

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 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. SOCIAL SERVICES: Megan Thomas

A. Megan Thomas gave a presentation on the number of Mental Health Calls to RC Crisis Line in 2022. She also talked about the timeframes of Mental Health calls to the crisis center as well as gave percentages of Suicidal ED visits vs. ED mental health visits. Overall, a new role will be looked into allowing the crisis center to have its own location to be able to provide for these people much easier and faster.

III. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Dennis Luebbe talked about the possibility of pulling plows due to the winter storm approaching. He also discussed all projects that are on the right path and will be discussed further as the year approaches. All updates were on current projects that are expected to begin within the next couple of months.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None