

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 8:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The following individuals spoke during the Open Forum:

Leota Goodney, a Rice County Resident, responded to a statement opposing Operation Metro Surge.

Sam Temple, a Rice County Resident, expressed concern about the safety of the administrative process and the Taxpayer's liability regarding issues with ICE.

Sarah Spaulding, a Rice County Resident, discussed her concern with small business owners and their employees. Safety concerns have caused them to close their businesses.

Kat S, a Rice County Resident, spoke on behalf of the employees' perspective regarding the ICE issues.

Kathleen Doran-Norton, a Rice County Resident, thanked the various departments working together to address housing issues and economic instability.

Barb Howe, Rice County Resident, feels the Northfield Community Action Center is in Crisis. People are afraid to come to the Food Shelf because of ICE being in the area.

Matt Rohn, a Rice County Resident, said that having ICE in the area has led 50-60% of students to be unwilling to attend school or to spend limited time there, which will cause further problems.

Rod Christensen, a Rice County Resident, discussed the impact of ICE's presence on local law enforcement.

Kris Nybus, Rice County Resident, Immigration policy is lacking. Fear of crimes, lack of local enforcement.

Cathy Hoban, Rice County Resident, is pro-ICE. Everyone is working to do their duties. The Law is the law. ICE should be protected.

Mike David, Rice County Resident, thanked the Commissioners. Has some concerns about his civil rights. He plans to hand in a large letter to the Commissioners.

Henry Doyle, a Rice County Resident, asked for assurance that people helping others would not be caught in the crossfire. He believes everyone should be treated fairly.

Tom Moline, Rice County Resident, Immigration is a Supreme Court Issue. Federal law is being ignored, and we need to return to legal and constitutional rights.

Emily Deter, Rice County Resident, is concerned about the County Road 20 project, which includes the trail.

Ronald Keller, Rice County Resident, encouraged people to visit the DHS website to view the arrests made and what these individuals did. He wishes we could all work together.

Kay Keller, Rice County Resident, is a law-abiding citizen. The people who are afraid are only because of the Social Media Influencers. Law enforcement should be able to do their jobs. Deportations have been going on for a while. This is nothing new.

Tina Stadler, Rice County Resident, stated that she has seen both sides of the immigration issue. Legal immigrants need to support our local law enforcement and to trust the professionals.

A written Comment: Preston Bauer supports the enforcement of our nation's laws and expects our politicians to do the same.

II. ADJOURNMENT

The Open Forum concluded once all present individuals had spoken. Nobody commented online.