

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, June 6, 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) Commissioner Gerry Hoisington called the meeting to order.

Chris Nyhus spoke on the Public Participation item. He requested that open forums are live streamed and open for comment. He had also requested allowing the public to hear the presentation first and then be able to comment after the fact. It was brought fourth that the public should be allowed to go online and comment also.

Nancy Marth requested the public be able to speak after every Agenda item for both the Rice County Board Meetings and the Committee of the Whole. She stated that the public doesn't always know what's being talked about and thinks it would be beneficial to the public to be able to speak before a decision is made, or after a presentation is given.

Kay Keller did not like the idea of having to fill out a comment card. She stated that whomever attends the meeting should be able to be allowed to speak on behalf of the specific Agenda item.

II. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

A. Fae Schumacher, Supervisor for Family Child Nursing, and Krista Middlebrooks, Regional Family Home Visiting Program Manager, gave a presentation on Evidence-Based Family Home Visiting. A short introduction was given to the Family Home Visiting Programs Team. A video was presented which gave home visits of two families. Data was also provided from 2022 for how the program works and to whom is a part of the group. This was then followed up with a lifting story about a girl named Lexy who finished her three-year program. She explained the process and how she was able to work with the team which helped her along the way.

III. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Rice County Rules of Public Participation was brought forward by Sara Folsted. The Commissioners went through each topic and discussed things that were in place and adjusted some items that they felt needed a little tweaking. It was discussed that a possible half hour meeting prior to the regular meeting would be beneficial once a month to have the public speak. Two evening meetings were discussed, also making these possible at the Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting and the Truth and Taxation meeting. This would allow for the public to come forward also. Zoom was discussed and Commissioner Malecha suggested that we continue using Zoom or some other form of live feed during meetings. It was asked that we record all meetings and allow for them to be placed on our website. The Commissioners will make their updates and they will be presented at the next Rice County Board meeting on June 13, 2023.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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