

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, May 17, 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. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

A. Jill Bondhus from the 911 Center as well as Jesse Thomas touched base on what they hoped to see for the future of the 911 center. As of right now, the 911 center is located in Owatonna. They gave a presentation on some possible options for change. Jake Wollensak, Project Manager, was available to touch base on the options that were given in the presentation as well. Of the options, option 1 shows the 911 center in their existing space located on the second level of Steele County Law Enforcement Center. Given the requirements for social distancing, this option will only allow for 6 dispatchers. Option 2 also shows the 911 Center in the same location. However, the administration would move down a level to expand the dispatch center. This would split the two departments apart. Option 3 is the same as option 2, but a little bit different in the layout. Option 4 would be to relocate to the existing Rice County Law Enforcement Center once the jail and Sheriff's Department vacate for their new facility. This option requires additional analysis, but it would be an adequate space for the Rice Steele 911 Center, including future growth and possible consolidation. Option 5 is about renovation of the current spot and applying new raised floors, modification to locker rooms, modifications to ramps, and modifications to sinks, HVAC/sprinklers, new ceilings, new lights, and a new toilet room required for an open floor plan. The kitchen would need to be relocated to another location on that floor. Option 6 would assume renovating an existing location, which is yet to be determined. The goal is to find the easiest feasible way to complete the project without causing operations to be compromised during the construction. County Commissioners agreed they would like to get a little bit more information in regards to what the costs would be for re-constructing the Faribault Law Enforcement Center before they come to a final agreement. More to come on this item.

III. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

A. Allan Klug, brought to the board Civic Clerk who we currently work with for our Board items, is looking into implementing an app where the product would be able to be used online. This would give the public and employees access when they are not in an office setting. This will be brought to board at the next Board meeting on May 24, 2022.

IV. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

A. Matt Verdick, Director of Parks and Facilities, brought forward to the Commissioners an option for a 3D Laser Project. This project is where the buildings that are historic, but not considered historic, allow for a 3D project which would allow for the public as well as the board to have access to all buildings that may be in the process of demolition. This would hold all the buildings in a 3D image format, which would give full access to what the buildings currently look like in their existing presence. A preserve for them, as you will.

V. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Dennis Luebbe from the Highway department talked about upcoming projects and gave a print out of the scope of services for the Rice County I-35CSAH 9 interchange. He discussed the culverts that have been reinforced, and stated that the I-35 6-legged roundabout is in preliminary layout form. This layout will be sent to MNDot. It is currently in review and will be moving forward. A few items in the works are the Bridgwater Twp, County Road 20 and St. Olaf College Bridge replacement options.

VI. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Fran Windschitl gave a rundown of the Cash & Pooled investments for the period ending March 31, 2022. Rates are on the rise.

B. Paula O'Connell gave a rundown of the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending March 31,

2022.

- C. Steve Pahs from ditch inspections discussed future plans regarding maintenance, spray/compliance, inspections and the removal of beaver dams.

VII.

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