

***BOARD of COMMISSIONERS
RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA***

RESOLUTION #11-060

**INITIATE PROJECT AND ORDER FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR A
COUNTYWIDE REPLACEMENT OF RURAL ADDRESS SIGNS**

WHEREAS, public safety and emergency services have requested that address signs in unincorporated areas of Rice County be updated to increase visibility and accuracy to ensure the prompt provision of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such request, the Rice County Board of Commissioners established a Rural Address Sign Task Force to further study these concerns and provide recommendations for future actions; and

WHEREAS, the task force assessed the accuracy of addresses identifying buildings, residences and parcels of land; and

WHEREAS, the study revealed that some addresses did not conform to the established addressing policy leading to a delay in the provision of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, incorrect addressing can delay emergency services provided by fire, ambulance and law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, a delay of only a few minutes can make a difference in the safety or well-being of residents when emergency services are needed; and

WHEREAS, the study also revealed that visibility of addressing signs for emergency personnel is impacted by age, condition and placement of existing addressing markers; and

WHEREAS, replacement of faded addressing markers, when coupled with consistent placement, enhances visibility; and

WHEREAS, enhanced visibility increases the identification of locations where emergency services are requested; and

WHEREAS, emergency service delays may have significant adverse effect on the well-being of the citizens of Rice County; and

WHEREAS, further study by the Rural Address Sign Task Force should be conducted to examine feasibility, costs, assessments and other considerations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to ensure emergency service delays are not caused by inaccurate address assignment, corrections consistent with the Rice County policy on uniform street naming and address numbering shall be included in the continuing study, feasibility report and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rural Address Sign Task Force promptly complete the above-described study, which shall include project feasibility, recommendations for technical specifications for signs and placement, cost options, including the assessment of benefited property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvements.

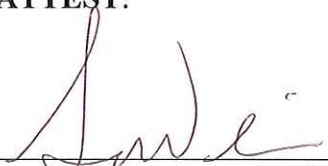
Dated this 11th day of October, 2011.

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jeff Docken, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Gary Weiers, County Administrator