

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:30 AM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jeff Docken, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl, Docken and Miller.
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve the Agenda as presented.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2021.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Dave Miller, to deny the Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone property from Urban Reserve to Agricultural for Timothy & Kimberly Kes based on the findings as discussed by the Planning Commission. The properties are located in Section 31 of Webster Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Jared Engel. The property is located in Section 24 of Wheatland Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Scott Tempel, on behalf of landowner Bo Hu. The property is located in Section 18 of Northfield Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**III. SOCIAL SERVICES: Mark Shaw**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, Approve Social Services Department Social Welfare Fund Policy**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Dave Miller, Approve Social Services Department Contract with Alternative Resolutions, Inc.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**IV. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, To award contract # 2174 to Fitzgerald Excavating in the amount of \$133,545.00 for project # SAP 066-598-024.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve of Resolution # 21-022 and MnDOT Agreement # 1046040**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**V. COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST:**

**A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, Approval of Resolution 21-023 Resolution of Support for State General Funds for a Corridor Study of Regional Passenger Rail Service Connecting South Central Minnesota and the Twin Cities on Existing Rail Line through Northfield and Rice County**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**VI. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson**

**A. Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for The Barn at Crocker's Creek LLC, 24141 Bagley Avenue, Faribault, MN, 55021 for period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve the Renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for Thomas Tousignant dba LeMeiux Resort, 7710 Cedar Lake Road, Faribault, MN, 55021 for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**C. Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Galen Malecha, To approve the MN Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for A Race Worth Winning Als at Willinger's Golf Club, 6797 Canby Trail, Northfield, MN, 55057 on August 9, 2021.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**VII. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug**

**A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approve payment of \$85,324.40 to SHI for Rice County Microsoft licensing from March 2020 to March 2021.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approve renewal of VMWare maintenance from Loffler for \$31,038.88**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**VIII. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Troy Dunn**

**A. Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the proclamation of National Telecommunicators' Week in Rice County**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**IX. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: John Fossum**

**A. Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the attached amended agreement extending Hearing for James Ingham past June 1 and direct the Board Chair and County Administrator to sign.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim

Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**X. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell**

**A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to adopt Resolution #21-021 authorizing sponsorship of trails operated by the Faribo Sno-Go Club.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**XI. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted**

