

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
RICE COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 8:30 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(At each Committee of the Whole Work Session meeting, the floor will be open to solicit public comments on items on the agenda after they are presented. A Comment Card must be completed to discuss any of the items. Public comments will be limited to (3) minutes for each person, subject to the discretion of the County Board Chairperson) Jim Purfeerst was chair.

II. OUTSIDE AGENCY:

- A.** Southeastern MN EMS presented an online presentation requesting their yearly funding request.
- B.** Northfield Public Library gave its presentation and request for future funding.
 - 1. Bill North, Northfield resident, spoke on behalf of the Northfield Library.
 - 2. Joan Enis, Northfield resident, spoke on behalf of the Northfield Library.
- C.** Buckham Memorial Library gave its presentation and request for future funding.
- D.** Buckham West Senior Center gave its presentation and request for future funding.
- E.** Lonsdale Public Library gave its presentation and request for future funding.
- F.** The Rice County Agriculture Society gave its presentation and request for future funding.
- G.** Southern Minnesota Tourism gave its presentation and request for future funding.
- H.** Fifty North gave its presentation and request for future funding.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charlie Peters, seconded by Steve Underdahl, to adjourn the meeting.

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