

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, July 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 Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting - June 22, 2021.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY:

- A. MICA provided us with a PowerPoint Presentation to go over some of the changes that will be taking effect within the next couple of years. More to follow at a later date.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Joshua Bertram. The property is located in Section 17 of Warsaw Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Michelle Simms, on behalf of landowners Mark & Susan Prieve. The property is located in Section 23 of Wells Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Gary Johnson, on behalf of landowner Max Johnson Trucking Inc. The property is located in Section 29 of Forest Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Conrad Anderson, on behalf of landowners Cecil & Virgilene Anderson. The property is located in Section 5 of Wheatland Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Corey Tutewohl, on behalf of landowners Richard Nielsen, Kyle Tuma, and Mary Cristofaro. The properties are located in Section 9 of Forest Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Dave Miller, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, NAYS: None

- F. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Kari Jacobson. The property is located in Section 20 of Wells Township.**

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

IV. **COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST:**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve waiving the application fees related to Bridgewater Township's Zoning Amendment & Rezoning of Property Applications of \$560 and \$385, respectively.**

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

V. **SOCIAL SERVICES: Mark Shaw**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, to Approve Social Services Department Contract with Allina Health System**

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

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to Approve Social Services Department Contract with Northfield Union of Youth.**

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

- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Dave Miller, to Approve Social Services Department Contract with Northfield Community Action Center.**

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

- D. **Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to Approve Social Services Department Contract Amendment with HealthFinders**

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

- E. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to Approve Social Services Department Contract Amendment with Northfield Healthy Community Initiative.**

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, Approval of application for Mn Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit for Most Holy Trinity Church, 4939 N Washington St, Veseli, MN for one day event August 15, 2021. Wheatland Township has approved the application.**

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 the Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Waterville Sportsmans Club at Ahlman's 9525 230th Street West, Morristown, MN 55052 on October 9, 2021.**

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

- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Dave Miller, to approve application & permit for a 1 day to 4 day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Most Holy Trinity Church, 4939 N Washington St, Veseli, Mn for August 15, 2021. Application has been approved by Wheatland Township.**

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

D. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approval of Agreement between the University of Minnesota and Rice County for providing Extension programs locally and employing Extension Staff.

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

VII. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: John Fossum

A. Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to Approve Joint Powers Agreement for Department of Corrections to reimburse Rice County for Autopsy expenses.

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

VIII. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Dave Miller, Be it resolved that the Rice County Board of Commissioners approve to request proposals for Construction Manager Agency Services for the Jail/LEC project.

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

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, Be it resolved that the Rice County Board of Commissioners approve the request for proposals for Design Services for the Downtown Block Development Project.

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

IX. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award contract # 2176 to the lowest responsible bidder.

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

B. CLOSED SESSION: Pending Litigation Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd.3 (b).

Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Galen Malecha, to move into closed session.

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

Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Galen Malecha, to move out of closed session.

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

Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Galen Malecha, to go forward with the Right of Way Negotiations.

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

X. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the 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 06-18-2021.

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,053,121.70 Claims over \$2000 listed: Access On Time Companies Inc. 5,600.00, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc. 7,884.14, Advanced Septic Solutions Inc. 4,329.50, B&B Drain Cleaning & Pumping Inc. 8,925.00, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 4,540.32, Casa Inc. 4,528.90, Cellebrite Inc. 4,300.00, Circle Lake Improvement District 5,000.00, City & Lakes Disposal Inc. 2,190.31, Community Action Center of Northfield 2,245.48, Community Co-Op General Office 6,060.79, Computer Integration Technologies Inc. 55,361.60, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 13,781.17, Dock & Door 5,521.40, Dynamic Electric LLC 5,394.00, Ecker/Stephen R 8,100.00, Emerge Enterprises 4,700.00, Faribault City 53,399.75, Faribault Interiors Inc. 2,495.00, Green Lights Recycling Inc. 2,002.28, Kielmeyer Construction Company 3,122.12, Lonsdale City 9,253.75, Martin/James 7,100.00, Mayo Clinic 2,170.00, Merit Contracting Inc. 3,036.51, Metro Sales Incorporated 15,098.05, Minnesota Co Computer Coop Mi33 6,776.20, Northfield City 48,059.75, Nuss Truck Group Inc. 3,031.45, Paape Companies Inc. 22,998.74, Ramy Turf Products 2,238.00, Rdo Equipment Co 303,719.00, Rice County Agricultural Society 5,000.00, Rice County Historical Society 9,821.50, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 59,733.85, Southern Minnesota Enterprises Inc. 25,845.00, Steele County 3,468.60, Thomson Reuters - West 3,007.35, Truck Center Companies 2,139.96, Waseca County HHW Division 2,410.80 Access On Time Companies Inc. 7,630.00, Bilotta/Merric 3,583.20, Blue Earth County Human Services 7,441.54, Bornstein/Heather or Dan 3,295.20, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 9,201.75, Dimick/Dan 2,170.70, Douville/Olivia 3,149.10, Enberg/Troy or Sandy 2,396.70, 3,347.02, Henning/Felicity or Donald 2,129.40, Horizon Homes Inc. 52,898.17, Johnson/Scott or Stacy 2,563.20, KCQ INC 14,054.12, Kuhn/Logan 2,018.39, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 48,252.06, Olson/Theresa or Charles 2,719.20, 2,249.09, The Hills Youth and Family Services 9,169.51, Turgeon/Becky or Chris 4,887.60, Vanhecke/Mary & Ignatius 2,506.95, Village Ranch Inc. 7,886.70, Voegele/Renee or Richard 3,368.10, Zumbro Valley Health Center 5,982.75

3. Personnel Appointments 7-13-2021.

Matthew Absher PT, Public Health Nurse, Public Health at \$34.27/hr., eff 7/26/2021.
Kyle Collier FT, Supervisor-Child and Family Services, Social Services at \$36.65/hr., eff 7/19/2021.
Rachael Dressen FT, Eligibility Worker/956, Social Services at \$22.89/hr., eff 7/19/2021.
Kathleen Hendrickson On call/PT Clerk, Administration at \$17.46/hr., eff 7/19/2021.
Julia Hogan FT, Environmental Planner I/247, Environmental Services at \$27.52/hr., eff 7/1/2021.
Adam Johnson FT, Chief Assistant /2111, Attorney's Office at \$50.93/hr., eff 7/19/2021.
Mitchell Luckow PT, Public Health Nurse/70, Public Health at \$31.29/hr., eff 7/26/2021.
Debra Sammon Temp On Call, Public Health at \$25.39/hr., eff 6/28/2021.
Sheri Schrot FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$22.89/hr., eff 7/6/2021.
Chad Sweeney FT, Assistant County Engineer, Highway at \$53.57/hr., eff 7/2/2021.
Diana Trnka FT, Case Aide-Social Services at \$22.13/hr., eff 6/21/2021.
Jamie Williamson FT, Child Support Enforcement Aide, Social Services at \$21.40/hr., eff 7/12/2021.
Alheli Zapata-Velazquez FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$22.89/hr., eff 7/6/2021.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, 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 July, 2021.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jeff Docken, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator