

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, September 17, 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) Jim Purfeerst opened the meeting.

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

A. Dean Sunderline, Chair of Circle Lake Improvement District, had a brief overview of the plan they are working on to get the lake back to where it needs to be safe and effective.

III. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. A preliminary budget was discussed. All Commissioners discussed their thoughts and ideas on what they felt would be good for the outside agencies. They also talked about the libraries and senior centers. Commissioners are looking to make these areas more equal in the future.

IV. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Dennis Luebbe, gave a little update as to what is happening within his department. The round-about project in Lonsdale at county road 28 had some soil issues. They are still waiting for a final design and a right-of-way. Grant cycles have begun. Decker Ave Corridor Study is being reviewed. Parks are working with Great River Green to develop a work plan. Construction for County Road 50 will get paved next year at about 1.7 miles in length and landowners are looking forward to the project. CASA 11 is currently delayed to fix a moved slope. This is a FEMA eligible sight. Paving the 12/12 box culvert County Road 27, a continued project. South County Road 4 out of Lonsdale is set to be asphalted. County Road 19 Roundabout continues, meeting with MnDOT. Looking at mid-October now for completion. A few projects are being looked at in Northfield.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

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