

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, August 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) Steve Underdahl called the meeting to order.

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY:

- A.** Peter Van Sluis, Executive Fair Manager, provided an overview of the Rice County Fair. Their 2025 levy request is \$20,000.
- B.** Erica Staab-Absher, Executive Director, gave a yearly overview. Their 2025 levy request is \$18,000.
- C.** Nort Johnson - Chamber Trust, discussed the idea of the Faribault Cradle 2 Career and provided the opportunity to show some input on how the project is working. Their 2025 levy request is \$20,000.
- D.** Dave Nichols, Executive Director, gave a brief overview of what's happening at the Rice County Historical Society. Their 2025 levy request is \$45,000.
- E.** Jane Lanphere, Regional Manager, provided information on the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association but was not at the meeting. Their 2025 levy request is \$3,355
- F.** Kathy Jasnoch, Shelter Director, spoke about what is taking place within the Humane Society and what is to be expected for the upcoming year. Their 2025 levy request is \$5,000.

III. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A.** Paula O'Connell, Finance-gave an overview of the Cash & Pooled Investments for the Period Ending June 30, 2024.
- B.** Paula O'Connell, Finance gave an overview of the Quarterly Financial Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2024.
- C.** The topic of Local Option Sales Tax was brought before the Commissioners. The request was to find out how they wanted to proceed with adding the Local Option Sales Tax to the Ballot for the Primary Election on November 5, 2024, for the voters to be able to decide on. All Commissioners were in agreement to bring this back for a motion at the next Rice County Board meeting to further discuss the option on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

IV. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

- A.** The Rice County Commissioners attended a tour of the Public Safety Center following the Board Meeting.

There was no actual adjournment to the meeting due to the tour.