

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, October 14, 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, 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 Charlie Peters, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on September 23, 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 Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Temporary Malt Liquor License for Holy Cross Catholic School for November 22, 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 Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the following conditions and findings for Lynn Fossum. The property is located in Section 3 of Northfield Township.**
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 the Interim Use Permit with the following conditions and findings for Tyler Riewe. The property is located in Section 5 of Warsaw Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCY: Nathan Jesson, Executive Director of MICA

- A. The MICA Presentation was provided, covering the Legislative topics that were or were not passed and outlining their plans for the upcoming 2026 year.

V. OUTSIDE AGENCY: Brian Becker

- A. RICE & STEELE 911 CENTER
1. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award an eight (8) position workstation contract to Xybix Systems in the amount of \$170,459.01 for the Dispatch relocation project.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
2. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the phone system with Motorola Saas for the dispatch.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
3. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve re-purposing the existing Radio Console System equipment for the Dispatch relocation project and establishing needed radio console functionality in the amount of \$400,000.00.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VI. OUTSIDE AGENCY: WOLD

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award a contract to Met-Con Companies, Inc. for the Dispatch relocation construction portion of the project in the amount of \$1,089,000.00.**

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 approve awarding the floor covering bid for the lower level LEC Dispatch remodel project to Faribault Interiors, in the amount of \$64,750.00.**

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

VII. FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Chris Kluge

- A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve a quote from Schmidt Goodman for the lower-level LEC Dispatch office furniture in the amount of \$29,432.19.**

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

VIII. EXTENSION SERVICE: Lisa Dierks

- A. Ryan Lermon, from the Extension Department, gave an overall presentation regarding the Farm Economy in Rice County.**

IX. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson

- A. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to sign and approve the Proclamation for National Domestic Violence Awareness for the month of October 2025.**

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

X. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

- A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to adopt Resolution #25-036 and to authorize the Rice County Sheriff's Office to accept a donation of \$1,000 from Destination Views/Camp Faribo for the use of its employees.**

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

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 09.19.2025**

- 2. Payment of Bills**

Bills Totaled: \$1,661,513.54 ADP Inc 6,582.78, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 17,781.25, Advanced Septic Solutions Inc 12,936.00, Amazon Capital Services Inc 7,563.25, American Engineering Testing Inc 7,196.50, Ancom Technical Center 15,879.53, APG Media of So Minnesota LLC 4,986.73, Archambault Bros Disposal Inc 2,662.72, Auto Value Faribault 3,112.12, Barco Products, LLC 5,446.21, Bethlehem Academy 2,761.02, Bierman Benson & Langelough Funeral Home 2,278.00, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 3,100.00, Bolton & Menk Inc 3,493.50, Bruce Harris & Associates Inc 6,509.85, Carey Group Publishing 15,000.00, Central Pension Fund 7,360.00, Community Action Center of Northfield 5,724.00, Community Co-Op General Office 11,886.40, Community Resource Bank 5,000.50, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 3,794.00, Contegrity Group Inc 50,432.75, Continental Research Corp 2,033.25, Cooper/Katherine 2,777.09, Dick's Sanitation 26,496.96, Divine Mercy Catholic School 8,327.95, Dodge of Burnsville Inc 43,291.00, Ecker/Stephen R 3,700.00, Emerge Enterprises 12,069.00, Faribault City 57,095.75, Faribo Air Conditioning & Heating Inc 6,790.00, Faribo Repair LLC 4,379.48, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 76,085.81, Glenn's Service Inc 2,561.14, Government Management Group Inc 6,750.00, Healthfinders Collaborative Inc 8,281.80, Houston Engineering Inc 4,000.00, I & S Group Inc 5,895.00, Imperial Dade 4,205.49, Innovative Office Solutions 2,825.75, Insty-Prints 2,099.64, Jr's Advanced Recyclers Inc 2,983.75, Kiehmeyer Construction Inc 7,384.72, Kilgore/Douglas 2,550.00, Law Enforcement Labor Services 2,077.08, Lonsdale City 7,437.50, M & W Blacktopping LLC 5,430.00, Matejcek Implement 6,830.47, Mayo Clinic 7,660.15, Messick Law PLLC 4,391.81, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 15,433.00, Minnesota Dept Of Labor & Industry 2,607.33, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 14,583.22, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 2,399.00, Minnesota State Treasurer 15,039.00, Nexus Gerard Family

Healing LLC 9,972.27, Northfield City 71,131.65, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 13,446.14, Northfield Hospital Foundation 11,930.00, Nuss Truck Group Inc 145,063.87, Nutrien Ag Solutions 65,012.27, Olympic Fire Protection Corp 4,041.00, Patton Hoversten & Berg 2,046.00, Pumps Tire Service 4,560.84, Primadata LLC 12,700.00, PSC Alliance Inc 7,580.00, Reagan Outdoor Advertising of Rochester 2,800.00, Regents Of The U of M 52,009.40, Rice County Agricultural Society 5,000.00, Rice County Historical Society 11,250.00, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 62,346.00, River Bend Nature Center 7,728.66, Sakatah Carvers, Signs & Creations 18,100.95, Sanofi Pasteur Inc 22,226.34, Service Express LLC 8,940.00, State Bank Of Faribault 3,581.01, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric 3,751.94, Streichers 19,621.95, SymbolArts LLC 7,727.50, Thomson Reuters - West 2,898.12, Three Rivers Community Action 2,472.20, Timms Trucking Inc 45,047.49, Trimin Systems Inc 39,302.00, Veolia Environmental Services 22,175.89, Veseli Area Lions Club 3,080.00, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 22,748.50, WMS Weber Multi Services 21,058.29, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc 5,231.61, Xcel Energy 3,026.60, Ziegler Inc 8,850.83 Access On Time Companies Inc 16,130.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 22,351.95, Blue Earth County Human Services 5,131.48, BROWN COUNTY FAMILY SERVICES 6,086.58, Cedar Valley Services Inc 16,034.46, Community Living Options 2,259.00, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 10,550.94, Dimick/Dan 7,617.79, Gardner/Kendra & Jeremy 2,640.60, Goettl/Catherine 2,573.40, Heartland Girls Ranch 10,779.90, Koger/Carol L 2,747.10, Lssmn 6,574.80, Messick Law PLLC 4,141.50, Michels/Brandy 2,316.64, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 33,198.30, Village Ranch Inc 14,461.50, Workforce Development Inc 21,936.00, Zumbro Valley Health Center 3,680.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Fred Kath FT, Interim Supervisor, Environmental Services/Landfill at \$37.14/hr., eff. 10/14/2025
Stephanie Duhme FT, Jail Administrator, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$59.04/hr., eff. 9/28/2025
Arely Ramirez FT, Spanish Interpreter Office Support Specialist, Social Services at \$23.35/hr., eff. 10/6/2025

Karina Rosales FT, Spanish Interpreter Office Support Specialist at \$23.35/hr., eff. 9/29/2025

Rukio Abdulkadir FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$26.74/hr., eff. 10/20/2025

Jason Pecore FT, Maintenance Worker, Facilities at \$24.98/hr., eff., 10/13/2025

Connie Krenske FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$26.74/hr., eff. 10/20/2025

Daniel Martinez FT, Social Worker, Social Services at \$41.11/hr., eff. 10/06/2025

Julia DeGrood FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$37.43/hr., eff. 10/13/2025

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, 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. This is for parcel numbers 11.14.2.75.001 and 18.36.2.50.006.

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

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go out of Closed Session.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, 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 28th day of October 2025.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator