

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 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. Denise Anderson of Property Tax and Elections gave us a look at the current tax information as well as forfeitures for 2021.

III. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: John Fossum

A. Presentation was given going over the Veteran Court jobs and descriptions. This program is for veterans that are struggling with mental health and addiction. There are about 54 participants. 32 of those are currently active. 14 have completed the program, 4 have withdrawn, and 2 have been terminated. Ten of the eleven counties have at least 1 veteran in the program. 7 are Rice County Veterans. 11 are criminal cases in Rice County. Most of these people in the program have suffered from a criminal vehicle, felony DWI, felony discharge of a firearm, 5th degree possession of a controlled substance and were in violation of a restraining order/harassment order. This program can take anywhere from 15 months to two years to complete.

IV. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

A. Wold presented in regards to what they found during their walk through for the Downtown Development project. Jake, John, and Jordan discussed the different items that would be needed in order to get the old Woolen Mill building up and looking similar to what it did. Estimates were along the 3.5-5 million dollar range to update all the construction that would need to bring the building to code. Most of this would be for the foundation to be fixed. This was just a short estimate as to what could be done. Wold stated it could be much more as they continued the project.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.

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