

**Resume regular meeting**

Reviewed staff recommendations. Discussed the time limit on starting the business and that the permit is non-transferable until the project is completed. Fisher commented that the big issue will be screening. Motion by Fisher/Schneider to grant the permit with staff recommendations and require that the area listed as #3 be fenced or screened prior to being used. Motion carried.

NR115: An economic impact analysis report needs to be done regarding the proposed changes. Someone may contact the county to see what impact might happen at the local level. There is discussion of the DNR extending the implementation date for 2 years.

CSM review: 2 lot CSM in the Town of Murry for Sherry Gordon. Lot 2 is a gravel pit and the owner is keeping lot 1. There is a 66’ wide access to lot 2. Motion by Schneider/Costello to approve the CSM upon the surveyor approval. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator report: Tesky reported that our intern is working out very well and more septic maintenance reports will be going out next week. Tesky is working on the response to the CAV regarding floodplain issues.

Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:44 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator