

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, March 7, 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. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

- A.** Discussion of plans for the GSB was brought forward. These plans would include updating the following offices: Elections, Courtroom 4 at the courthouse, Finance, IT, Assessor, Records Office, and Administration. The board would like to see if we can go forward with finding a way to cut some costs. More information will be brought forward at a later date.
- B.** Public Safety Center Fence options were brought forward, which were discussed earlier in the project. All of the board seem unanimous about going with the decorative fence with concrete that is large enough in size to make it last for years to come.
- C.** An overview of the project was discussed going over what has been completed, and what's being looked into. This was to make the Board aware of the process of the project.

III. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke

- A.** The I-35/CSAH 9 interchange feasibility study began last year. As part of that process, a public open house is scheduled for March 21st, from 5-6pm, at the Buckham West Building in Faribault. The open house will provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the study process, including the past, present and future work that will be completed. A preview of this presentation will be provided.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adjourn the meeting.

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