

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, July 14, 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 June 23, 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 Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Tax-exempt Gambling Permit for Ducks Unlimited Northfield Chapter #113 at Willingers Golf Club, 6797 Canby Trl, Northfield, on July 23, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adopt Resolution #26-025 - Adopting an Amendment to the Rice County Zoning Map in Section 19 in Morristown Township to Rezone approximately 22 acres from Natural Environment Shoreland (NES) to Recreational Development Shoreland (RDS).**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the Final Development Plan and a Preliminary Plat for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with the conditions and findings as recommended by the Planning Commission for Roy A Winjum. The property is located in Section 20 & 21 of Wells Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Preliminary Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Tom O'Meara, on behalf of the landowner Paula Johnson. The property is located in Section 8 of Wells Township.** RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- D. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Interim Use Permit with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for John Larson, on behalf of landowner Janet Tornell Trust. The property is located in Section 1 of Webster Township.**
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 Preliminary Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Joe Franek. The property is located in Section 15 of Wheatland Township.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- F. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for Brian and Julie Starkson, on behalf of landowners Jerry Sather and Jason Burmeister. The property is located in Section 24 of**

Shieldsville Township.

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

- G. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Waiver of Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by the Planning Commission for David Klapperich, on behalf of landowner Dale and Julie Klapperich Trusts. The property is located in Section 18 of Walcott Township.**

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

- H. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Final Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by Rice County Staff for Jeffrey Jandro. The property is located in Section 12 of Richland Township.**

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

- I. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the Minor Boundary Adjustment Plat with the conditions and findings recommended by Rice County Staff for John McFarlane. The property is located in Section 27 of Shieldsville Township.**

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

IV. CHILD AND FAMILY: Chris Sammon

- A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, requesting approval of the MOU with Fernbrook to provide Children's Mental Health Targeted Case Management to youth not being served by Rice County Social Services.**

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 acceptance of the SHIP Grant.**

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 Steve Underdahl, to approve the FY 27 Treatment Court Cooperative agreement.**

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 approve the Mental Health Court Cooperative agreement.**

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

- C. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, Proclaim the week of July 19-25, 2026, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Services Week.**

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

- D. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to approve the updated CCAB Bylaws. RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None**

- E. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adopt Resolution 25-026 Appointing Ms. Johnston to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.**

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

VII. SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Jesse Thomas

- A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to allow the Sheriff's Office to accept a**

monetary donation from Randy and Janet Bauer in the amount of \$715.00.

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

VIII. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

A. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to award contract # 2676 to the low responsible bidder, Cole's Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$836,126.99.

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

IX. PARKS: Dennis Luebbe

A. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to adopt Resolution #26-024, adopting the Rice County Parks Ordinance #930 and repealing the previous parks ordinance recorded on 11 September 1987 (book 101 of MR page 303-305).

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

X. HUMAN RESOURCE: Kari Viskocil

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve moving forward with updating the new payroll system with Paycom.

