

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building  
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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 must be filled out to discuss any of the items. Public comments will be limited to (3) minutes for each person, subject to the discretion of the County Board Chairperson)

**II. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer**

- A.** Rice County departments and courts have experienced an increased impact on operations and resources as the prevalence of mental illness among justice-involved individuals has increased in recent years. Justice-involved individuals with severe and persistent mental illness have significant challenges navigating the criminal justice system, maintaining stability in the community, and successfully completing community supervision. Many justice-involved individuals with severe and persistent mental health issues are utilizing resources from multiple agencies during their time in the justice system. The proposed Mental Health Treatment Court program seeks to provide intensive community supervision and support by a coordinated, multidisciplinary team of professionals to increase public safety and reduce demands on public resources. By aiding justice-involved persons with severe and persistent mental illness in managing their mental health in a safe and stable manner within the community with a wrap-around team approach, it is expected that recidivism, incarceration, hospitalizations, and rates of supervision violations will be lowered.

**III. 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