

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RICE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

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**RESOLUTION #24-035**

**Setting the Preliminary 2025 Rice County and  
Rice County Housing Redevelopment Authority (RCHRA) Tax Levy**

**WHEREAS**, the Rice County mission is to proactively address the needs of the public we service in an efficient and effective manner to enhance the quality of life for the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board members, County administrator and department heads have carefully reviewed budget submissions and made adjustments to fit within the priorities and goals established by the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board has made a conscientious decision to invest in the improvement of the commercial/industrial tax base through the use of tax abatement and other economic development tools and incentives; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board finds it necessary to utilize fund balance to balance this budget and has done so according to policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary levy hereby adopts state aids to be what is certified to the County by the Department of Revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board has determined that fee adjustments maybe necessary to offset the cost of services which helps reduce the general property tax levy subsidy of those services and will provide an opportunity for citizen input at a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the preliminary tax levy is required by statute to be set by September 30<sup>th</sup> and subsequent final adoption may not exceed this amount; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the County Board to continue to examine the County budget over the next few months and to make adjustments according to County Board priorities and resource limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxpayers of Rice County will be notified of the impact of the preliminary tax levy on their truth in taxation statements sent out in November and will be provided an opportunity to provide input regarding the proposed county and RCHRA tax levy and budget at the public hearing Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. held in-person and virtually in the Rice County Government Service Building.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Rice County Board of Commissioners hereby establish its preliminary tax levy at \$39,766,648 for the 2025 annual budget. This amount represents a 9.96% increase over last year's final adopted tax levy. The County Board of Commissioners also hereby allows the RCHRA to levy \$232,467 for its 2025 annual budget. This represents a 0% increase over last year's final adopted tax levy.

<b>Levy By Fund</b>	<b>Adopted 2024 Levy</b>	<b>Proposed 2025 Levy</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General Fund	\$ 20,594,810	\$ 20,048,894	-2.65%
Libraries	\$ 446,088	\$ 464,268	4.08%
Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 2,423,809	\$ 2,423,809	0.00%
Human Services Fund	\$ 10,217,789	\$ 12,316,096	20.54%
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Debt Service Fund	\$ 2,482,780	\$ 4,513,581	81.80%
County Levy	<u>\$ 36,165,276</u>	<u>\$ 39,766,648</u>	9.96%
RCHRA Levy	<u>\$ 232,467</u>	<u>\$ 232,467</u>	0.00%
Total Levy	<u>\$ 36,397,743</u>	<u>\$ 39,999,115</u>	9.89%

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

**RICE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Galen Malecha, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

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Sara Folsted, County Administrator