

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

June 9, 2025

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, June 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Randy Taylor, Colby Holmes, and Steve Knapp.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Holmes, second by Knapp, to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: Taylor, Holmes, Knapp

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Discussion with Public Regarding 220th Avenue

Matt Routh, Joe Murphy, Burt Murphy, and Steve Roe met with County Engineer Jared Johnson and the Board to discuss concerns regarding the seal coat surfacing of 220th Avenue along the west side of Loch Ayr. Johnson explained that the current plan is to end the seal coat surfacing at the intersection of 220th Avenue and 210th Street, as it provides a logical transition at a farm-to-market road junction. The portion of 220th Ave. north of 210th Street is not a farm-to-market road.

Joe Murphy expressed concerns on behalf of lake residents, stating that many were unaware of the plan to limit the seal coat surface, or more would have been in attendance. Routh acknowledged budget constraints but noted issues related to dust, road safety, and high-speed traffic. The group also emphasized the road's importance for tourism and economic activity, particularly due to the boat ramp on the west side of the lake.

Holmes and Knapp stated they understood the concerns but emphasized the financial challenge of extending the seal coat surface. Johnson estimated the cost to seal coat surface the requested portion of 220th Avenue at approximately \$25,000. Supervisors suggested calcium application for dust control as a potential alternative. Knapp noted the cost would not be covered by the county. Residents of the lake would have to pay for the application.

Burt Murphy inquired whether the county would consider seal coat surfacing if the Sportsman's group contributed financially. Routh asked what level of county funding would be expected if the group raised the difference and helped with long-term maintenance. Taylor expressed safety concerns about relying solely on calcium treatment. Murphy stated he would approach the City for possible financial assistance as well.

Johnson reported that, weather permitting, seal coating was planned to begin next week. Taylor noted that the original plan included seal coating to the north entrance of the lake and expressed support for reinstating that plan if the group contributes to the cost. Knapp

suggested the group fund half of the materials and potentially some labor expenses. The Board agreed to have Johnson calculate the figures and report back so Taylor could notify the group.

Johnson recommended that a minimum 50% contribution from the group would be necessary and suggested that any agreement includes formal terms. He added that in 7–10 years, when the road requires attention again, he would like to maintain a minimum 50% cost-share arrangement.

Engineer's Report – Jared Johnson

Engineer Jared Johnson provided updates on secondary road department activities:

- A utility permit from Grand River Mutual was presented and approved by the Board.
- The total patcher was in operation along P64 south of Hwy 2.
- The sign truck was active in repairing damaged and deteriorated signs.
- Mowing operations continued in the south-central portion of the county.
- Crews retrieved old culverts from locations where replacements had been installed.
- Progress continued on the 220th Avenue seal coat project. Last week, the crew tore up and ground the existing seal coat, laid it out, and rolled it. New base material was hauled and windrowed along the roadway to minimize crushing. This week, crews plan to lay out, water, and roll the new base material. Oiling and chipping are scheduled for the week of June 16, weather permitting.
- Blacktop Services worked on mill and fill patches on P68 north of Kellerton. Completion is expected this week.
- Vogel Traffic Services is scheduled to paint roadway markings this week.

Work Order Updates

- **W.O. 1345** (190th St between 300th and 310th Ave): The washed-out culvert was reused, re-laid, and armored with revetment. *(Complete)*
- **W.O. 1244** (160th St between 300th Ave and P68): The box culvert and ditches were cleaned out. *(Complete)*

Project Closeouts and Updates

- Benton 12 project: Preaudit Attachment E worksheet has been completed; awaiting final items from the contractor before submission to IDOT.
- Washington 10 project: No responsive bidders. By resolution, the Board approved construction using force account labor and equipment.
- Diagonal Sidewalk project: Preaudit Attachment E worksheet is complete and ready for IDOT submission. All required contractor documentation is in hand.

Auditor's Updates – Amanda Waske

Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Ballot Language

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to discuss proposed ballot language for the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). The Board intends to pass a resolution requesting a public measure be included on the ballot in the upcoming City/School Election in November. With the current LOST program set to expire in June 2027, this proposed measure would allow for continuation of the program with an expanded purpose. The tax rate would remain unchanged.

Proposed ballot language:

“100% for any lawful purpose including but not limited to maintenance of Secondary Roads, infrastructure improvements and public safety.”

Auditor Waske will coordinate with Ahlers & Cooney to draft a resolution for future Board consideration.

HIPAA Program Agreement

Waske reviewed the County's HIPAA Program service agreement, which is currently provided by ISAC. The Board moved forward with approval of the agreement.

ICAP Appraisal and Storm Damage Repairs

Auditor Waske presented the ICAP appraisal for storm damage to county structures resulting from the 2024 storm. ICAP approved the estimate prepared by appraisal firm JS Held. The Board approved the appraisal, along with the crane estimate, and agreed to move forward with Options Exteriors to complete the necessary repairs. Auditor Waske will coordinate with all parties involved to keep the project on schedule.

Claims

Approval of claims was tabled to a future meeting.

RESOLUTION RC25-92

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Grand River Mutual utility permit.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 9, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-93

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the HIPAA Program Agreement with ISAC for FY26.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 9, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-94

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the ICAP appraisal by JS Held, with the addition of the crane rental and to move forward with Options Exteriors to perform the repairs.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

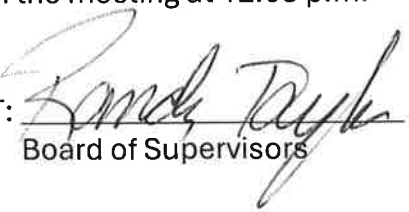
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 9, 2025.

The Board tabled approval of the minutes.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor