

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, May 12, 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 Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, 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 Board Meeting held April 28, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. PROPERTY TAX & ELECTIONS: Denise Anderson

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve Exempt Gambling Permit for Most Holy Trinity Church on August 16th, 2026, at 4939 Washington St N, Veseli, MN 55046.**
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 the Application for Off-Site Gambling for Waseca Sleigh & Cutter Festival Association at The Channel Inn, 23219 Farwell Ave, Warsaw, for June 3rd, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Galen Malecha, to inform of the change of date for the Tax-Exempt Gambling Permit for Lakeville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Chapter 115 from April 28, 2026, to May 14, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the Renewal of On & Off-Sale Malt Liquor License for Grandma's Lakeside Resort, 17000 Elmore Way, 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
- E. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Renewal of the Wine Liquor License for Grandma's Lakeside Resort, 17000 Elmore Way, 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
- F. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve renewal of On & Off-Sale & Sunday Liquor License for Channel Inn, 23219 Farwell Ave, Warsaw, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. FACILITIES: Chris Kluge

- A. **Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Galen Malecha, approved to retract awarding the bid for the Conservation Building Part 2 Roof Repair and Replacement to Web Construction in the amount of \$35,804.00, which was approved at the October 28, 2025, Board Meeting.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to award a contract to T-10 Construction for the Conservation Building, part 2, roofing repairs and replacement in the amount of \$39,850.00.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

- IV. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS: Angela Brewer**
A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, proclaims May 2026 as Treatment Court month in Rice County.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- V. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas**
A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the proclamation of National Police Week 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- VI. **HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebke**
A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve and adopt resolution 26-020 application for the Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Program.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- VII. **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 04-17-2026
 2. Payment of Bills
- Bills Totaled: \$1,293,100.96 Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 31,688.35, Ahlman's 5,226.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 8,260.43, Ancom Technical Center 56,447.10, Anoka County Treasury Office 44,217.50, Auto Value Faribault 2,441.08, Axon Enterprise Inc 50,359.92, BHE Community Solar LLC 17,832.14, Bierman Benson & Langehough Funeral Home 3,212.68, Bob Barker Company Inc 3,528.32, Buscho Enterprises LLC 8,033.35, Callyo 2009 Corp 5,200.00, Cellebrite Inc 4,845.00, CivicPlus LLC 3,540.49, Community Co-Op General Office 8,493.80, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 14,367.00, Consolidated Management Company 14,362.37, Dahle Enterprises 2,200.00, Dakota County Financial Services 16,160.32, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 8,462.30, DVS Special Services 2,959.27, Faul Psychological 2,025.00, Foth Infrastructure & Environment LLC 34,877.58, Greatwrench Auto Repair 2,914.98, Guardian Fleet Safety 3,784.42, Jr's Advanced Recyclers Inc 7,441.25, Kandiyohi County Treasurer 14,000.00, Law Enforcement Labor Services 2,049.84, Le Sueur County Environmental Services 5,000.00, M-R Sign Company 21,259.05, Matejcek Implement 18,940.00, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 210,052.60, Metal Culverts Inc 10,458.40, Metro Sales Inc 22,403.84, Metta Technologies 45,400.00, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 13,029.00, Minnesota Dept Of Labor & Industry 2,716.01, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 8,017.00, Minnesota Monitoring Inc 4,775.75, Minnesota State Treasurer 15,127.00, Minnesota Teamsters Union #320 10,452.00, MN Public Employees Assoc 4,464.00, Murray Law Firm PLLC 2,394.60, North Country Chevrolet 42,418.40, Nuss Truck Group Inc 6,727.38, Peterson/Jena 2,200.00, Phone Station Inc 10,350.00, Poplar Grove Farms LLC 2,676.00, Quality Power Solutions 2,155.00, R C Bliss Inc 10,553.37, RCM Specialties Inc 2,518.41, Saafe, LLC 29,220.00, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc 2,236.95, Schneider Geospatial LLC 4,265.55, Tritech Software Systems 5,355.00, Vantage Point Psychological Consultants 3,000.00, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc 2,527.85, Xcel Energy 3,006.18, Xybix Systems Inc 152,735.59, Ziegler Inc 32,903.13, 180 Degrees, Inc 2,897.40, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 4,490.84, Carlson/Niki Jo 2,128.50, Cedar Valley Services Inc 17,985.04, Community Living Options 2,282.40, Dimick/Dan 2,910.11, Faribault Martin Human Services 6,667.40, Jaspers, Moriarty & Wetherille P.A. 4,448.57, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 9,609.60, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,095.80, Village Ranch Inc 9,877.80, Volunteers Of America 2,264.99, Watonwan County Human Services 2,574.70, West Central Regional Juvenile Center 10,075.00, Workforce Development Inc 17,808.00, Zumbro Valley Health Center 3,220.00
3. Personnel Appointments
Josh Arroyo, Seasonal FT, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/18/2026.
Jayden Hart, Seasonal FT, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/18/2026.
Kayla Kubinshi, Seasonal FT, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/18/2026.

Hailey Peterson, Seasonal FT, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/11/2026.

Carson Casteel, Seasonal FT, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/11/2026.

August Grubish, Seasonal FT, Highway Maintenance, Highway Department at \$20.00/hr., eff. 5/11/2026.

Adam Berliner, Temporary PT, Election Judge, Property Tax & Elections at \$20.00/hr., eff. 5/11/2026.

Kyle Shea, Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$21.00/hr., eff. 5/19/2026.

Darryn Miner, Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/13/2026.

Nolan Saunders FT, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office/Jail at \$31.67/hr., eff. 5/11/2026.

Alexander Stoltz, Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/19/2026.

Mary Greer, Seasonal PT, Water Patrol Deputy, Sheriff's Office at \$19.00/hr., eff. 5/19/2026.

Asho Abokor FT, Office Support Specialist, HRA at \$22.59/hr., eff. 4/27/2026.

Stephanie Witter FT, Office Support Specialist, Social Services at \$22.59/hr., eff. 5/11/2026.

B. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to accept and adopt Resolution #26-015 for the Re-Appointment of the County Engineer.

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

C. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to go into CLOSED SESSION under MN Statute 13D.05 Subd.3 (b) Attorney-Client Privilege regarding property tax appeal discussion.

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

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, to go out of CLOSED SESSION.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, 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 26th day of May 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator