

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, October 21, 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) Steve Underdahl was the Chair.

II. RECORDER'S OFFICE: Mike Fangman

A. Mike Fangman gave a brief presentation regarding the department structure. He also presented the various projects the Recorder's office has been working on.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

A. Julie Runkel brought back the discussion regarding the proposed 2026 Environmental Services Fee Schedule. A discussion was held with the commissioners to explain what would need to be increased or changed. This will be brought to the next Board meeting for approval.

IV. SOCIAL SERVICES: Megan Thomas, Chris Sammon, and Mike Johnston

A. Megan Thomas, Chris Sammon, and Mike Johnston spoke with the Commissioners about the distinction between mandated and non-mandated services.

B. Mike Johnston brought forth the Policy for County Burial. It has not been updated since 2021. This will need to be updated and brought back at a later date for approval of changes.

V. 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