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

XI. 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, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

1. Extra Time/ Over Time Report 06-12-2026
2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$2,644,388.85 4 Point 0 Non Emergency Medical 3,005.00, Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc 25,072.24, Advanced Septic Solutions Inc 9,186.00, Archambault Bros Disposal Inc 2,903.67, Auto Value Faribault 4,230.39, BHE Community Solar LLC 25,992.11, Bierman Benson & Langehough Funeral Home 2,529.60, Blahnik Prchal & Stoll 6,250.01, Bolton & Menk Inc 2,829.00, Braun Intertec Corp 12,199.05, Brightly Software Inc 2,102.39, Central Pension Fund 3,440.00, Community Co-Op General Office 26,711.15, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 13,551.50, Consolidated Management Company 29,106.44, Core Professional Services 2,100.00, Dick's Sanitation 26,577.68, Emerge Enterprises 11,178.00, Faribault City 57,095.75, Glenn's Service Inc 14,976.10, H2Over Viewers LLC 17,968.22, Healy Construction Company 22,675.00, Imperial Dade 2,040.98, Jr's Advanced Recyclers Inc 8,956.25, Kilgore/Douglas 5,000.00, Knight Barry Title United LLC 9,000.00, LA Painting and Cleaning LLC 14,400.00, LENS Equipment 8,272.00, LOGIS 10,644.64, Lonsdale City 7,437.50, LSQ Funding Group Inc 3,886.75, Malecha's Auto Body LLC 12,249.02, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 60,806.22, Metal Culverts Inc 6,067.90, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 21,511.59, Minnesota State Treasurer 16,276.00, Murray Law Firm PLLC 5,448.15, Mvtl Laboratories Inc 10,191.80, Nelson's Agri Structures 44,065.49, Northfield City 51,533.75, Nuss Truck Group Inc 2,750.80, OK Tire Store Inc 2,160.28, Paape Companies Inc 38,813.66, Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory 3,859.07, Performance Kennels Inc 21,250.00, RDO Equipment Co 9,738.92, Regents Of The U of M 46,281.25, Rice County Agricultural Society 5,000.00, Rice County Historical Society 11,250.00, Rice County Soil & Water Cons 62,346.00, Rice Steele 911 Center 5,802.45, Road Machinery & Supplies Co 874,399.58, RTA Fleet 36,484.20, RTVision Inc 6,381.63, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc 2,389.55, SHI International Corp 7,995.30, Steele County Treasurer 525,493.50, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric 3,408.61, Superior Jetting 5,350.00, Thomson Reuters - West 6,803.34, Three Rivers Community Action 9,077.57, Tom's Pro Glass 2,633.91, Uline 2,192.05, Veolia Environmental Services 19,844.94, Voyant Communications LLC 2,519.20, Waterford Oil Co Inc 5,293.87, White Funeral Homes Inc 2,709.00, Wold Architects And Engineers Inc

3,292.00, Xcel Energy 2,381.65, Ziegler Inc 5,068.54, Access On Time Companies Inc 27,491.00, Alternative Resolutions Inc 23,805.48, Blahnik Law Office PLLC 2,500.00, Blue Earth County Human Services 17,157.67, Carlson/Jessica 2,334.60, Carlson/Niki Jo 2,128.50, Children's Home 6,180.16, Community Action Center, Inc 2,780.51, Community Living Options 2,282.40, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 6,450.14, Exchange Club for Family Unity 2,030.50, Family Alternatives 2,939.10, Heartland Girls Ranch 12,597.00, Hunt/Courtney 3,964.50, Muellerleile/Jason 2,465.10, Peterfeso/Charlie & Jenna 2,095.80, Rebound Inc 16,500.00, Rice County Community Services 2,100.00, Scott County Treasurer 3,378.00, The Freedom Ranch 5,539.82, Village Ranch Inc 6,455.70, Workforce Development Inc 15,273.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Andrea Walker FT, Mental Health Professional, Outpatient Therapist, Social Services at \$40.18/hr., eff. 8/3/2026.

Deanna Rodriguez-Bella FT, Administrative Assistant, HRA at \$27.02/hr., eff. 7/6/2026. Katlyn

Nelson PT, Health Educator, Public Health at \$33.74/hr., eff. 7/27/2026

Crystallynn Emery FT, Records and Data Specialist, Community Corrections at \$27.67/hr., eff. 7/13/2026.

Ryan Angelow, On-Call, Water Patrol Dive Team, Sheriff's Office at \$25.00/hr., eff. 7/1/2026.

Wayne Eisenhuth Temporary PT, Election Judge, Property Tax & Elections at \$20.00/hr., eff. 6/30/2026.

Kayla Badger Temporary PT, Election Judge, Property Tax & Elections at \$20.00/hr., eff. 6/30/2026.

Nancy Zimmer Temporary PT, Election Judge, Property Tax & Elections at \$20.00/hr., eff. 6/26/2026.

William Dopp FT, Sheriff Patrol Deputy-K9 Blitz at \$40.18/hr., eff. 7/5/2026.

B. Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the LELS Correctional Officers MOA.

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 out-of-state travel for Public Health Director Deb Purfeerst, County Administrator Sara Folsted, and County Commissioner Jim Purfeerst to attend the NACo Annual Conference in Louisiana, July 16-20.

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

XII. 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 28th day of July 2026.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Charlie Peters, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator