

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, August 19, 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) Galen Malecha was the Chair.

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY:

- A. Prairie's Edge Humane Society Funding Request Presentation
- B. Southern Minnesota Tourism Association Funding Request Presentation
- C. FiftyNorth funding request presentation
- D. Rice County Soil & Water Conservation District funding request presentation.
- E. SEMCAC funding request presentation.
- F. Southeastern MN EMS funding request presentation.
- G. Buckham West funding request presentation.

III. HUMAN RESOURCE: Kari Viskocil

- A. A presentation was given discussing the two different options for the upcoming change to Paid Family Medical Leave. One option was with the state, and the other was private. This will be brought back at the next Board meeting to discuss which option is preferred and approved.

IV. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson

- A. Presentation by Brian Mortenson and Wendy Murphy regarding the conversion of the Case Management Systems. More information will be brought back at a later date.

V. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. Dennis Luebbe discussed updates regarding the current projects. County Road 11 is opening up for bids. County Road 27 asphalt this week, close to being done. County Road 46 is ready for paving.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST:

- A. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go into Closed Session under MN Statute 13D.05 subd. 3 (C)(3) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property for the following parcel: 1836250006.

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

Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to go out of Closed Session.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.

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