

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(At each Committee of the Whole Work Session meeting, the floor will be open to solicit public comments on items on the Agenda after they are presented. A Comment Card will need to be filled out in order to speak about any of the items. Public comments will be limited to (3) minutes for each person, subject to the discretion of the County Board Chairperson) Galen Malecha called this meeting to order.

II. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Rick Gieseke and Angela Brewer

A. Community Corrections applied for a Treatment Court Discretionary grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to enhance the current Treatment Court program. The application was approved for a four-year grant award beginning October 1, 2023. The grant award focuses on program enhancements that assist Treatment Court participants in building skills, community connections, and accessing resources that promote sustainable recovery after completing the program.

III. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson

A. Brian Mortenson, Rice County Attorney, gave an overview of what the Rice County Attorney's Offices does for the public.

IV. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Dennis Luebbe gave an overview of what Highway is working on and completing. All highway projects are ending for the 2023 season. County Road 52 and 59 are completed in Veseli. Hwy 3 roundabout is now open. The curb and gutter are being worked on and they are hoping to have them completed by the end of the month. Lonsdale project is complete for the year. Staffing updates were given. One individual got 1st place in the statewide highway rodeo, more to follow as the information is complete. They are in the process of getting ready for the winter season. Hoping to schedule a meeting to update the I35 interchange before the end of the year. Dennis will sit down and review the 10-year plan and bring a draft to the board by the end of the year.

V. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Paula O'Connell reviewed the Quarterly report with the Board for period ending September 30, 2023.

B. Paula O'Connell reviewed the Cash & Pooled Investments for the Period Ending September 30, 2023.

VI. HUMAN RESOURCE: Adam Johnson and Carol Kritzer

A. Adam Johnson reviewed the updated Remote Work Policy, going over the highlighted changes that were made. All commissioners agreed with the policy coming back to the Board at the next Board Meeting on October 24, 2023.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adjourn the meeting.

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