**A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 03-26-2021.
2. Payment of Bills  
Bills totaled: \$1,441,644.29 Claims over \$2000 listed: Access On Time Companies Inc. 12,229.00, Blue Earth County Human Services 8,239.71, Bornstein/Heather or Dan 3,405.04, Degrood/Steve or Gail 2,539.44, DeRider/Tina 2,036.08, Dimick/Dan 5,240.50, Enberg/Troy or Sandy 2,347.01, Henning/Felicity or Donald 2,200.38, Horizon Homes Inc. 56,118.29, Johnson/Scott or Stacy 2,859.86, KCQ INC 14,054.12, Lssmn 2,671.82, McMahon Counseling & Consulation Service 5,313.75, Minnesota Girls Academy 3,739.08, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 23,928.29, Olson/Theresa or Charles 2,809.84, Simons/Amanda 2,200.38, The Hills Youth and Family Services 9,801.89, Turgeon/Becky or Chris 4,495.00, UNITY HOUSE, INC. 2,529.60, Village Ranch Inc. 9,604.73, Voegel/Renee or Richard 3,480.37, General Revenue Fund Access On Time Companies Inc. 5,600.00, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc. 10,282.02, Amazon Capital Services Inc. 6,374.32, Arrowhead Juvenile Center 7,020.00, BHE Community Solar LLC 13,971.46, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 3,000.00, Braden & Messick 4,627.50, Cdw Government Inc. 6,505.59, Cellebrite Inc. 4,300.00, Civic Plus 11,477.02, Dodge of Burnsville Inc. 34,329.00, Esri Inc. 55,000.00, Faribault Interiors Inc. 2,495.00, Government Forms & Supplies 5,693.35, Grundhoefer & Ludescher 3,300.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 6,627.68, Harry Brown's Inc. 2,758.40, Hennepin County Treasurer 24,151.76, Jaak LLC 5,466.20, Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP 2,425.00, Martin/James 3,850.00, Metro Sales Incorporated 9,971.00, Minneapolis Forensic Psychological Serv 2,325.00, Minnesota Co Computer Coop Mi33 4,139.00, Neogov 7,815.01, North Star Mental Health LLC 2,650.00, SGI 2,982.29, Steele County Treasurer 399,925.96, Streichers 5,130.40, Summit Food Services LLC 7,638.00, Thomson Reuters - West 12,743.53, University Of Minnesota 43,837.20 Road And Bridge Fund Aspen Equipment Company 8,161.00, Cargill Inc. 16,583.77, Community Co-Op General Office 21,115.40, Dunham 3,460.00, Faribault City 16,220.10, Legend Technical Services Inc. 2,064.90, Medford Sand & Gravel LLC 5,558.09, Minnesota Dept Natural Resoures 4,544.00, Northern Safety Technology 3,622.25, Nuss Truck Group Inc. 2,584.55, Paape Companies Inc. 53,360.00, Rice Lake Fab Inc. 6,018.22, Ronco Engineering Sales 2,006.90, Towmaster 3,199.09, Waterford Oil Co Inc. 3,935.50, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc. 2,064.53, Ziegler Inc. 5,147.62, Social Services Fund AmeriCare Mobility Van, Inc. 4,825.38, Boldt Funeral Home 2,253.00, Dept. Of Human Services SWIFT 25,889.39, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 5,784.73, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 7,720.21, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc. 4,679.46, Capital Projects Fund Dunham 4,200.00, Septic Sewer Districts Baldwin/Lance & Kathryn 14,993.33, Roberds Lake Septic Sewer District WWGoetsch Associates Inc. 3,816.14, Waste Management Fund Buscho Enterprises LLC 14,643.35, Dick's Sanitation 20,296.99, Faribault Interiors Inc. 2,900.00, Met-Con Construction Co Inc. 107,059.30, West Central Sanitation 5,073.73, Family Service Collaborative Mayo Clinic 6,491.66, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 13,310.10, Sheriffs Agency Funds Callyo 2009 Corp 4,200.00, Rice County Hra Casa Inc. 3,865.90, Northfield City 2,056.00
3. Personal Appointments 04-13-2021.  
Yassir Ibrahim FT, Office Support Specialist, Social Services at \$18.41/hr., eff 04/05/2021.  
Sarah Jenson PT, Home Health Aide, Public Health at \$17.20/hr., eff 04/05/2021.

Barbara Lund FT, Custodial Worker, Parks & Facilities at \$18.41/hr., eff 03/22/2021.  
Mahamed Omar FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$22.55/hr., eff 04/05/2021.  
Maria Rodriguez FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$23.68/hr., eff 04/05/2021.  
Elizabeth Peterson FT, Assistant County Attorney, Attorney's Office at \$40.02/hr., eff 01/10/2021.  
Brian Mortenson FT, Assistant County Attorney, Attorney's Office at \$49.55/hr., eff 01/10/2021.  
Natalie Staeheli-Cheskis FT, Assistant County Attorney, Attorney's Office at \$43.84/hr., eff 01/10/2021.  
Zachary Kruger FT, Seasonal Worker Highway Maintenance/Non-CDL, Highway at \$15.00/hr., eff 5/17/2021.  
Brianna Peterson FT, Seasonal Worker Highway Maintenance/Non-CDL, Highway at \$17.00/hr., eff 05/17/2021.  
Laurell Reuvers FT, Seasonal Worker Highway Maintenance/Non-CDL, Highway at \$15.00/hr., eff 5/17/2021.  
Victoria Voegelé FT, Seasonal Worker Highway Maintenance/Non-CDL, Highway at \$17.00/hr., eff 5/17/2021.  
Jennifer Wolff PT, Office Support Specialist, Public Health at \$25.77/hr., eff 4/19/2021.

4. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, to appoint Dave Detert as the Rice County resident representative to the Mills Town Trail and SMART Board.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**XII.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

**Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 27 day of April, 2021.**

**RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Jeff Docken, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

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Sara Folsted, County Administrator