

**Lincoln County
Finance & Insurance Committee
Social Services Third Floor Conference Room
Thursday September 20, 2007
7:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Robert Lussow, Robert Weaver, Richard Berndt

Members Excused: Robert Lee, Gene Simon

Visitors: Dan Leydet, Nancy Bergstrom, John Mulder, Jeff Jaeger, Mike Soucy

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman Lussow

2. Minutes of September 7, 2007 were approved as printed, motion by Weaver seconded by Berndt – all voting aye.

3. Review 2008 Budget – Finance Director Leydet prepared in binder form a detailed copy of the 2008 budget for all departments. The committee received the document in advance of the meeting for review and reference.

Sheriffs Department – Chief Deputy Soucy and Sheriff Jaeger appeared, explained the Sheriffs budget and answered question from the Finance Committee and Staff. The Committee directed that 1.) Digital imaging project be eliminated in 2008 2.) Program expenditures be additionally reduced by \$36,000 or 2%. Eliminating the purchase of one squad car in 2008 or lowering outside housing budget does not meet the goal of reducing long term program expenditures. It is recommended that the Law Enforcement Committee prioritize services and make adjustments to lowest priority services or expenditures to accomplish meaningful reductions.

Levy Adjustments – Finance Director provided the Committee with an Analysis indicating Recommended Levy Adjustments and Possible Further Adjustments – The committee directed that all Adjustments to be incorporated in Draft Budget which will be reviewed at the regular Finance and Insurance Meeting on October 5, 2007.

Funding for Outside Agencies – All adjustments as listed in Analysis be included in Draft Budget except as follows; Haven Request to be reviewed and included as part of Social Service budget, Tomahawk and Merrill Libraries be calculated at the Wisconsin statutory minimum.

Outstanding budget issues – 2008 Budget Draft is premised on enactment of 2% Levy Cap by the State, County cost of living wage adjustment is assumed to be 1½%, Settlement with the State over billing issues at the 51.437 Development Disability programs in unknown, Social Service Budget/County Levy, which has not been received at this date, expected to be the same as 2007 or less.

Draft Budget to be review at the regular Finance & Insurance Committee meeting on October 5, 2007.

4. Adjournment at 9:00 a.m. motion by Weaver seconded by Berndt – all voting aye.

Submitted by,

Robert Weaver
Secretary