

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building  
Tuesday, February 25, 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, requesting approval of agenda as presented.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 11, 2025.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. Retirement for Mark Hlady, Sheriff's Office
- E. Retirement for Carol Kritzer, Human Resources

**II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Renewal of Consumption & Display Permit for The Barn at Crocker's Creek for 2025.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

**III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Wavier of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Steven and Elaine Trnka. The property is located in Section 29-of Forest Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Wavier of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Amber Balfe, on behalf of landowner Charlene M Duban Trust. The property is located in Section 3 of Erin Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Gary Johnson, on behalf of landowner Max Johnson Trucking Inc. The property is located in Section 18 of Morristown Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Angela Becker of Nokomis Energy and Carver Garden LLC, on behalf of landowner Rita Carver. The property is located in Section 28 of Cannon City Township.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-010 - Replacement of Conservation Easement for Dennis and Daniel Minske.**  
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

**IV. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas**

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, requesting approval of the Emergency Management Performance Grant.**

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

**V. FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Sara Folsted**

**A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to accept Proposal for Rice/Steele 911 Center Relocation Project.**

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

**VI. EXTENSION SERVICE: Lisa Dierks**

**A. Storage Leases**

**1. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, requesting approval of UMN 4-H Facility Use and Storage Agreement for the current seasonal storage period through April 2025.**

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

**2. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, requesting approval of UMN 4-H Facility Use and Storage Agreement from May 1, 2025, for 9 years for coverage of third-party use of 4-H-owned equipment such as tables, chairs and kitchen equipment.**

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

**VII. SOCIAL SERVICES: Megan Thomas**

**A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve accepting the Hannah Lips Grant.**

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

**VIII. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted**

**A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, requesting approval of Consent Agenda as presented.**

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

**1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 02-07-2025**

**2. Payment of Bills**

Bills totaled: \$2,038,324.91- 180 Degrees, Inc 25,301.80, Access On Time Companies Inc 10,297.00, Carlson Counseling & Consulting 3,800.00, Cedar Valley Services Inc 31,770.58, Community Living Options 6,310.62, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 4,629.90, Dimick/Dan 6,078.87, Donnelly Law Office 2,629.94, Forensic Nursing Home 3,084.00, Greater Minnesota Family Services 11,238.01, Jaspers, Moriarty & Wetherille P.A. 2,071.02, Kindercare 3,500.00, Korman & Korman 2,270.00, Messick Law PLLC 5,016.40, Moose Lake RTC 3,168.20, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 15,097.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 9,475.46, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 3,278.38, St Peter Rtc 7,154.80, Williams/Mikayla 2,904.70, ADP Inc 6,182.05, Adventure Specialties Llc 2,340.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 6,617.58, American Engineering Testing Inc 40,439.65, Anoka County Treasury Office 43,534.75, APG Media of So Minnesota LLC 3,191.94, Arcasearch LLC 2,518.00, Axon Enterprise Inc 7,599.93, Barr Engineering Co 2,252.00, Bluum of Minnesota LLC 303,375.80, Bolton & Menk Inc 13,969.50, Community Co-Op General Office 14,244.50, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 34,363.60, Contegritty Group Inc 7,405.75, Dakota County Financial Services 6,800.00, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 2,954.57, Dem-Con Trucking 22,330.91, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 80,829.03, Ecker/Stephen R 2,550.00, Electrical Production Services Inc 19,635.43, Emerge Enterprises 7,925.00, Faribault City 17,259.40, Faribault Youth Empowerment Center 2,275.00, Fransen Decorating Inc 32,000.00, FREF 128th 15th ST NW LLC 2,550.00, Geiger 5,116.85, Hallberg Engineering Inc 2,750.00, Heartland Girls Ranch 11,139.23, I & S Group Inc 3,415.00, Innovative Office Solutions 2,233.18, Jaytech Inc 2,827.40, Kilgore/Douglas 4,450.00, Lamar Companies 2,550.00, Martin/James R. 2,000.00, Merit Contracting Inc 7,400.00, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 25,497.70, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 4,970.75, Minnesota State Treasurer 13,830.50, Near North Title Group 23,925.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 12,922.47, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 9,568.00, Office of MN IT Services 3,753.23, Paape Companies Inc 34,763.62, Palmer Soderberg Inc 10,078.25, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 2,064.67, Pietsch

Construction Inc 52,680.35, Polk County Highway Dept 3,528.00, Primadata LLC 12,400.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 2,000.00, Quickseries Publishing Inc 3,507.28, Rice Lake Fab Inc 2,949.52, Scott Co Treasurer 28,897.06, Semrex 2,560.00, Star Sports and Apparel 6,317.50, Steele County Treasurer 501,568.03, Steele Waseca Electric Co 5,076.82, Summit Companies 22,027.00, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 14,355.00, Thomson Reuters - West 6,049.82, Three Rivers Community Action 2,133.00, Tom's Pro Glass 6,172.20, Towmaster 192,255.00, Twin City Filter Service Inc 2,019.45, Waterford Oil Co Inc 19,475.93, Xcel Energy 5,590.13, Ziegler Inc 32,159.37

**3. Personnel Appointments**

Alexis Krienke FT, Administration/HR, Human Resources at \$33.37/hr., eff. 2/25/2025

Austin Olson FT, Social Worker Adult Mental Health, Social Services at \$34.79/hr., eff. 3/3/2025

Emily Lundeen FT, Social Worker Guardian, Social Services at \$37.95/hr., eff. 3/3/2025

Jo (Abigail) Merschman FT, Social Worker CAC/CADI/BI, Social Services at \$36.37/hr., eff. 3/3/2025

**B. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to accept and ratify the 2025, 2026 and 2027 union contract for LELS Local #539 Captains Union; and to authorize the Board Chairperson's signature on the completed contract.**

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to adjourn the meeting.**

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

**Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 11th day of March, 2025.**

**RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

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Sara Folsted, County Administrator