FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE October 2, 2015

The Finance and Personnel Committee met on Friday, October 25, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room, located on the Third Floor of the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Finance and Personnel Committee members present included: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Bob Bellman, Fred Clary, Tom Crofton, Gaylord Deets, Larry Sebranek and Lew Van Vliet.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Sheriff Jim Bindl; Patrick Metz, Health and Human Services Director; Karen Knock, Veteran Service Officer; Barb Scott, MIS Director; and Jeanne Marshall, Highway Department Bookkeeper;

Chairman Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by mail or email to all Committee members and to each County Department Head, a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board and the County web site, a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer and a copy was emailed to WRCO.

Motion by Bellman, second by Deets to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The proposed 2016 County budget was discussed. Motion by Crofton, second by Clary to approve applying surplus funds from the General Fund to balance the proposed budget and include in the motion a hiring freeze from this point on when someone leaves through attrition. The implementation of a hiring freeze was discussed. It was noted that some positions are revenue generating. Motion declared defeated.

Discussion continued regarding balancing the proposed 2016 budget. Motion by Van Vliet, second by Crofton to apply surplus funds from the General Fund to balance the proposed budget; with a plan to reduce tax levy expenses to be developed by May 1, 2016. Motion carried.

The Committee will meet on October 13th for a closed session regarding the propose purchase of the Schneider property for use as a sand pit.

Motion by Clary, second by Deets to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Victor V. Vlasak Richland County Clerk