

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, September 21, 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. VETERAN'S SERVICES: Tracy McBroom

A. Tracy McBroom spoke on behalf of the Veteran's Services. She gave a short overview of the everyday daily activities and updates on how the office is functioning.

III. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

A. Matthew Verdick, gave an update discussing the interview process which will be held to find a Construction Manager for the Public Safety Center.

B. Matthew Verdick, Director of Facilities, discussed that no plans have been discussed yet as to what is going to take place in the downtown area. They are looking at a couple of different directions. More to come at a later date.

IV. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Dennis Luebbe stated a timeline of actions will be taken to pursue going forward regarding this topic. More information will be brought forward at a later date.

B. Dennis Luebbe discussed many different highway projects that have been finished or are in the process of being close to being finished. County Road 6 is ready for pavement markings. County Road 15 had a minor delay due to materials being needed. Wells Township State Aid is complete. Construction is winding down. County Road 19 is working with MNdot in regards to the roundabout at 19 and Interstate 35. The draft open house for person will be on October 14 at the highway department from 5-7 p.m. The virtual open house will be through October 20th. At this time, comments will be gathered and preliminary designs will be drafted. More information to follow on these projects as well.

V. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Sara Folsted and Paula O'Connell presented a PowerPoint presentation which discussed items that went over the 2022 tax levy and what to expect for the upcoming year.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Miller, seconded by Jeff Docken, to adjourn the meeting.

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