

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 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.) Gerry Hoisington was the Chair for the meeting.

II. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

- A. Fran Windschitl gave an overview of the Cash & Pooled Investments for the period ending December 31, 2024.
- B. Paula O'Connell provided an update to the Quarterly Financial Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2024 year to date.

III. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. Dennis Luebbe, provided us with updates regarding an updated 50-year request that will be brought forth next week on shingles. Working on an Amendment to County Road 79 with the City of Northfield. There will be additional design costs and eligibility for replacement of the bridge. The Culvert project has been awarded hoping to split costs with the City of Northfield, and will be brought forward next week.

Meeting with the City of Lonsdale regarding two future projects which border Rice County roads. Joel Erickson will meet with the City and County. Neither location is on the 10-year plan. Road improvements will need to be discussed. More to follow on this item at a later date.

CSAH 78-Project Map with the City of Dundas, City of Northfield and Bridgewater Township. Coordinating a meeting with the Mills Town Trail Representatives. Hoping to form partnerships. The City of Northfield has requested to extend it to County Road 19. There are lots of components to this large project. Further scope of discussion regarding sidewalk and City Trail. Discussion with DNR and they are asking for a sole agreement with Rice County. Hoping to have all agreements executed within the next 3 to 4 months. Current right of way issues, but since these issues can take time, they want to continue to move forward on what's been started. This would provide both urban and rural areas. Negotiations with railroad could take some extra time if needed as well. This project is programmed for the year 2028.

Jim Purfeerst asked if it was possible to have County Road 27 resurfaced sooner than projected. It was asked by the local agricultural families due to dust during fall. Dennis will reach out to MnDOT to see when they plan to start on this road.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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