

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, September 26, 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 Galen Malecha, to approve the Agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting September 12, 2023 and the Special Rice County Board Meeting September 19, 2023.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Uittenbogaard. The property is located in Section 19 of Walcott Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by Planning Commission for Haugh. The property is located in Section 32 of Walcott Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Steeves (McDonough). The property is located in Section 6 of Cannon City Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

III. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve an agreement between Rice County Public Health and Kathy Cooper for professional services related to a 2024 TZD Safe Roads Grant, for the period of October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

IV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve renewal of the Adobe License for Rice County as quoted in the amount of \$51,818.00 from CIT.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

V. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson and Erica Staab-Absher

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jeff Docken, to approve the proclamation for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2023.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

VI. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve and adopt Resolution #23-031 and MnDOT Agreement #1046039.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jeff Docken, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, NAYS: None

B. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve and adopt Resolution #23-032 and MnDOT Contract # 1054459 (Detour Agreement for TH 3 detour).

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

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve MnDOT contract no. 1052896.

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

VII.

FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adopt Resolution #23-033 Setting the Preliminary Tax Levy for 2024.

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

Public Comment:

Kathy Jasnoch, Director of Prairie's Edge Humane Society spoke. Kathy is disappointed about the possible decision not to be funded this year by Rice County. She stated how important her job is for not only the animals but the people as well. She hopes that the Commissioners will really look into what the people of Rice County ask.

Elsie Slinger, donor to Prairie's Edge Humane Society spoke regarding the business and how well they handle their money. And that they look forward to the help of Rice County every year. She has emailed a letter to each Commissioner and asked them to review it.

VIII.

ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

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

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

1. Extra Time/ Over Time Report 09-08-2023

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$2,900,682.37 Claims over \$2000 listed: Accurate Controls Inc 15,354.14, ADP Inc 12,212.16, Anoka County Corrections 11,095.23, Archambault Bros Disposal Inc 2,147.62, Boldt Funeral Home 2,278.00, Braun Intertec Corp 9,627.50, Bruce Harris & Associates Inc 3,603.75, Casa Inc 8,212.00, Chappell Central Inc 127,042.55, Civic Plus 18,058.95, Community Co-Op General Office 12,001.01, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 119,962.32, Contegrity Group Inc 72,069.11, Cooper/Katherine 2,045.39, Davis Mechanical Systems Inc 397,689.00, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 31,458.37, Dem-Con Trucking 22,347.98, Deming Construction Inc 142,397.88, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 28,530.43, Dick's Sanitation 21,422.49, Doda & McGeenye P.A. 2,250.00, Ecker/Stephen R 8,550.00, Election Systems & Software Inc 13,831.00, Electrical Production Services 85,589.71, Express Pressure Washers Inc 3,901.75, Faribault City 6,285.38, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 38,504.04, Freeborn County Sheriff 17,160.00, Guardian Fleet Safety 2,521.10, Healy Construction Company 81,741.00, Heartland Glass Co Inc 21,651.45, Innovative Office Solutions 2,245.96, Jaak LLC 3,967.65, Kandiyohi County Treasurer 28,000.00, Klein McCarthy Architects 26,522.14, Knight Barry Title United LLC 2,450.00, Laketown Electric Corp 191,887.60, Lincoln Financial Group 6,839.86, LSQ Funding Group LC 3,512.80, Masters Plumbing Heating & Cooling LLC 73,852.38, Meese/Sheryl & 16,337.00, Merit Contracting Inc 48,484.20, MetLife 28,587.96, Mid-States Organized Crime Info Center 4,200.00, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 2,260.00, Minnesota Dept of Agriculture 22,678.00, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 7,265.55, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,931.00, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative 2,832.43, MN Public Employees Assoc 3,648.00, Mvlt Laboratories Inc 13,568.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 14,322.05, Northland Concrete & Masonry Co 99,104.00, Office of MN IT Services 2,256.94, Overhead Door Co of Olmsted County 48,450.00, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 2,853.00, Pauly Jail Building Co Inc 146,488.29, Pietsch Construction 223,306.05, Pumps Tire Service 5,324.28, Quadiant Finance USA Inc 2,000.00, Quality Equipment Sales & Service Inc 21,064.82, RCM Specialties Inc 6,294.32, RDO Equipment Co 4,665.28, Reisetter/Lance & Michelle & 18,000.00, Reynolds/Harvey 12,906.75, Roberds Lake Club 5,000.00, Sanofi Pasteur Inc 13,255.01, Schneider Geospatial LLC 4,341.00, Sharing Our Roots 2,530.49, Snap-On Tools 2,220.50, Streichers 2,527.29, Summit Companies

56,202.00, Summit Food Services LLC 24,189.27, Tactical Solutions 2,155.00, Team Hoot 5,000.00, Thomson Reuters - West 7,498.01, Trimin Systems Inc 34,560.00, Veolia Environmental Services 20,697.48, Voyant Communications LLC 2,169.96, West Central Sanitation 5,333.44, WEX 2,996.87, Access On Time Companies Inc 10,233.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 32,679.63, Capstick Companies LLC 2,767.00, Carlson/Michael David 2,195.40, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 11,554.36, Eldred-Whitehead/Chris or Kerri 4,244.07, Forensic Nursing Home 2,771.40, Moose Lake RTC 8,801.83, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 25,985.75, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 20,012.45, North Homes Inc 12,627.90, Northwoods Children Center 11,971.27, Ponce/ Seth & Haley 3,510.75, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 4,944.00, St Peter Rtc 3,289.10, Welch/Jennifer or Mark 3,797.86

3. Personnel Appointments 09-26-2023

Chris Bauer Temporary On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$22.00/hr., eff. 9/26/2023
Daniel Brewster PT On-Call, Veteran Driver On-Call, Veterans Services at \$65.00 Daily eff. 9/15/2023
Nicole Kadrlik FT, Administrative Assistant, Parks & Facilities at \$26.45/hr., eff. 10/9/2023
Abigail Krage FT, Social Worker MNChoices Assessor, Social Services at \$32.24/hr., eff. 10/30/2023
Amanda Maeyaert FT, Records Services Specialist, Records Office at \$23.14/hr., eff. 10/9/2023
Samantha Schwartz FT, Project Manager, Parks & Facilities at \$42.37/hr., eff. 10/9/2023
Martin Thorsheim FT, Social Worker MNChoices Assessor, Social Services at \$36.84/hr., eff. 11/13/2023

B. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve sending a 90-day program change notice to the University of Minnesota to initiate modifying the agreement between the University and Rice County for the provision of local Extension programs.

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

IX. HOUSING: Joy Watson

A. Habitat Tour (Following the Rice County Board Meeting)

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 10th day of October, 2023.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steve Underdahl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator