

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 8:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl and Peters.
- B. Administration of Oath of Office were sworn in by Judge of District Court Karie M. Anderson. One County Commissioner for Commissioner District 1-Jim Purfeerst, One County Commissioner for Commissioner District 2-Galen Malecha, One County Commissioner for Commissioner District 5-Charles Peters, One Supervisor for Soil & Water Conservation District 1- Alexander W. Malecha, One Supervisor for Soil & Water Conservation District 2-Gene Kuntz, One Supervisor for Soil & Water Conservation District 4-John Larson, Rice County Recorder & County Surveyor-Michael Alan Fangman and Rice County Assessor Josh Schoen.
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting December 31, 2024.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to cast a unanimous vote to appoint Gerry Hoisington as the 2025 Chairperson for the Rice County Board of Commissioners.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to cast a unanimous vote to appoint Charles Peters as the 2025 Vice Chair for the Rice County Board of Commissioners.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- G. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to appoint the 2025 Rice County Commissioners Committee Appointments as presented:**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- H. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, all meetings are held in the Commissioners Room, Rice County Government Services Building, 320 Third Ave NW, Faribault. Meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month as a Committee of the Whole/Work Session. Open Forum Meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month to allow for public comment. The Regular Board Meeting following at 8:30 a.m. Meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month as a regular board meeting.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- I. Rice County Commissioner Jeff Dockens Retirement Presentation

II. SOCIAL SERVICES: Rick Gieseke, Megan Thomas or Chris Sammon

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approve contract between the Department of Human Services and Rice County Social Services for Children's Mental Health Respite Care Services.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the award of contract by the City of Northfield to the low responsible bidder for project CP 79-02.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-004 - Granting Annual Authority to the Chief Financial Officer to Designate Depositories & Authorize others to Conduct Banking Transactions.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Incidental Fund Appropriations up to the following: Postage & Communications - \$120,000; Utilities - \$300,000; Attorney Contingency - \$1,000; and Sheriff Contingency - \$1,000.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

V. **ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #25-001 Official Newspaper or the publication of official proceeding in summary form and public notices.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-002 Designating the Rice County Website as the 2025 Official Publication for Transportation Projects.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 14th day of January 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator