

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, April 28, 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 Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting on April 14th, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. Retirement Presentation for Eric Lundin, Social Services

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, appoints Jim Purfeerst and Charlie Peters as County Commissioners to the Rice County Canvassing Board for the August Primary Election and November General Election.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the renewal of Winjum Shady Acres Resort's wine and liquor license, 17759 W 177th St, Faribault, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the renewal of Winjum Shady Acres Resort on-sale Malt liquor license, 17759 W 177th St, Faribault, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
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 renewal of the Vintage Escapes Winery On-Sale & Sunday Liquor License, 8950 Dodd Rd, Kilkenny, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- E. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve renewal of the Keepsake Cidery On-Sale Malt Liquor License, 4609 135th St E, Dundas, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve renewal of the Keepsake Cidery Wine Liquor License, 4609 135th St E, Dundas, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 20, 2027.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. DRAINAGE AUTHORITY: Jarett Spitzack

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approved each of four contracts with H2Over Viewers for redetermination of benefits of Rice County Drainage Ditches. Seeking approval of the H2Over Viewers contract for services for Group 1: COUNTY DITCH 2, 4, 6, 13A, 15, 26, AND 29.**
Seeking approval of the H2Over Viewers contract for services for Group 2: COUNTY DITCH 11A, 20, 22, 30, AND 32A.
Seeking approval of the H2Over Viewers contract for services for Group 3: COUNTY DITCH 9, 14, 17, 25, AND 31.

Seeking approval of the H2Over Viewers contract for services for Group 4: COUNTY DITCH 7, 12, 16, 23, 27, AND 33.

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

IV. ADULT SERVICES: Megan Thomas

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Duck Cup donation for \$200.00 to Friendship House.

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

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve accepting the grant in the amount of \$754.41 to Friendship House.

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

V. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and sign the Proclamation of National Correctional Officers Week 2026.

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

VI. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, approves the dismissal of uncollectible debt, specifically supervision and related fees due from clients that have reached the statute of limitations on collections.

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

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt Resolution 26-019 appointing renewals to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

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

C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, approves out-of-state travel for county employees to attend the National Co-Responder conference in Dallas, Texas.

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 Gerry Hoisington, to award contract # 2680 to Fitzgerald Excavating & Trucking in the amount of \$151,910.00 for project 21-201.

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 04-03-2026
2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totalled: \$1,031,218.53 Alternative Resolutions Inc 8,124.18, Anderson Rock & Lime Inc 2,229.98, Anoka County Treasury Office 44,217.50, APG Media of So Minnesota LLC 12,254.76, Archambault Bros Disposal Inc, 2,960.51, BHE Community Solar LLC 15,745.99, Central Pension Fund 3,520.00, Children Youth & Families Dept 12,213.35, Community Action Center, Inc 10,000.00, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 32,067.73, Consolidated Management Company 14,382.81, Dakota County Financial Services 16,843.00, Deere & Company 23,346.52, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 7,824.73, Dem-Con Trucking 20,168.89, Emerge Enterprises 6,588.00, Faribault City 4,228.43, Faribault Public Schools ISD 656 3,090.46, Faribo Sno-Go Club Inc 7,002.60, Goodhue County Health & Human Services 9,145.00, Guardian RFID 11,400.00, H&R Construction Co 7,479.93, Housing and Urban Development 26,101.00, Imperial Dade 6,795.00, Kibble Equipment 8,500.00, Kielmeyer Construction Inc 6,436.25, KNOWiNK LLC 3,945.00, Liberty Tire Recycling Llc 2,696.55, MCIT 2,500.00, Messick

Law PLLC 5,951.48, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 139,140.80, Minnesota Bureau Criminal Appr 2,425.00, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 27,506.00, NCC Builders 16,884.00, Northfield Healthy Community Initiative 20,692.70, Office of MN IT Services 3,753.06, Otis Elevator Company 36,562.56, Phone Station Inc 30,860.00, Quality Radiologic Consultants 5,000.00, Quality Sweeping Services, LLC 2,775.00, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 2,270.09, Semrex 3,465.00, SHI International Corp 6,192.29, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric 3,672.03, Streichers 3,728.56, Thomson Reuters - West 6,272.76, Three Rivers Community Action 79,049.31, Wintrust Mortgage 6,991.81, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc 2,260.00, Xcel Energy 14,434.50, Access On Time Companies Inc 21,671.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 22,534.97, Blue Earth County Human Services 13,055.15, Cedar Valley Services Inc 17,883.04, Community Action Center, Inc 8,517.60, Donnelly Law Office 2,650.66

Ecker/Stephen R 3,000.00, Forensic Nursing Home 3,995.90, Horizon Homes Inc 77,036.02, Moose Lake RTC 5,370.25, MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM 13,965.50, Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc 3,284.38,

St Peter Rtc 7,887.60

3. Personnel Appointments

Asho Abokor PT, Office Support Specialist, HRA, at \$22.59/hr., eff. 4/20/2026

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 12th day of May 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator