

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 8:30 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. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 7, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Lower Minnesota River East Watershed Joint Powers Board Sub-agreement for Professional Services.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approve payment to MNCCC for 2025 services.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD: Deb Purfeerst

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst to go into Community Health Board.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve appointment of Debra Purfeerst, Rice County Community Health Services Administrator, as Agent of the Board.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None Abstained: Jim Purfeerst

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters to go out of Community Health Board.

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

V. COMMUNITY SERVICES: Rick Gieseke

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the amendment to the AMHI contract when DHS releases it.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: Suzy Rook and Joseph Johnson

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, requesting approval for the adoption of Resolution #25-005 Endorsing Federal Legislation to Reimburse Body Armor Costs for all Emergency Responders.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VII. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst to go into the Public Hearing.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
Nobody came forward.

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl to go out of the Public Hearing.

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 approve and adopt Resolution #25-003 for the Rice County 2025-2034 Transportation Improvement Plan.

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

C. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve and adopt Resolution #25-007 Supporting Rice County Active Transportation Grant Application, County State Aid Highway No. 11.

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

D. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve and adopt Resolution #25-008 supporting Rice County Active Transportation Grant Application, County State Aid Highways No. 15 and 44.

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

VIII. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the changes to the Rice County Personnel Policy Section #2400 and motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters to approve and adopt Resolution #25-006 Meal reimbursement amounts amending the start date on the resolution to read February 1, 2025, instead of January 1, 2025.

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

IX. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 12-27-2024

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$1,085,559.65- Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 28,198.71, Advanced Septic Solutions Inc 7,989.50, Association Of Minnesota Counties 44,389.00, AVI Systems Inc 13,005.00, Baja3 LLC 17,750.00, BHE Community Solar LLC 12,804.93, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 2,575.00, Boldt Funeral Home 3,620.34, Brookshire Co/The 7,250.00, Cannon River Drug 5,866.00, Cannon River Watershed Jt Powers Board 3,750.00, Community Co-Op General Office 2,507.66, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 41,424.00, Consolidated Management Company 14,159.46, Dakota County Financial Services 18,671.00, Dick's Sanitation 22,252.56, Dynamic Electric LLC 8,068.00, E O Johnson Co Inc 8,100.85, Egan Company 6,532.00, Engage Print Inc 6,695.00, Faribault City 21,763.17, Faribo Sno-Go Club Inc 12,604.68, Feyereisn Trustees, Robert & Sharleen 26,200.00, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co 5,766.83, Healthfinders Collaborative Inc 3,695.75, Heselton Construction Llc 62,050.85, Imperial Dade 2,001.37, Ims Contracting LLC 25,988.77, Interstate Power Systems Inc 29,375.00, Kilgore/Douglas 3,050.00, Lath Stakes & Hubs LLC 2,280.00, Lippert/David & Joanne 34,700.00, MCIT 22,665.00, Metro Sales Inc 16,767.94, Midwest Collision Inc 5,560.69, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 8,403.62, Minnesota County Attorney Assc 8,561.00, Minnesota Dept of Health 4,304.00, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 2,446.21, Minnesota Homecare Association 2,925.00, Minnesota State Treasurer 12,216.50, Moore Engineering Inc 22,952.26, Next Chapter Technology, Inc. 124,128.00, Northfield City 49,562.00, Nuss Truck Group Inc 8,470.71, Raedi Foundation 3,000.00, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,785.32, Regents Of The U of M 9,480.00, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc 2,925.05, Schneider Geospatial LLC 10,464.00, Sign Solutions USA LLC 9,364.54, Thomson Reuters - West 3,399.63, West Central Sanitation 5,562.76, Ziegler Inc 9,611.64, Zoom Video Communications Inc 9,594.40, Benzick/Alyssa or Hannah 2,184.26, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 2,740.84, Children's Home Society of Minnesota 2,646.16, Christensen/David or Anita 2,336.36, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 6,832.86, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,135.28, Greater Minnesota Family Services 18,107.10, Habilitation Center LLC dba Millcreek 17,980.00, Hahn Douville/Olivia or Samantha 13,261.80, Heartland Girls Ranch 7,422.80, Johnson/Scott or Stacy 2,895.40, Kindercare

4,375.00, Messick Law PLLC 5,430.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 8,938.85, Nichols/Celia 2,223.53, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,568.66, Smith/Paula Jo 2,762.10, Three Rivers Community Action 7,500.00, Valley Lake Boys Home 7,695.00, Village Ranch Inc 2,791.86, Zabar/Anesa Marie 3,122.94

3. Personnel Appointments

Peggy Schaak FT, Financial Officer, Finance Department at \$50.46/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
Mikayla VonRuden PT, Social Worker Guardian, Social Services at \$36.37/hr., eff. 1/21/2025
Chris Bauer On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$25.00/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
Kesi Herschman FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$26.74/hr., eff. 1/21/2025
Julian Williams FT, Social Worker Child Protection Assessment, Social Services at \$34.79/hr., eff. 1/13/2025
Joe Pumper On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$25.00/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
John Milewski On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$25.00/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
Ryan Bauer On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$25.00/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
Jon Bolster On-Call Worker-Sheriff, Sheriff's Office at \$24.00/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
Patrick Degrood On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$25.00/hr., eff. 1/1/2025
Kelli Nowak FT, Mental Health Professional Outpatient Therapist, Social Services at \$40.51/hr., eff. 2/3/2025
Michael Dyer FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff/Jail at \$29.21/hr., eff. 1/13/2025

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the 2025 out of state travel requests for County Administrator Sara Folsted to attend the NACo 2025 Legislative Conference, Select USA and the NACo 2025 Annual Conference.

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

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to accept and ratify the 2025, 2026 & 2027 union contract for the LELS Local #438 Correctional Officer Sergeants; and to authorize the Board Chairperson's signature on the completed contract.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, 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 28th day of January 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator