

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, February 10, 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 Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 27, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. ADMINISTRATION: Ryan Thilges, President of MN Counties Engineering Association

- A. Ryan Thilges, President of MN Counties Engineering Association, presented Dennis Luebbe and his Engineering team with the Project of the Year award for the County Road 19 Roundabout projects.

III. FACILITIES: Chris Kluge

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award bid to SAAFE, LLC, The Home of Stadium Steve, for Rice County Fair Grandstand Improvements in the amount of \$29,220.00.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. IT: Allan Klug

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, approved the purchase of additional Microsoft Server and SQL licenses for the 2026 true-up as quoted by SHI.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

V. ADULT SERVICES: Megan Thomas

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the contract with Southern MN Guardianship.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the donation to the Friendship House.** RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VI. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve/adopt the 2026-008 Resolution to Adopt the 2025 Rice County Hazard Mitigation Plan.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VII. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to award contract #2673 to Crane Creek Asphalt, the low responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,101,974.64 for project SAP 066-619-021.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to award contract #2674 to Clearscape Outdoor Services, the low responsible bidder, in the amount of \$355,220.00 for project SAP 066-693-001.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award contract #2675 to Crane Creek Asphalt, the low responsible bidder, in the amount of \$2,093,252.82.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie

Peters, NAYS: None

- D. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the out-of-state travel request for Dennis Luebbe to attend the 2026 National County Engineers Conference in Arlington, Texas.**

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

- E. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Plan dated February 10, 2026.**

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 Gerry Hoisington, to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

- 1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 01-23-2026**

- 2. Payment of Bills**

Bills Totalled: \$1,024,028.80 180 Degrees, Inc 11,324.60, ADP Inc 6,589.07, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 38,442.24, Amazon Capital Services Inc 3,726.29, Arcasearch LLC 2,619.00, Bascovsky/Mark 2,234.00, BHE Community Solar LLC 8,768.63, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 2,762.49, Boldt Funeral Home 5,882.87, Central Pension Fund 3,520.00, Cigna Health & Life Insurance Co 2,071.29, Community Action Center, Inc 5,724.00, Community Co-Op General Office 7,660.86, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 36,286.00, County Line Materials Inc 9,002.42, Ecker/Stephen R 6,200.00, Egan Company 7,880.00, Emerge Enterprises 6,804.00, Glencoe Law Office LLC 2,835.00, Goodhue County Health & Human Services 3,717.00, Great Lakes Salt Company 21,860.45, Imperial Dade 7,232.33, Kilgore/Douglas 3,550.00, League Of Minnesota Cities 3,060.00, Level Up Leadership, LLC 3,205.00, Maco 4,930.00, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 132,761.43, MetLife 33,598.42, Metro Sales Inc 8,536.75, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 142,087.07, Minnesota Public Facilities Authority 12,689.74, Minnesota State Treasurer 13,227.00, NCPERS Group Life Ins 2,016.00, Northfield Police Dept 2,070.23, Nuss Truck Group Inc 9,628.76, Office of MN IT Services 3,753.23, Paape Companies Inc 10,000.00, Peterson/Jena 2,350.00, Polk County Highway Dept 3,704.40, Prevent Child Abuse America 2,125.00, PSC Alliance Inc 7,580.00, Quality Flow 20,945.00, RDO Equipment Co 5,406.60, Schneider Geospatial LLC 16,264.95, Southern Minnesota Woodcraft Inc 4,190.00, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric 5,592.67, Stonebrooke Engineering Inc 2,700.00, TMobile 8,728.50, Timms Trucking Inc 6,544.84, Vantage Psychological Consultants PLLC 5,812.50, Veolia Environmental Services 21,473.86, Verizon Wireless 7,377.34, Voice Products 23,096.50, Waterford Oil Co Inc 4,138.85, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 9,580.00, Xcel Energy 6,564.62, Zoom Video Communications Inc 8,394.40, Access On Time Companies Inc 5,324.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 24,003.20, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 4,180.67, ----- 3,098.14, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 15,223.96, Ecker/Stephen R 3,000.00, Fisher/Jennifer & Daniel 3,354.94, Kelley/Alicia 3,670.65, Koger/Carol L 3,020.02, Lssmn 6,793.96, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 34,812.06, Olson/Debra 4,789.50, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,933.47, Rice County Facilities 4,200.00, Stein/Jessica 2,185.86, Twin Cities Home Care LLC 25,000.00, Workforce Development Inc 18,439.00

- 3. Personnel Appointments**

Joseph Johnson FT, Step Change, Sheriff's Office at \$47.17/hr., eff. 2/10/2026.

- B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to accept the 2025, 2026, and 2027 union contract for the AFSCME Assistant County Attorney's union contract, and to authorize the Board Chairperson's signature on the completed contract.**

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 10th day of March 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator