

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building  
Tuesday, November 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. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Rick Gieseke**

- A.** Rick Gieseke, Deputy Administrator for Community Services and Social Services, introduced the Management Team that has joined both Community Corrections and Social Services into one unit. Having both offices joined together has allowed for management and supervisors to be organized under individual teams. Rick introduced the managers of each unit along with what their services are, how long they have been with the department and the overall of their duties.
- B.** Mark Shaw discussed some definitions of Cost Share and Cost Shift. He explained to the Commissioners along with the people how they work. He also discussed that most of the government programs that are offered are mandated. This means that counties have to provide and fund these programs. Mark showed us a breakdown of the different accounts or programs that are offered. These were listed as Public Assistance, holds, Sex Offenders, day training and rehabilitation, and Community Residential Facilities. Each of the programs is provided by the Social Service unit. He also talked about the funding of each individual program and what's being paid out from 2017 through 2021.
- C.** Rick Gieseke introduced Dante Hummel-Langerfeld, who is the Supervisor for the Behavioral Services Unit. Dante introduced her team and talked about what each of their roles are in the unit. She also gave an update as to where they are currently and what they hope to accomplish down the line.
- D.** Chris Sammon, Supervisor, discussed a change that has been made in regards to the change that's in place regarding the way fees are being handled. Before, placement was handled by the parents when a child was to be placed in foster care. Placement fees will now be paid based on the best interest of the child.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jeff Docken, to adjourn the meeting.**

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