

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Charlie Peters, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl, and Hoisington.
- B. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on January 6, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY: Brian Schultz and Ben Schaefer

- A. DNR presented updates and information regarding strategic land management, payment in lieu of taxes, school trust fund, and summarized land activities in Rice County.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to authorize publishing the Intent to Enact and setting a public hearing for 6:30 pm on February 5, 2026, with the Rice County Planning Commission, regarding adoption of Rice County Subdivision Ordinance - Ordinance #550 and repealing Chapter 523 of the Rice County Zoning Ordinance.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None

IV. HUMAN RESOURCE: Kari Viskocil

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the revisions to the Rice County Personnel Policies & Procedures.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None

V. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go into the Public Hearing for the 10-Year Transportation Plan.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None

To view individual comments, see the attached document titled Rice County Road 20 project. This will be attached in the packet.

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to close the Public Hearing.

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

- B. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Galen Malecha, to award contract # 2670 to the low responsible bidder, Crane Creek Asphalt, in the amount of \$1,255,550.67.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to award contract # 2671 to Minnowa Construction Inc., the low responsible bidder, in the amount of \$345,779.30.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award contract # 2672 to Minnowa Construction Inc., the low responsible bidder, in the amount of \$189,995.30 for project SAP 066-599-056.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters,
NAYS: None

VI. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

1. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,397,077.84 Accent Wire-Tie 3,334.96, Advanced Septic Solutions Inc 21,110.10, Association Of Minnesota Counties 53,431.00, Auto Value Faribault 3,918.39, Axon Enterprise Inc 55,014.05, Brookshire Co/The 7,250.00, Cannon River Drug 5,866.00, Cannon River Watershed Jt Powers Board 3,750.00, Community Co-Op General Office 16,607.43, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 31,191.99, County Line Materials Inc 19,807.52, David R Borchardt Attorney At Law 3,645.00, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 40,765.89, Dick's Sanitation 27,352.12, Dundas City 4,290.00, Ecker/Stephen R 3,100.00, Emerge Enterprises 3,510.00, Erickson Engineering Company 3,661.50, Faribault Area Sr Citizens Inc 9,000.00, Faribault City 57,852.25, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 12,526.14, Geiger 3,771.23, Great Lakes Salt Company 72,299.35, Hope Center 18,000.00, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,531.54, Lonsdale City 7,437.50, Lum Md/Donald L 4,000.00, MCIT 20,231.00, Metro Sales Inc 12,240.30, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 3,743.93, Minnesota Inter-County Association 18,683.00, Minnesota Sheriff Association 14,662.82, Minnesota State Treasurer 14,850.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,118.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,464.00, Next Chapter Technology, Inc. 130,335.00, Northfield City 67,046.06, Northfield Seniors Fifty North 9,000.00, Northland Safety Solutions LLC 2,000.00, Nuss Truck Group Inc 15,555.70, Office of MN IT Services 3,753.23, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 2,534.65, Prairies Edge Human Society Inc 5,000.00, Quadient Finance USA Inc 4,088.35, Reedsburg Hardware Chain LLC 5,713.90, Rice County Agricultural Society 5,000.00, Rice County Historical Society 11,250.00, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 62,346.00, Safety Signs LLC 9,325.00, Schneider Geospatial LLC 10,987.20, Semcac Senior Nutrition 5,000.00, Sign Solutions USA LLC 14,412.72, Southeastern MN Emergency Medical Serv 5,000.00, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation 2,550.00, Streichers 4,414.41, Three Rivers Community Action 2,134.15, Tibex Technology 25,200.00, Waterford Oil Co Inc 23,164.57, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 55,717.49, Alternative Resolutions Inc 22,702.70, BV Carpentry LLC 27,800.00, Cedar Valley Services Inc 35,954.58, Chileda Institute, Inc 17,791.93, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 13,292.06, Donnelly Law Office 2,991.81, Faribault Martin Human Services 5,092.33, GONZALEZ/CYNTHIA & TRINIDAD 3,112.77, Jones Law Firm 2,175.00, Koger/Carol L 3,020.02, Lssmn 6,793.96, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 28,103.67, Nicollet County Social Services 6,294.97, Olson/Debra 2,726.72, Schoenbauer/Holly or David 2,124.25, Sheehan/Theresa M 2,779.77, Village Ranch Inc 11,918.88, Zumbro Valley Health Center 3,220.00

2. Personnel Appointments

Angela Dugan FT, Case Aide-Child & Family, Social Services at \$27.67/hr., eff. 1/12/2026

B. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to accept the 2025, 2026 & 2027 union contract for LEELS (Law Enforcement Labor Services) Jail Programmers union contract, and to authorize the Board Chairperson's signature on the completed contract.

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners this 27th day of January 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator