



Rice County Departments

Rice County Government Services Building
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8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Offices are closed on legal holidays

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Administration

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ADMINISTRATION (email: RCAdmin@co.rice.mn.us)

Gary Weiers

Faribault: 507-332-6101

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

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The Administration Department implements the directives, resolutions, ordinances, and policies of the County Board of Commissioners. It provides guidance and support for all County departments and provides long-term planning for the County in all areas. The Administrator reports directly to the Board and acts as a liaison between the Board and the County's departments.

ASSESSOR (email: RCAssessors@co.rice.mn.us)

Paul Knutson

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The Office of the Assessor is responsible for discovering, listing and valuing all taxable property, both real and personal, for ad valorem tax purposes.

ATTORNEY (email: RCAttorney@co.rice.mn.us)

G. Paul Beaumaster

Faribault: 507-332-6103

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

Rice County Courthouse

Northfield: 507-645-9576

The County Attorney's Office is responsible to promote justice, public safety, and effective government by prosecuting crime, protecting the vulnerable, and representing Rice County with effective creative leadership.

AUDITOR/TREASURER (email: RCAuditor@co.rice.mn.us)

Fran Windschitl

Faribault: 507-332-6104

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

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The Auditor/Treasurer's Office is part of the administrative branch of County government and interacts with county departments, county residents, the vendors, local governments, state and federal agencies, school districts, and special districts. The County Auditor/Treasurer, an elected official, is the County's Chief Financial Officer, Property Tax Administrator, and Supervisor of Elections. The Auditor/Treasurer is also a member, by statute, of the county board of equalization, the county canvassing committee, and sits on various other committees, councils, and boards, as directed by the Board.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (email: RCAdmin@co.rice.mn.us)

Milt Plaisance, Chairperson

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The County Board functions as the legislative and policymaking board of Rice County. The Board sets a budget, levies taxes to finance County services, provides aid to constituents as their elected representatives, and appoints members to County Board committees. The Board also serves as employer for County personnel.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE/PARKS & RECREATION (email: RCMaintenance@co.rice.mn.us)

Joe McGough

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The purpose of the Rice County Parks/Building Maintenance Department is to provide, in the most cost effective manner possible, a comprehensive balanced, well maintained system of parks, County buildings, trails and leisure oriented activities for all Rice County residents to utilize and enjoy and to preserve the natural resources of the county. Duties include the overall management of the physical operation of 22 buildings and 1,100 acres of park property.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (email: RCCommCorrections@co.rice.mn.us)

Jim Haas

Faribault: 507-332-6106

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

Law Enforcement Center

Northfield: 507-645-9576

Community Corrections works closely with police, schools, victim service agencies, youth service agencies, social services and community groups to create programs for offenders and victims. Offenders under our supervision perform over 12,000 hours of free work every year on behalf of the community.

COURT ADMINISTRATION (email: robert.langer@courts.state.mn.us)

Bob Langer

Faribault: 507-332-6107

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

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The Court Administration Department is made up of five major divisions which provide service to the public, other County offices, and the Judiciary including Civil Case Filings, Family/Probate, Criminal/Traffic, Juvenile, and Small Claims. Court Administration provides processing and calendaring of court cases, collection and disbursement of fines and fees, court-ordered restitution, safeguarding of all court-ordered trusts and all required reports necessary for good case management.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (email: RCED@co.rice.mn.us)

Deanna Kuennen

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The mission of the Economic Development Department is to work in partnership with the Rice County communities to foster an environment that welcomes economic development as a means to expand the tax base and create quality jobs that benefit the county as a whole.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (email: RCPlanningZoning@co.rice.mn.us)

Julie Runkel

Faribault: 507-332-6113

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

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The Environmental Services Department is responsible for planning and managing programs designed to protect public health and the environment. These programs include solid and hazardous waste regulation, development of recycling and special waste collection programs, surface and ground water protection, and the investigation of complaints relating to environmental and public health concerns.

HIGHWAY (email: RCHighway@co.rice.mn.us)

Dennis Luebke

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County Highway Department

Northfield: 507-645-9576

The mission of the Rice County Highway department is to construct and maintain a system of highways and bridges, facilitating the safe and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the county.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT (email: RCHousing@co.rice.mn.us)

Deanna Kuennen

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The Housing Divisions primary purpose is to administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. In addition to Section 8, the Housing Division offers a number of other programs geared towards home ownership and improving housing opportunities in Rice County.

HUMAN RESOURCES (email: RCJobs@co.rice.mn.us)

Kerie Anderka

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Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

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The Human Resources Department is responsible for employee services including: compensation, recruitment selection, labor relations, employee benefit programs, termination, personnel policies and procedures, federal and state employment laws, worker's compensation, safety program, unemployment and training. Within the community, the department is responsible for communicating official policies and other personnel information to staff, media and general public. The department also recruits from within the community.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (email: RCIT@co.rice.mn.us)

Sherry Hiller

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The Information Technology Department is responsible for all facets of technology in Rice County including planning and forecasting, researching new and possible technology uses, operating and maintaining computer equipment, administering the County network, and providing GIS services.

PLANNING & ZONING (email: RCPlanningZoning@co.rice.mn.us)

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The Planning & Zoning Department prepares and implements the County Comprehensive Plan and plans for all of the townships. This office issues all building permits and on-site sewer permits, enforces Wetland Conservation Act in a number of townships, administers the Zoning and Subdivision ordinances, and issues conditional use and administrative permits in the township areas. The department works with the Planning Commission, the Board of Adjustment, the Groundwater Advisory Committee, and assorted committees established for specific purposes related to the department's responsibilities.

PUBLIC HEALTH/NURSING (email: RCPublicHealth@co.rice.mn.us)

Mary Ho

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Rice County Public Health Service is the focal point of Public Health in Rice County. All citizens of Rice County are eligible for these services, regardless of ability to pay: Family Health Program, Home Care Service, School Assistance, Worksite Consultation, Disease Prevention & Control, and Environmental.

RECORDER (email: RCRecorder@co.rice.mn.us)

Marsha DeGroot

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The office of County Recorder is the custodian of all property and vital statistic records in Rice County. The Recorder also processes requests for any copies of documents or certified copies of vital records. This office also serves as a Passport Agent for the U.S. Department of State Passport Services.

SHERIFF (email: rcscook@co.rice.mn.us)

Richard Cook

Faribault: 507-332-6010

Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

Law Enforcement Center

Northfield: 507-645-9576

The mission of the Sheriff's Office is to enhance the quality of life in Rice County by working cooperatively with the public, other departments, agencies, and fellow workers. This office works to uphold and enforce the laws, preserve the peace, and respect differences between people while providing for a safe environment.

SOCIAL SERVICES (email: RCSocialServices@co.rice.mn.us)

Mark Shaw

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The Social Services Department provides a wide variety of services that reach out to assist the population of Rice County. Following is a list of these services:

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| Adult Services | Chemical Dependency Services | Children's Services | Child Support |
| Developmental Disabilities | Employment & Training | Financial Assistance | Senior Services |
| Mental Health Services | Transportation | Intake, Licensing & Volunteers | |

SOLID WASTE (email: RCSolidWaste@co.rice.mn.us)

Michael Cook

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Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

The Recycling Center

Northfield: 507-645-9576

Years ago, disposal of unwanted items was easy. Trash was set out and a garbage hauler took it away to a dump. Environmental problems of contaminated groundwater began when chemicals were deposited in the landfills. Disposal regulations have changed and modern landfills are now constructed to protect groundwater. The Solid Waste Department of Rice County is responsible for the efficient and environmentally sound disposal of solid waste throughout the county.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION (email: hager013@umn.edu)

Jayne Hager Dee

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Lonsdale: 507-744-5185

Rice County Fairgrounds

Northfield: 507-645-9576

The Minnesota Extension of Rice County is an education branch of the University of Minnesota, providing issue-based education programs and consultations in Agriculture, 4-H Youth Development, Home Economics and Community Resource Development. The Rice County branch of Minnesota Extension provides educational opportunities through group meetings, individual consultation, interagency cooperation, satellite programs and cluster programming.

VETERANS' SERVICES (email: RCVeteransService@co.rice.mn.us)

Tracy McBroom

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The Veterans' Services Department is responsible to provide assistance and support to veterans and their dependents in obtaining veteran benefits through county, state and federal programs; and to act as an advocate on their behalf or direct them to other authorized agencies or providers as their needs dictate.