

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(At the beginning of each Committee of the Whole Work Session meeting, the floor will be open to solicit public comments on items on the agenda. Public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes for each person, subject to the discretion of the County Board Chairperson)

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. Dean Sunderlin spoke on behalf of Circle Lake Improvement District. Dean went over the last 12 months and the projects that were completed during the 2021 season. He also went into discussing future projects to finish in the 2021 season and possible project and budget plans for the upcoming 2022 season.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY REQUESTS:

- A. Joy Watson, talked about Three Rivers Funding and what they are requesting for funding to help with the project that will be started in Northfield with the Spring Creek II project. This project had been reformatted to COVID, causing the original four bidders to be higher than what was originally identified prior to the pandemic. In order to make the project work they would need to come up with an addition \$325,000.00. The County HRA has generously supported the project with 16 units of project-based rental subsidies. This subsidy will serve 16 very-low-income families in the project-once built. This request is for additional capital support for the project to fill the gap.

IV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. Allan Klug, IT director, spoke regarding Management of the GOV top level domain, which has been moved to the federal Cybersecurity and Information Security Agency (CISA) and opened up for local agencies to increase security and allow government agencies to more easily identify themselves. Rice County has an opportunity to setup ricecountymn.gov for county business. Federal and state authorities are advising to move to GOV for public public-facing sites and services. Registering the domain has no cost. Moving online services would involve some fees with small costs.

V. SOCIAL SERVICES: Mark Shaw

- A. A department update was given regarding the different locations within the Social Service Department and the different people to contact within these areas.
- B. Mark Shaw discussed information about possible expansion in regards to expanding the behavior health Unit and the expansion of using a Social Worker in the daily tasks of other departments like Community Corrections and the Sheriff's Office. The mention of a possible ride-along was mentioned as a possible option. More to follow down the road on this topic.

VI. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A. This was a review of the 2022 HRA Budget. Discussion only.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to adjourn the meeting.

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