

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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, who called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST:

A. Open Discussion regarding the Proposed New State Flag and Official State Seal.

Public Comments were in this order:

Bill Lieske-State Senator

Linda Moore-Rice County Resident

Kathleen Doran-Norton-Rice County Resident

Kathleen Hagen-Rice County Resident

Matt Rohn-Rice County Resident

Sebastian Lawler-Rice County Resident

Bree DeGrood-Local Resident

Sinda Nichols-Rice County Resident

Nancy Carpenter-Rice County Resident

Kay Keller-Rice County Resident

Tina Stadler-Rice County Resident

III. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Fran Windschitl discussed the Cash & Pooled Investments for the period ending December 31, 2023.

B. Paula O'Connell gave a brief overview of the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2023. The next report will be in June.

IV. PUBLIC HEALTH: Deb Purfeerst

A. Public Comment was given by Kathleen Hagen-Rice County Resident

Deb Purfeerst and Angie Nagel provided a presentation regarding the topic of a Mobile Outreach Vehicle. More information was requested and will be brought forward at a later date.

V. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Bolten and Menk gave a presentation on the next steps in the process for the County Road 9/Interstate 35 future plans. Multiple scenarios have been drafted. The next will be to have the Rice County Board review and approve the Feasibility Study and then schedule a public hearing. Once completed, they will then need to approve the mapping. More on this item will be happening at upcoming meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Result: Approved AYES: Steve Underdahl, Gerry Hoisington, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst NAYS: None