

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORK SESSION
Commissioner's Room / Government Services Building
Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order. Members present: Bauer, Docken, Malecha, Miller and Gillen. Galen Malecha chaired the meeting. No members of the public spoke.

II. COMMISSIONER'S REQUEST

Outside Agency Budget Presentations

The following agencies appeared before the County Board and presented their 2018 budget requests: Historical Society (Sue Garwood) - Buckham Memorial Library (Delane James) - Northfield Public Library (Teresa Jensen) - Lonsdale Public Library (Marguerite Moran) - Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (Tim Penny) - SEMCAC (Debbie Betthausen)

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kathy Feldbrugge

Presentation Regarding South Central College by President, Dr. Annette Parker

Dr. Annette Parker, President of South Central College, provided the Board with an update of the College. The presentation included the following information:

Career paths and programs offered by the College that include: Advanced Manufacturing, Agribusiness, Allied Health and Nursing, Arts and Communication, Building and Design, Business, Human Services, and Transportation

Student numbers: 5,200 credit students and 12,000 non-credit students

Training opportunities and examples

Participation in Learn, Work, Earn - the Minnesota Advance Manufacturing Partnership Project, where industry and education partner for success

Center for Business and Industry, a division of South Central College, that offers customized training and professional continuing education - working closely with DEED, workforce centers, economic development departments, and businesses

IV. HUMAN RESOURCE: Carol Kritzer

Auditor/Treasurer Recruitment Process/Position Discussion

Human Resource Manager Carol Kritzer, along with Fran Windschitl (County Auditor/Treasurer) and Gary Weiers (David Drown Associates) led a discussion with the Board regarding the process of moving forward with the recruitment process for the Auditor/Treasurer's vacancy coming up in September. It was agreed to bring this back to the next Board meeting for approval.

V. AUDITOR/TREASURER: Fran Windschitl

A. CAFR Highlights Presentation

Auditor/Treasurer Fran Windschitl, along with John Lang (Financial Manager) and Doug Host (Clifton, Larson, Allen) led a discussion with the Board regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Publication for Year Ending December 31, 2016.

B. Exit Conference by Clifton Larson Allen

Auditor/Treasurer Fran Windschitl, along with John Lang (Financial Manager) and Doug Host (Clifton, Larson, Allen) led a discussion with the Board regarding the Audit Presentation Exit Conference for Year Ending December 31, 2016.

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Julie Runkel

State Demographer Presentation

Director of Environmental Services Julie Runkel, along with Andi Egbert (Assistant Director) and Megan Dayton (Projections Demographer) of the Minnesota State Demographic Center presented to the Board regarding the latest population projections for Minnesota Counties, as well as the 2015-2050 projections specific to Rice County.

VII. PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING: Deb Purfeerst

Tobacco Updates

Public Health Director Deb Purfeerst, along with Tracy Ackman-Shaw (Health Educator) provided the Board with a presentation regarding Tobacco Education Information. The presentation included: facts and background information for the State of Minnesota and Rice County; the recently completed work that's been done in Rice County; and the focus areas for future attention.

VIII. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: John Fossum

Drug Court Evaluation Report

County Attorney John Fossum, along with Hans Holland (Court Administrator), Judge Tom Neuville (Minnesota Third Judicial District), and Dr. Wagner (Minnesota State - Mankato) presented to the Board regarding the effectiveness and future of the Rice County Drug Court.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gillen, seconded by Miller, carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting.