

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, July 16, 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) Jeff Docken opened the meeting.

II. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

A. Public Comment portion:

Shelby Patterson: Not a Rice County Resident, a member of Northfield Alliance for Substance Abuse prevention spoke on the topic of the Tobacco retailer ordinance.

Robert Aby: Resident, commented on the tobacco retailer ordinance.

Meleah Follen: Resident, commented on the Tobacco Retailer Ordinance.

Liz Johnson: Non-Resident of The American Lung Association on the topic of the Tobacco Retail Ordinance.

Greg Gelineau: Non-Resident, was a Northfield Middle School Principal a time back who commented on the Tobacco Retail Ordinance.

Nicholas Koren: Resident spoke on the tobacco retail ordinance

Deb Purfeerst and Josh Ramaker brought back the Tobacco Retailer Ordinance discussion. They went through the 15 items that were touched on at the last meeting. All commissioners approved of the changes and updates being made. The finalized ordinance will be brought back for approval at the next Rice County Board Meeting on July 25, 2024.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Rick Gieseke and Angela Brewer

- A.** Angela Brewer provided a PowerPoint Presentation which went over a brief discussion of what they are planning for the remainder of the year 2024. They also gave some updates on grants they have applied for and goals they are going to pursue for 2025.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.

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