

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, February 17, 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, and Hoisington.
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 10th, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. Retirement Presentation for Jane Stone, Sheriff's Office

II. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve and adopt Resolution 26-011 for Riverchase II TIF District 20.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for RPMN Solar 1, LLC, on behalf of landowners Daniel and Lynda Thompson. The property is located in Section 18 of Walcott Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the preliminary plat extension to August 7, 2026, for Willingers Second Addition Preliminary Plat. The property is located in Section 23 of Webster Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to revise the ordinance, republish the Intent to Enact, and set a public hearing for 7:00 pm on March 5, 2026. Resolution 26-009 will be brought back at a later date once finalized.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to table the proposed fee schedule regarding Subdivisions, and will be brought back to the Board on March 24, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve declaring 2016 GMC Sierra with VIN No. 1GTV2LEH6GZ307002, as County Surplus.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve payment of the annual fee for Darktrace.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

V. ADULT SERVICES: Megan Thomas

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve accepting the grant award from Hannah Lips in the amount of \$3,000.00.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

VI. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve and adopt Resolution 26-010 Supporting passenger rail service between the Twin Cities and Kansas City through Rice County.**

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

- B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the professional engineering service contract with Widseth in the amount of \$19,000 for trail planning services.**

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

VII. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

- A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

- 1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 2-06-2026**

- 2. Payment of Bills**

Bills Totaled: \$991,924.01 Alternative Resolutions Inc 7,756.40, B&B Pumping & Portables Inc 3,725.00, Bridgewater Twp 39,580.90, Buscho Enterprises LLC 13,563.89, Cannon City Twp 29,821.20, Community Co-Op General Office 8,333.84, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 49,925.30, Consolidated Management Company 14,376.51, County Line Materials Inc 5,025.91, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 21,705.09, Dem-Con Trucking 13,285.89, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 29,650.40, Dick's Sanitation 26,765.82, Erickson Engineering Company 3,284.00, Erin Twp 22,003.43, Faribault City 19,768.24, Faribault Public Schools ISD 656 6,789.08, Faribo Sno-Go Club Inc 7,002.60, Forest Twp 32,735.69, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 21,940.77, Great Lakes Salt Company 14,642.35, LaRoche's Sewer Drain & Septic Serv 7,955.00, LoMRE Watershed Joint Powers Board 4,000.00, Messick Law PLLC 2,623.10, Metro FiberNet LLC 6,940.18, Metro Sales Inc 5,826.46, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 2,628.00, Morristown Twp 26,926.45, Nelrod Company/The 2,735.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 16,326.93, Northfield Twp 29,721.54, Pumps Tire Service 15,480.40, Quadient Finance USA Inc 2,000.00, Richland Twp 17,001.77, River Bend Nature Center 8,250.00, Salt Source LLC 4,145.75, Scott Co Treasurer 42,062.43, SHI International Corp 8,535.41, Shieldsville Twp 30,029.16, South Metro SWAT 19,030.00, State Industrial Products 2,256.72, T Mobile 8,827.99, Three Rivers Community Action 5,191.69, Walcott Twp 28,941.08, Warsaw Twp 35,508.79, Webster Twp 47,557.86, Wells Twp 36,316.84, Wheatland Twp 32,101.21, Wheeling Twp 22,310.08, WMS Weber Multi Services 23,379.45, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 5,897.68, Heartland Girls Ranch 13,016.90, Messick Law PLLC 8,746.00, Village Ranch Inc 14,165.04

- 3. Personnel Appointments**

Jamie Christianson FT, Social Worker-Child Protection, Social Services at \$44.18/hr., eff. 3/2/2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to adjourn the meeting.**

RESULT: Approved, AYES: 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