

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, March 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, and Underdahl.
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 17, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve a Temporary 3.2% Malt Liquor License for Church of St Patrick Shieldsville for October 10, 2026, at 7525 Dodd Rd, Faribault.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Tax-Exempt Gambling License for Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville, for March 20th, 2026, at 7525 Dodd Road, Faribault, MN 55021.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Tax-Exempt Gambling License for Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville, for October 10th, 2026, at 7525 Dodd Road, Faribault, MN 55021.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve One Day Temporary Consumption and Display Permit for Church of St. Patrick, Shieldsville, on October 10th, 2026, at 7525 Dodd Road, Faribault, MN 55021.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Temporary 3.2% Malt Liquor License for Holy Cross Catholic School for May 21, 2026, at 6100 37th St W, Webster.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Application for renewal of the Consumption and Display permit for Thomas Tousignant dba LeMieux Resort at 7710 Cedar Lake Blvd, Faribault, for the license period of April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. DRAINAGE AUTHORITY: Jarett Spitzack

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go into the Drainage Authority.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- 2025 Yearly Reporting and 2026 Plan of Work Presentation.
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approval of final payment for project 25087 on JD-6 in the amount of \$18,115.24 to Borneke Construction Inc.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to go out of the Drainage Authority.

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

IV. OUTSIDE AGENCY: Rice Steele 911 Center, Brian Becker Administrator

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, recommending approval of Vendor Contract Award for Lateral Cabling—Faribault PSAP.

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

V. RECORDER'S OFFICE: Mike Fangman

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, the County Recorder/Surveyor, hereby requests that the Rice County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$14,000 from the Recorder Compliance Fund to the Sheriff's Department as payment for acquiring possession of a 2021 Ram Pickup.

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

VI. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Allan Klug

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, Approve renewal of Zix Essentials Email Security and Compliance.

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

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approve upgrading the Datto backup solution used for CJIS departments from Datto S4E12 and S4E18 to S6 36 and S6 48 as quoted by CIT.

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

C. VMware Renewal is no longer needed.

D. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Approve payment of the annual fees for Microsoft software and services.

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

E. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Approve payment of \$32,808.43 to Civic Plus for Civic Plus services in 2026 as invoiced.

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

VII. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the contract between Rice County Community Corrections and the Community Action Center to provide two furnished housing units to be utilized by participants of the Rice County Treatment Court program.

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

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve out-of-state travel request for five members of the Rice County Treatment Court team to attend the RISE26 conference presented by All Rise in July 2026.

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

VIII. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award contract #2650 to Steve James Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$669,574.00 for culvert replacement and rehabilitation.

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

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to award contract # 2651 to Kilmeyer Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$348,787.00.

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

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to accept the low quote for replacing the

Lonsdale shop salt shed submitted by Nelson's Agri Structures for \$59,000.

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

D. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the low quote for asphalt crushing submitted by Timm's Trucking & Excavation in the amount of \$70,550.00.

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

E. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Cooperative Agreement for an access study led by the City of Elko New Market, in the amount of \$12,846.40.

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

F. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the request from the City of Northfield to create a 4-way STOP condition at the intersection of Woodlsey Street (County 28) and Spring Creek Road.

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

IX. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

1. Extra Time/Over Time Report 02-20-2026

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$1,355,949.74 North Country Chevrolet 42,418.40, Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center 10,752.00, Nuss Truck Group Inc 15,256.27, Office of MN IT Services 3,753.06, OK Tire Store Inc 4,633.15, Paape Companies Inc 5,206.73, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 10,808.10, Prairie Lakes Youth Programs 5,200.00, Primadata LLC 14,800.00, SafeAssure Consultants Inc 7,833.67, Safety Signs LLC 20,240.00, SeaChange Print Innovations 2,552.62, SHI International Corp 78,682.96, Staples Oil Company Inc 18,133.00, Star Sports and Apparel 2,900.75, Steele County Treasurer 3,243.22, T Mobile 8,916.28, Tall Cop Says Stop 2,925.00, Thomson Reuters - West 10,935.47, Trittech Software Systems 23,284.44, Verizon Wireless 7,242.87, Waterford Oil Co Inc 20,970.59, Widseth Smith Nolting Inc 3,933.50, Xcel Energy 6,891.02, Ziegler Inc 3,254.15, 180 Degrees, Inc 2,704.24, Access On Time Companies Inc 24,767.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 24,521.82, Carlson/Niki Jo 4,221.87, Christensen/David or Anita 2,001.84, Community Action Center, Inc 4,295.63, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 10,658.83, Dimick/Dan 2,220.00, Donnelly Law Office 4,427.85, Ecker/Stephen R 4,500.00, Forensic Nursing Home 3,995.90, GONZALEZ/CYNTHIA & TRINIDAD 6,083.61, Heartland Girls Ranch 11,757.20, Horizon Homes Inc 89,968.96, Koger/Carol L 2,727.76, Lssmn 6,136.48, Monjeau/David and Mary 2,134.03, Moose Lake RTC 5,386.25, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 13,965.50, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 26,906.88, Olson/Debra 4,326.00, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,046.13, Schoenbauer/Holly or David 2,082.97, St Peter Rtc 7,762.40, Village Ranch Inc 13,385.96, West Central Regional Juvenile Center 6,175.00, Workforce Development Inc 15,975.00, Zumbro Valley Health Center 5,520.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Clint Cornick FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$31.67/hr., eff. 3/9/2026
Caitlyn Hanson FT, Office Support Specialist, Sheriff's Office at \$25.86/hr., eff. 3/2/2026
Courtney Reim FT, Eligibility Worker, Social Services at \$30.18/hr., eff. 3/2/2026
Gwen Culhane PT, WIC Professional-CPA, Public Health at \$33.74/hr., eff 3/9/2026

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve out-of-state travel for Sandy Malecha to attend the SelectUSA conference in Washington, D.C. from May 3-6, 2026.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.

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

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator