

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, December 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 regular board minutes for December 16, 2025.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

- A. Retirement Presentation of K-9 Riggs and recognition of canine handler Deputy Kevin Krueger.
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, be it resolved that the Board of Rice County Commissioners approve the purchase of a Pro-Drive "X-Series" river boat and Boat Trailer from TNT Marine Services, LLC in the amount of \$43,870.29.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, The Department of Property Tax and Elections requests a public hearing be held on the possible resolution to expand the Circle Lake Improvement District Board from 7 members to 9 members. Looking for approval of a Public Hearing at 9 am on January 27, 2026 - Rice County Board Room, Rice County Board Meeting.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Brian Mortenson

- A. **Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Contract to Provide Prosecution Services for the City of Lonsdale for 2026 and 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

V. ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Joshua Schoen

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Local Option Abatements and Credits for each of the three taxpayers as follows: 4395 41st St W Webster (02.09.1.27.005), 312 2nd St W Northfield (22.36.4.51.009), 8601 173rd Ct W Faribault (09.14.2.76.003)**
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 annual list of changes presented by the County Assessor, to be kept on file in the Rice County Assessor's Office for public review.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VI. SOCIAL SERVICES: Chris Sammon

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to accept donations to the Child and Family Division for distribution.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the annual renewal of the Purchase of Services Agreement for Dimick Counseling.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie

Peters, NAYS: None

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the annual renewal of the Purchase of Services Agreement for Community Action Center Youth Advocacy.

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

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve the annual renewal of the Purchase of Services Agreement for Community Action Center Family Recovery Support.

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

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the annual renewal of the Purchase of Services Agreement for S&J Investigations.

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

VII. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Charlie Peters, to approve final payment under contract # 2572 in the amount of \$10,403.09 for work completed on project SAP 066-627-006.

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

VIII. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, 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

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 12/12/2025

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,421,761.54 ABR Sand & Gravel LLC 3,195.11, Access On Time Companies Inc 8,000.00 ADP Inc 9,715.43, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 18,684.33, Alternative Resolutions Inc 7,660.70, American Solutions For Business 5,287.53, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 3,334.16, Borneke Construction Inc 256,471.39, Bridgewater Twp 39,868.90, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 11,191.59, Crane Creek Asphalt Inc 205,479.57, Crystal Valley Cooperative 4,983.79, Dakota County Financial Services 12,104.16, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 14,526.10, Dem-Con Trucking 20,043.50, Faribault City 4,292.37, Faribault City 105,322.05, Heisler Law Office 2,724.70, I & S Group Inc 2,504.70, Icon LLC 7,250.55, Icon LLC 76,028.35, J&N Tactical 2,800.00, MCIT 16,203.00, Midstates Equipment & Supply 12,577.67, Minnesota County Attorney Assc 9,454.00, Minnesota Homecare Association 2,703.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 2,967.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 9,065.70, Normandale Community College 3,274.32, North American Research & Analysis, Inc. 6,000.00, Northern Safety Technology 2,041.40, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 12,765.28, Northfield Public Schools 3,586.11, Olympic Fire Protection Corp 5,141.50, Pumps Tire Service 5,738.80, RDO Equipment Co 2,123.74, Ronco Engineering Sales 2,317.42, School Dist #656 2,322.00, School Dist #659 80,482.36, Squires, Waldspurger & Mace 2,270.00, Thomson Reuters - West 6,007.47, Three Rivers Community Action 11,515.89, TNT Marine Services LLC 43,870.29, Verizon Wireless 9,464.82, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 5,050.00, Xcel Energy 15,197.05, Access On Time Companies Inc 8,984.00, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 7,668.33, BROWN COUNTY EVALUATION CENTER 6,137.60, Community Action Center, Inc 6,390.00, Dimick/Dan 2,803.29, Forensic Nursing Home 3,867.00, Freeborn Co Dept Human Service 6,403.30, Horizon Homes Inc 187,836.70, Messick Law PLLC 3,705.00, Moose Lake RTC 5,212.50, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 13,515.00, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 9,065.70, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,476.03, St Peter Rtc 7,512.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Nicholas Bemis FT, Assistant Jail Administrator, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$49.89/hr., eff. 1/7/2026.
Adil Lebgue FT, Jail Sergeant, Jali at \$42.55/hr., eff. 1/4/2026.

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt and approve Resolution #25-058 Setting the Commissioner's Salary at a 3.5% increase and leaving the Per Diem the same for 2026.

RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS:

Gerry Hoisington

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the 2026 Rice County Paid Family Medical Leave Policy

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

D. Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, requesting to approve and adopt Resolution 25-056, a resolution of the Rice County Board of Commissioners Approving Sale of County-Owned Property.

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

IX. 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 6th day of January 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gerry Hoisington, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator