

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, July 2, 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)

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A.** The Office of Cannabis Management has provided guidance on the different areas of cannabis regulation that may be exercised by the County. This includes public use, retail registration, and zoning. Regarding public use, the County Board adopted Ordinance #900 prohibiting smoking cannabis on County property last week. Next week the County Board will consider Ordinance #901 to place a moratorium on cannabis businesses and direct staff to study the retail registration and zoning components of cannabis regulation. The guidance the Board provides at this work session would inform that study.
- Some of the questions for Board consideration to provide direction to staff include:
 - Should the county set a retail registration cap? If so, what number?
 - What districts should various types of cannabis businesses be allowed in?
 - Should cannabis businesses be permitted, conditional, or interim?
 - What setbacks should be considered?
 - Should lower-potency hemp edibles be regulated differently from other cannabis businesses?

III. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

- A. Motion by Jeff Docken, seconded by Galen Malecha to move into Closed Session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03, Labor Negotiations Strategy.**
RESULT: Approved. A Yes: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Jeff Docken, NAYS: None

No action at this time.

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to move out of Closed Session.
Result: Approved. A Yes: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Jeff Docken, NAYS: None

IV. 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