

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, September 3, 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 was the chair to open the meeting.

II. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A.** The preliminary Levy Discussion brought forward Personnel Department Requests. Angela Brewer of Community Corrections would like to ask to have two probation positions reclassified as Senior Probation Positions. Megan Thomas from Social Services has requested 1 FTE. Adult Protection Position-APS Community, 1 FTE. CADI Waiver Case Manager, and 1 FTE. MN Choices Lead Position. Brian Mortenson, County Attorney, has brought forward the open position that is already part of the budget for Assistant County Attorney. Sheriff Jesse Thomas, brought forward the request for continuation of current transport deputies to be in full-time positions. Carol Kritzer, Human Resources Manager, brought the request to reclassify a current position that's been vacant to a Senior Generalist position.

All outside agencies had brought forward their requests during prior Work Session meetings. All Commissioners gave their input and this will be brought back later for a final decision. All were in agreement to remove Cradle to Career off the Outside Agency list and have it brought back as a separate item for further discussion.

III. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

- A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington to go into Closed Session under Minnesota Statute 13D.03 Subd.1 Labor Negotiations Strategy.**

RESULT: YAYS: Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, NAYS: None

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl to go out of Closed Session.

RESULT: YAYS: Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Jeff Docken, Steve Underdahl, NAYS: None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Jeff Docken, to adjourn the meeting.

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