

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Charlie Peters, Chairperson. Members present were: Purfeerst, Malecha, Underdahl, and Hoisington.

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve the agenda as presented.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on July 28, 2026.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY: Julie Fox

- A. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the use of the evergreen trees on the Courthouse lawn for the Light Up a Life tree lighting ceremony by the Faribault Area Hospice Foundation.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

III. VETERAN'S SERVICES: Tracy McBroom

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, to approve the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs (MDVA) Grant.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

IV. CHILD AND FAMILY: Chris Sammon

- A. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, Acceptance of donations to Child and Family Services Division.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- B. **Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Gerry Hoisington, requesting approval of the Annual Renewal of Foster Care Transportation Agreements.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Steve Underdahl, requesting acceptance of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Initiative grant through the Minnesota Department of Health on behalf of South-Central Community Based Initiative, Rice County, serving as fiscal agent. This will be pending the Rice County Attorney's Office's review and approval of the contract.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None

V. HIGHWAY: Dennis Luebbe

- A. **Motion by Galen Malecha, seconded by Jim Purfeerst, to award contract # 2678 to Minnowa Construction Inc., in the amount of \$691,519.60.**
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 low quote for the Lonsdale shop paving in the amount of \$31,505.00 from M & W Blacktopping, LLC.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie Peters, NAYS: None
- C. **Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve final payment of \$9,200.66 to Minnowa Construction for work completed under contract # 2672.**
RESULT: Approved, AYES: Steve Underdahl, Galen Malecha, Jim Purfeerst, Gerry Hoisington, Charlie

Peters, NAYS: None

D. Motion by Jim Purfeerst, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to approve final payment in the amount of \$3,463.81 to Minnowa Construction for work completed under contract #2671.

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

E. Motion by Gerry Hoisington, seconded by Galen Malecha, to approve the final payment on contract #2574 to Crane Creek Asphalt in the amount of \$26,392.42.

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

VI. ADMINISTRATION: Sara Folsted

A. Motion by Steve Underdahl, seconded by Galen Malecha, 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 07-10-2026

2. Payment of Bills

Bills Totaled: \$680,295.58 Access On Time Companies Inc 21,066.00, -2,393.20, Carlson/Jessica 2,477.83, Dimick/Dan 2,439.72, Hunt/Courtney 4,213.21, -2,242.70, Messick Law PLLC 2,445.00, Muellerleile/Jason 2,620.43, Nexus Gerard Family Healing LLC 7,751.12, Rebound Inc 17,050.00, Sawatzke/Haley Jo 5,614.80, Schoenbauer/Holly or David 2,100.55, , Alternative Resolutions Inc 8,858.84, APG Media of So Minnesota LLC 3,683.42, BHE Community Solar LLC 23,431.54, Bierman Benson & Langehough Funeral Home 2,534.00, Bolton & Menk Inc 3,205.00, Cedar Lake Electric Inc 2,000.30, Central Pension Fund 3,520.00, Children Youth & Families Dept 3,265.18, Computer Integration Technologies Inc 2,438.37, Consolidated Management Company 14,699.02, Dem-Con Materials Recovery 6,861.62, Dem-Con Trucking 24,352.92, Dept Of Human Services SWIFT 3,495.00, Design Electric Inc 2,319.14, Dick's Sanitation 26,945.08, Egan Company 2,640.00, Election Systems & Software Inc 12,524.94, Faribo Air Conditioning & Heating Inc 2,300.00, Glenn's Service Inc 16,035.43, Institute for Environmental Assessment 3,474.52, Jaak LLC 2,087.29, Kiesler Police Supply 3,100.20, Kilgore/Douglas 3,850.00, M-R Sign Company 10,805.75, Met-Con Construction Co Inc 98,622.18, Minnesota Counties Computer Coop 2,470.29, Minnesota Dept Of Transportation 10,113.30, Minnesota Public Facilities Authority 59,765.36, Minnesota State Treasurer 16,958.50, Muddy Paws Resort LLC 2,928.00, Northern Salt, Inc. 7,766.28, Nuss Truck Group Inc 3,696.01, Peterson/Jena 2,250.00, Reynolds/Harvey 13,971.00, Road Machinery & Supplies Co 4,217.92, Ronco Engineering Sales 3,488.25, Schmidt Goodman Office Products Inc 4,338.98, SHI International Corp 3,292.43, Snap-On Tools 3,788.75, Squires, Waldspurger & Mace 6,315.24, Steele County HHW 3,999.38, T-10 Construction Services LLC 16,750.00, United States Geological Survey 4,370.00, Waseca County HHW Division 2,916.80, Waterford Oil Co Inc 8,557.92, Xybix Systems Inc 16,970.00

3. Personnel Appointments

Hadiya Tuzinski FT, Social Worker-Adult Protection, Social Services at \$37.65/hr., eff. 8/31/2026.

Kris Knapp FT, Senior Deputy Recorder, Recorder's Office at \$33.63/hr., eff. 8/17/2026.

Chris Caron PT, Veteran Driver On-Call, Veterans Services at \$65.00 daily, eff. 8/4/2026. Stephanie Garcia PT, Home Health Aide, Public Health at \$23.61/hr., eff. 8/11/2026.

Fae Schumacher PT, Supervisor, Family Child Health Nursing, Public Health at \$54.94/hr., eff. 8/16/2026.

VII. 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 25th day of August 2026.

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ATTEST:

Sara Folsted, County Administrator