

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, April 19, 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)

Carl Voss-from Faribault, MN had some questions regarding the properties that are up for demolition in the downtown area.

Kathy Hagen-Requested that audit logs and standard reports should be made available to the public.

II. EXTENSION SERVICE: Kelly Chadwick

- A. Kelly Chadwick introduced Ashley Purry, who is now the 2nd educator. They focus on relationship building, and have a cooking club, and they are currently working on a garden in the Middle School.
- B. Three students spoke on behalf of what they have done over the last year. They have been focusing on baby needs that have been in demand within the county.
 - 1. The children and their mentors were all photographed with the five commissioners.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Rick Gieseke

- A. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Chris Sammon gives a presentation on how her department works and what they do throughout the year.

IV. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. All the machines that are used for elections were brought into the boardroom for anyone to be able to view. Denise Anderson and Jody Wagner walked through how each machine is securely handled during the election process.

V. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. Dennis Luebbe gave some insight on how there are still delays with equipment. Storm damage from the most recent storm has caused some minimal delays. Construction season has begun with County Road 25 culvert repair.
- B. A Public Hearing will be held in Walcott Town Hall on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Dennis Luebbe provided us with a summary of the next couple years. As discussed with the market, funding on all projects has increased. Highway is looking into state aid accounts as well as other accounts to use for the extra coverage. This will be discussed further in later days.

VI. 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