

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, September 23, 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 Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 9, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. Retirement Presentation for Paula O'Connell, Finance

II. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve publishing the Intent to Enact and setting a public hearing for 7:00 pm November 6, 2025, regarding adoption of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Chapters 507 and 508 of the Rice County Zoning Ordinance to add "Solar Energy Production" as an Interim Use with standards within the URI, Urban Reserve Industrial Zoning district.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington
- B. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Eric Ekstrand. The property is located in Section 27 of Webster 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 Sean Hebel. The property is located in Section 22 of Webster Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Final Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Randy Kubes, on behalf of the landowner Endurance Investments LLC. The property is located in Section 3 of Webster Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Ella Clobes, on behalf of landowner Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy. The property is located in Section 12 of Wheeling Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. VETERAN'S SERVICES: Tracy McBroom

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the Enhancement Grant.**
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, to approve renewal of Adobe license for Rice County users as quoted.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie

V. **COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD: Deb Purfeerst**

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, approves the SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) 5-year grant agreement between Rice County Community Health Board and MDH for the time period of November 1, 2025 — October 31, 2030.**

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

VI. **FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Chris Kluge**

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve awarding the contractor bid for the upper-level Law Enforcement Center demo/construction portion of the remodel project to Healy Construction Co., in the amount of \$94,850.00.**

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

- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve awarding the floor covering bid for the upper-level Law Enforcement Center remodel project to Faribault Interiors, in the amount of \$35,000.00.**

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

- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the quote for the security furnishings of the upper-level Law Enforcement Center remodel project to PAAPE Companies, Inc., in the amount of \$34,055.00.**

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

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

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, be it resolved that the Board of Rice County Commissioners approve the purchase of a Hi-Scan 5030c Single View X-Ray Inspection System from Smiths Detection for the amount of \$29,230.00.**

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 Charlie Peters, to award a contract to Erickson Engineering in the amount of \$64,826.00 for the design of a bridge to replace bridge # L2752 on Karow Trail in Northfield Township.**

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

- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to reject all bids received for project SAP 066-611-018, CSAH 11 (Roberds Lake Boulevard) slope repair.**

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

IX. **PARKS: Dennis Luebbe**

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to endorse the Children & Family Outdoor Bill of Rights, March 2025.**

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

X. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer**

- A. Behavioral Health Unit Updates

XI. **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 09-05-2025
2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,176,060.79 Claims over \$2000 listed: American Engineering Testing Inc 2,066.50, Auto Value Faribault 6,665.37, Community Co-Op General Office 7,361.31, Energy Solution Partners LLC 19,788.67, I & S Group Inc 3,790.00, K A Witt Construction, Inc 19,250.00, MSA Professional Services Inc 2,375.60, Timms Trucking Inc 6,200.00, Beyond Brink 4,800.00, BHE Community Solar LLC 25,709.82, Bierman Benson & Langehough Funeral Home 2,339.87, Boldt Funeral Home 4,349.00, Borneke Construction Inc 225,747.48, Cellebrite Inc 4,607.50, Community Co-Op General Office 4,021.20, Consolidated Management Company 13,823.58, Dakota County Financial Services 8,399.13, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 13,004.25, Dem-Con Trucking 18,550.42, Dick's Sanitation 26,757.51, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 42,280.85, Girard's Business Solutions Inc 5,950.00, HDS LLC 4,596.00, Healthfinders Collaborative Inc 8,331.77, Heyda/Tony 3,000.00, Hunt Lake Association 5,000.00, I & S Group Inc 3,346.20, Intech Software Solutions Inc 18,970.00, Jaak LLC 3,891.00, Kiesler Police Supply 5,488.41, Law Enforcement Labor Services 2,141.74, Le Sueur County Sheriff 2,682.97, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,538.28, Metro Sales Inc 3,275.60, Midwest Collision Inc 3,122.64, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 6,195.00, Minnesota Dept of Agriculture 47,653.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 3,240.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,143.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,560.00, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 4,160.00, Office of MN IT Services 3,442.44, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 2,424.88, Quadient Finance USA Inc 2,000.00, Seykora Asphalt Maintenance & Paving 24,891.00, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP 3,245.00, Thomson Reuters - West 6,803.47, USPS-POC 31,000.00, WMS Weber Multi Services 32,402.50, Ziegler Inc 4,516.03180, Degrees, Inc 15,854.44, Access On Time Companies Inc 7,899.00, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 2,862.50, BROWN COUNTY EVALUATION CENTER 7,817.34, Cedar Valley Services Inc 19,016.96, Community Living Options 4,354.26, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 14,149.59, Forensic Nursing Home 3,995.90, Goettl/Catherine 2,908.06, GONZALEZ/CYNTHIA & TRINIDAD 4,099.72, Heartland Girls Ranch 11,139.23, Horizon Homes Inc 85,188.50, Lssmn 6,793.96, Messick Law PLLC 6,939.00, Moose Lake RTC 5,425.31, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 13,965.50, New Horizon Academy 3,311.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 47,865.12, Northfield Community Action Center 11,640.16, Northwest Passage Ltd 18,264.00, Scott County Treasurer 35,873.00, Sheehan/Theresa M 4,632.95, St Peter Rtc 7,762.40, Village Ranch Inc 14,943.55

3. Personnel Appointments

Peggy Schaak FT, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Department at \$66.89/hr., eff. 9/29/2025
 Brenda Schultz FT, Lead Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$38.94/hr., eff. 10/6/2025
 Anastasia Breyer FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$26.74/hr., eff. 9/22/2025
 Erik Rodriguez FT, Social Worker, Supported Decision Maker, Social Services at \$34.79/hr., eff. 9/29/2025

XII. FINANCE: Paula O'Connell

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #25-034 Setting the Preliminary Tax Levy for 2026.

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 adopt Resolution #25-035 - Granting Annual Authority to the Chief Financial Officer to Designate Depositories & Authorize others to Conduct Banking Transactions.

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

XIII. 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

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 14th day of October 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator