

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, May 7, 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)

Jesse Thomas introduced Joseph Johnson, who is the new Director of Emergency Management.

II. COURT ADMINISTRATION: Lisa Kuhlman, Angie Hutchins, Shelley Ellefson, Ken Macon

- A. Rice County Courtroom Audio Visual Upgrade Presentation update. This provided data and information that was adjusted to create different proposal ideas. The Rice County Board of Commissioners will bring this topic back at a later date.

III. ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Joshua Schoen

- A. Josh Schoen, Department head of the Assessors' Office gave a brief overview of what's taking place within his department and gave some updated information that could change in the year 2025.

IV. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

- A. Deb Purfeerst and Josh Ramaker continued their discussion regarding updating the Rice County Tobacco Retailer Ordinance. Initial discussion took place on March 19, 2024. This discussion was to determine Board recommendations for an ordinance update to comply with state minimum requirements, as well as other options to consider for inclusion in ordinance update.

V. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst to go into Closed Session under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D.05 Subd. 3 (C)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property. Parcel ID: 18.31.1.26.255.**

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

No Action Taken at this Time.

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington to go out of Closed Session at 11:06 a.m.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to adjourn the meeting.

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