

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A.** The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Year ended December 31, 2022. The financial audit has been completed and the Principal from CliftonLarsonAllen, Doug Host, presented the final results.

III. OUTSIDE AGENCY:

- A.** Carla Pearson gave some information on how everything is going within Buckham and what they are planning for their future plans. Buckham is requesting funding in the amount of \$8,000.00 for 2024.
- B.** Kerry Hjelmgren, Executive Director, gave an update on how FityNorth is doing and what they are expecting for the upcoming year. They have requested funding of \$10,000.00 for 2024.
- C.** Marguerite Moran spoke on behalf of the Lonsdale Library. She gave a brief overview of what they are expecting to see over the next year. The Lonsdale Library is requesting funding in the amount of \$29,000.00 for 2024.
- D.** Steve Pahs gave a short presentation going over the 2024 Budget Proposal for Rice Soil and Water Conservation District. They are asking for funding of \$244,494.00 for 2024.
- E.** Don Hauge, Executive Director for Southeaster MN EMS gave a short presentation online about how the company is working and what they plan on working towards within the next year. They have a funding request of \$5,000.00 for 2024.
- F.** Jeff Wyant, Senior Services Director talked about what they are hoping to further in 2024. They have requested funding of \$4,000.00 for 2024.
- G.** Tim Penny, CEO & President of Southern MN Initiative Foundation gave updates on what they are expecting for the upcoming year. They have asked for funding in the amount of \$2,550.00 for 2024.

IV. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A.** Dennis Luebbe gave a brief overview of what's happening in his department.

V. Finance: Paula O'Connell

- A.** Paula O'Connell, Director of Finance gave a brief overview of the changes taking place and the rolls of her staff.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Jim Purfeerst adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.