

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, March 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 Charlie Peters, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on March 11, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, Approval of Elko Baseball Club One-Day Gambling Permit on April 24, 2025, to be held at Ranchero Supper Club, 4452 40th St W, Wester, MN.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approve Holy Cross Catholic School Tax Exempt Gambling Permit for April 25, 2025, at 6100 37th St W Webster.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Collin Giles, on behalf of landowner Beaver Creek Bluffs LLC. The property is located in Section 23 of Webster Township.**
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 the Preliminary & Final Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Larry Ellingson, on behalf of landowners Larry R & Denise M, Ellingson Trusts and Cory G Michaelson Trust. The property is located in Section 36 of Shieldsville Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Kyle Tuma. The property is located in Section 9 of Forest Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Conditional Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Gary Lynch, on behalf of landowner Gary Lynch Trust. The property is located in Section 26 of Webster Township.**
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 approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Roger Bongers, on behalf of landowners Roger Bongers and William Bongers. The property is located in Section 5 of Cannon City Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to authorize and approve publishing the**

Intent to Enact and set public hearing for amendments to Ordinance #910 Cannabis and Hemp Retail Business Registration for 9:00 am Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

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

- G. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve publishing the Intent to Enact and set a public hearing at 9:00 am April 22, 2025, for adoption of Ordinance #920 - Temporary Cannabis Event Permitting.**

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

IV. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approve payment of \$38,400 to CIT for vSphere licensing from 3/11/2025 to 3/10/2026 as invoice by CIT**

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

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

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve Provider change in contract for Semi-Independent Living Services.**

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

- B. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness for the month of April.**

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

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

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve and sign the attached Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Anti-Methamphetamine Program.**

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

- B. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and sign the attached Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota Anti-Herion Task Force Program.**

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

VII. **ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Out of State Travel request for training purposes.**

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

VIII. **HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Faribault.**

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

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to amend the design contract with the City of Northfield and the consultant for design and construction services.**

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

- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to add the bridge replacement on CR 78 to the 2025 construction program and Department budget.**

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

- D. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve a contract to re-roof the Department's salt shed.**

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

IX. **FINANCE: Paula O'Connell**

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-011 authorizing sponsorship of trails operated by the Faribo Sno-Go Club.

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

X. 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 3.7.2025

2. Payment of Bills

Bills totaled: \$1,310,129.45- 180 Degrees, Inc 26,046.58, Access On Time Companies Inc 8,545.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 23,373.45, Christensen/David or Anita 2,516.08, CUMMINGS MOBILITY CONVERSIONS & S 2,577.00, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 3,498.57, Faribo Childcare Center LLC 2,096.40, Forensic Nursing Home 2,981.20, Horizon Homes Inc 82,539.69, Junk Truck MN 2,097.23, Moose Lake RTC 2,674.10, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 14,171.70, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 8,558.48, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,705.83, Scott County Treasurer 14,638.00, Smith/Paula Jo 2,494.80, St Peter Rtc 6,462.40, Zabar/Anesa Marie 2,820.72, ADP, Inc 6,246.94, All Rise for Justice 6,265.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 7,048.75, Ancom Technical Center 19,518.98, Applied Concepts Inc 6,386.00, Association Of Minnesota Counties 2,150.00, AVI Systems Inc 4,997.17, Axon Enterprise Inc 49,512.63, BHE Community Solar LLC 17,773.50, Bluum of Minnesota LLC 107,386.41, Bolton & Menk Inc 6,753.00, Community Action Center of Northfield 20,000.00, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 12,571.60, Consolidated Management Company 15,147.13, Contegrity Group Inc 6,729.15, Dakota County Financial Services 11,200.00, Dem-Con Trucking 19,027.00, Faribault City 4,519.70, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 28,385.89, Fransen Decorating Inc 11,500.50, FREF 128th 15th ST NW LLC 2,550.00, Gallagher Benefit Services Inc 2,100.00, Glenn's Service Inc 2,153.50, Hallberg Engineering Inc 3,095.00, Heartland Girls Ranch 10,061.24, Institute for Environmental Assessment 7,415.00, Karpel Solutions 2,000.00, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 2,675.48, Kilgore/Douglas 2,150.00, Laketown Electric Corp 45,608.25, LaRoche's Sewer Drain & Septic Serv 3,835.00, Le Sueur County Sheriff 2,151.85, MCIT 3,500.00, Merit Contracting Inc 4,339.00, Messick Law PLLC 2,520.00, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 7,203.70, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 5,008.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 3,911.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,385.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,656.00, NCPERS Group Life Ins 2,240.00, Nelrod Company/The 2,580.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 7,944.13, Northfield Public Schools 2,050.80, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 11,674.50, Nuss Truck Group Inc 2,111.36, Office of MN IT Services 3,753.23, Overhead Door Company Of Albert Lea 2,606.10, Paape Companies Inc 14,492.08, Patton Hoversten & Berg 7,630.00, Precision Land Title 3,200.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 4,000.00, Ratwik Roszak & Maloney Pa 10,570.76, RDO Equipment Co 2,221.00, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 33,089.00, Schneider Geospatial LLC 3,987.00, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community 11,089.00, SHI International Corp 191,788.30, St Olaf College 2,000.00, Steele County HHW 3,729.24, Stepp Manufacturing Co Inc 66,402.00, Streichers 31,768.48, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 18,148.80, Thomson Reuters - West 12,998.82, Timms Trucking Inc 54,052.50, Tri State Bobcat 5,760.80, Waseca County HHW Division 2,486.16, WEX Health Inc 2,996.50, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 2,220.00, Ziegler Inc 4,093.63

3. Personnel Appointments

Jessica Hegard FT Human Resources Generalist, Human Resources at \$30.60/hr., eff. 3/31/2025
Hannah Stimson FT, Public Health Nurse, Public Health at \$34.79/hr., eff. 4/7/2025
Monica Twaroski FT, Supported Decision Maker, Social Services at \$34.79/hr., eff. 4/7/2025
Tyler Crawford FT, Social Worker Adult Protection, Social Services at \$34.79/hr., eff. 3/3/2025
Randy Hanson On-Call Transport, Sheriff's Office at \$28.38/hr., eff. 3/13/2025

4. Approved Amendment to Rice County Guardianship Services contract with Scott County as part of the Consent Agenda by Galen Malecha and Steve Underdahl.

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve established temporary modified public business hours for the Government Services Building to be Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting May 19, 2025,

through Friday, September 26, 2025.

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 approve establishing temporary modified public business hours for the Government Services Building to be Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting Monday, May 19th, 2025 through Friday, September, 26th, 2025.**

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

XI. 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 8th day of April, 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator