

## **Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes**

### **December 28, 2020**

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, December 28, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Ron Landphair and Kraig Pennington.

Also present: Colby Holmes and Steve Knapp

A motion was made by Pennington, second by Landphair to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to review secondary roads updates. Johnson reported there was significant damage to road signs and mailboxes on P64 south of highway 2. The department is working to replace these as well as deteriorated route marker signs. Snow fence was installed west of Excel Engineering along the north side of J23. The skid loader and brush cutter were out working in the southeast maintainer district.

Work order update:

WO 661: Clear brush and reshape ditches along both sides of the road. Located on 180<sup>th</sup> Ave between J20 and 115<sup>th</sup> street. (in progress)

WO 662: Clear brush and reshape ditches as required. Located on 170<sup>th</sup> street between P54 270<sup>th</sup> Ave. (complete)Ave and 170<sup>th</sup> Ave.

WO 664: Repair revetment damage at weir located near Ringgold County bridge Rice 7. Located on 255<sup>th</sup> street between 155<sup>th</sup> street. FEMA damage 316058. (in progress)

Johnson reported there was minimal activity at the Washington 20 site last week. The crane and some materials arrived on site. At the preconstruction meeting the contractor talked about a two-week shut down around the holidays.

The department is currently developing the Tingley 4 bridge replacement project and hydraulically sizing the structure required. It has been decided the most advantageous option is to cast the box culvert structure in place. The department will continue developing the plan set as time allows.

Pennington asked if Johnson if he plans to brine ahead of the coming freezing rain. Johnson said no, he does not plan to as there is not enough time to cover all of the roads and effectively maintain it for the material to work properly. Knapp stated the key is dispatching blade men early enough to get ahead of the snow and ice. If the crew goes out early of a morning, the crew could then be released from work to offset those hours, Holmes stated.

The Board discussed a pay increase for Engineer Jared Johnson now that he has successfully passed the Professional Engineers exam. Johnson recommended \$100,000 to \$105,000. Landphair recommended moving forward with \$105,000 salary for Johnson. Pennington agreed.

At 10:07 a.m. Pennington moved to open the public hearing of the first budget amendment for FY21. There were no additional attendees. Details of the process were explained to Holmes and Knapp.

Explanation of amendment:

- Public Safety - Attorney laptop - cost shared with Taylor County
- County Environment - Grants offsetting Nature Center exhibits and fish habitat project
- Roads - Grant 19 bendway weir project - was budgeted to complete in FY20
- Government Services - Desks for Treasurer's Office funded by landfill fiscal agent fee and CARES Act funding for election supplies and county IT equipment
- Administration - Desks for Auditor funded by landfill fiscal agent fee, Courthouse generator project originally partially budgeted for in FY20 & Broker fee (is accounted for within each department, however, needs to come out of own service area.

Sheriff Rob Haley met with the Board to discuss his jail fee schedule. They are currently \$40 per day and have been for years, he said. Sheriff Haley would like to increase the fee to \$50 per day. Additionally, he would like to increase the padded room fee from \$175 per day to \$200 per day. Both shall be effective January 1, 2021. The Board stated they are in favor of this and moved forward with approval.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

**RESOLUTION RC20-215**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to adjust Engineer Jared Johnsons salary to \$105,000, effective immediately, due to the successful completion of the Professional Engineers exam.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved December 28, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RC20-216**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed budget amendment for FY21.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved December 28, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RC20-217**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amended appropriations for FY21.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved December 28, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RC20-218**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to increase jail fees to \$50 per day and padded cell fees to \$200 per day, both effective Januarys 1, 2021, as presented by Sheriff Rob Haley.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved December 28, 2020.

A motion was made by Pennington, second by Landphair to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Landphair to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Board of Supervisors

  
Ringgold County Auditor