

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Steve Underdahl, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl, Docken and Hoisington.
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, Requesting approval for the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting February 28, 2023.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

II. RICE COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY: Steve Pahs

- A. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst to move into RICE COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY.**
Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, requesting approval for the DNR Fisheries to set up a type of monitoring system for fish at the outlet of French Lake, which is also the beginning of County Ditch 6.
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve Drainage Ditch Crop and Soil damage rates for 2023.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve the agreement between the County of Rice and Rice Soil & Water Conservation District for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken to move out of RICE COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY.

III. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve payment of the annual invoice of \$149,786.80 for Microsoft licensing to SHI.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

IV. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

- A. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the amended Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the City of Morristown.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

V. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, to adopt Resolution #23-012 - Resolution amending the Rice County Zoning Ordinance to allow for "compost facility, private" as an Interim Use within the A, Agricultural and UR, Urban Reserve zoning districts.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Preliminary Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Colin Johnson. The property is located in Section 8 of Wells Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Preliminary Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Danielle Herrlich. The property is located in Section 19 of Cannon City Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Thomas Mariska. The property is located in Section 21 of Morristown Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Bradley Gillen. The property is located in Section 6 of Webster Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Apple Creek Orchard. The property is located in Section 20 of Wells Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- G. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to authorize purchase of 648 (64-gallon) recycling carts from Wastequip/Toter in the amount of \$41,157.80.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VI. PARKS & FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Matthew Verdick

- A. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, Requesting PR Approvals for the Public Safety Center.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Galen Malecha, requesting approval for the Finance Construction project Phase 1 to be completed by Met-Con in the amount of \$24,000.00.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VII. SOCIAL SERVICES: Megan Thomas and Chris Sammon

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, requesting the Board of Commissioners declare March as National Social Worker Month and approve the proclamation.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, Approve Contract Amendment regarding Respite Care Services between DHS and Social Services.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VIII. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve Community Partner Contracts for the COSSAP Grant with Northfield Community Action Center, Healthfinders Collaborative and Beyond Brink.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. An invitation to attend the presentation-A Walk through Probations. The presentation is an interactive presentation depicting an individual's experience with probation in Rice County. It will be hosted at the Rice County Government Center in Room C208 from 3:30-5 Thursday, March 16.

IX. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award contract # 52-01 to Crane Creek**

Asphalt in the amount of \$3,439,835.93.

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

X. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

1. Extra Time/ Over Time Report 02-24-2023
2. Payment of Bills
Bills Totaled: \$743,807.33 Claims over \$2000 listed: 180 Degrees, Inc 15,075.28, Access On Time Companies Inc 13,550.00, Bilotta/Merric 2,511.52, Cervenka/Janice H 2,754.12, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 5,351.71, Dimick/Dan 3,288.51, Douville/Corey & Jenny 3,301.20, Family Alternatives 3,206.55, Faribo Childcare Center LLC 3,328.00, Greater Minnesota Family Services 3,129.12, Hahn Douville/Olivia or Samantha 9,661.68, Heartland Girls Ranch 20,538.00, Henning/Felicity or Donald 2,166.92, Johnson/Brad or Kim 3,112.20, Johnson/Scott or Stacy 2,589.86, Kanzenbach/James & Heather 3,421.60, KCQ INC 18,182.00, Nexus Family Healing 3,802.50, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 28,364.84, Noor/Nuria 2,077.26, Northfield Community Action Center 9,517.69, Northwoods Children Center 10,812.76, Ponce/ Seth & Haley 2,961.00, Roepke/Katie & Jake 3,816.40, Schroeder/Robecca A 2,131.92, Weissenborn/Carol 11,352.00, Welch/Jennifer or Mark 2,509.56, Workforce Development Inc 14,747.42, 180 Degrees, Inc 2,398.34, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 10,171.64, Allina Health Faribault Medical Center 4,005.90, Amazon Capital Services Inc 3,025.03, APG Media of So Minnesota LLC 2,478.33, Applied Concepts Inc 2,995.00, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 14,042.40, BMC Software Inc 2,996.38, Boldt Funeral Home 2,277.97, Brabazon Pumpe Company Ltd 3,395.67, Braden P.A./J Scott 5,810.25, Cargill Inc 35,604.11, Colby Law LLC 3,450.00, Community Action Center of Northfield 3,566.02, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 92,135.47, Dalco 2,612.72, Deans 3,650.00, Dlt Solutions LLC 14,065.49, Dynamic Electric LLC 6,040.00, Emerge Enterprises 3,775.00, Interstate Power Systems Inc 3,883.00, Karpel Solutions 2,000.00, Le Sueur County Sheriff 4,077.44, Le Sueur County Sheriff 6,612.50, Metro FiberNet LLC 2,412.24, Metro Sales Incorporated 2,343.97, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 2,330.00, Minnesota Dept of Agriculture 41,452.78, Minnesota State Treasurer 9,961.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 9,815.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 2,985.00, Mullenberg Plumbing & Heating 3,821.25, Nexus - Mille Lacs Academy 8,438.51, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 2,584.98, Northstar Title Group LLC 13,815.00, Nuss Truck Group Inc 19,500.53, Poms Tire Service 7,266.16, Rupp Anderson Squires & Waldspurgen PA 3,787.50, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc 12,604.29, SHI International Corp 8,388.00, Tifco Industries 7,710.82, Village Ranch Inc 7,587.87, Voyant Communications LLC 2,005.10, Waterford Oil Co Inc 8,192.19, Wsb & Associates Inc 2,826.50, Ziegler Inc 19,224.47
3. Personnel Appointments 03-14-2023
Aaron Bode FT, Interim Sign Technician, Highway, at \$29.83/hr., eff 3/22/2023
Larissa Busch FT, Case Aide, Social Services at \$24.40/hr., eff 3/20/2023
Tasha Jasper FT, Eligibility Worker Reception, Social Services at \$25.57/hr., eff 3/20/2023
Tasha Jasper FT, Case Aid, Social Services at \$25.57/hr., eff 3/14/2023
Joshua Malecha FT, Sergeants, Sheriff's Office at \$49.78/hr., eff 3/5/2023
Jennifer Myers FT, Case Aid, Social Services at \$26.71/hr., eff 3/14/2023
Melisa Stoltz FT, Case Aid, Social Services at \$25.57/hr., eff 3/14/2023

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners on this 28th day of March, 2023.

Steve Underdahl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator