

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

January 4, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, January 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Ron Landphair, Colby Holmes and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Knapp, second by Holmes to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

The Board met to discuss and review the annual resolutions.

The Board reviewed the Master Matrix resolution and moved forward with approval.

The Board moved forward with the reappointment of Chandra Poore and Judy Hensley to a two-year term on the Ringgold County Supportive Services Board.

The Board moved forward with the recommendation of Conservation Director Kate Zimmerman to reappoint Randy Bishop to a five-year term to the Ringgold County Conservation Board.

The Board moved forward with the reappointment of Deputy Auditor Korbie Rinehart as well as the reappointment of Chief Deputy Nathan Nickle, Deputy's Landon White and Ethan Baker, Civil Clerk Liz Mederos and Jailers/Dispatchers Brenda Adams, Mari Hughes, Lucy Zollman, Melissia Stark, Lizzie Jeanes and Heather Buckner.

Amy Shields visited with the Board about the procedure in clearing secondary roads following the snow last week. She expressed concerns of safety for not only regular traffic, but more specifically school buses. The Board stated they intend to visit with the County Engineer about this. It is important that roads get cleared and the crew stays out or is dispatched until all roads are bladed, the Board said. Being proactive instead of reactive is key, said Holmes.

Auditor Amanda Waske reviewed with the Board the current Family First Coronavirus Response (FFCR) Policy. The Board discussed the need to extend the policy and agreed to do so until February 1, 2021. The Board will review on February 1st and determine at that time if another extension is needed.

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide second roads updates. The sign truck was out repairing damaged and downed signs. The department is working on replacing damaged and deteriorated route marker signs.

Snow fence was installed west of Excel Engineering along the north side of J23.

The skid loader and brush cutter was out working in the Southeast maintainer district.

Plow trucks and maintainers were dispatched last week in response to the ice/rain/snow winter storm that moved through the County Tuesday. Maintainers worked as needed over the holiday and weekend to blade school bus routes.

Worder order update:

WO 661: Clear bush and reshape ditches along both sides of the road. Located on 180th Ave between J20 and 115th Street. (Complete)

WO 664: Repair revetment damage at weir located near Ringgold County Bridge Rice 7. Located on 255th Street between 155th Ave and 170th Ave. FEMA damage 316058. (Complete)

All FEMA repairs have been completed. The department will begin working on the close out process, Johnson said.

The department has begun contacting landowners adjacent to the Redding Weir project about needed easements.

The Board discussed with Johnson the issue of clearing roads and how public safety is key, regardless of cost. Holmes explained there are many roads where it would be challenging for emergency personnel to get down them. Knapp said moving forward, the crew should be dispatched and remain out until all roads within each territory are cleared.

The group discussed the 5-year program for secondary roads. Johnson said his proposal is to resurface J55 from P46 east to P64. This is the worst section, he said, then he would have funds available to work on P27. Knapp suggested resurfacing all of J55 east to the county line to allow for a cost savings measure with the equipment being on-site. Johnson said this will be discussion for the upcoming approval of the 5-year program.

The Board reviewed claims that were paid Wednesday, December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC21-01

WHEREAS, by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby appoint Ron Landphair to be Chairperson for the year 2021 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Colby Holmes is appointed Vice Chairperson.
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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-02

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby sets the time frame and days of the Boards' regular sessions in the calendar year 2021 for every Monday of each week, or as needed, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until business is completed each day with the exception of Holidays and,

WHEREAS, claims will be approved every other Monday of the month. All claims must be filed with the Ringgold County Auditor within fifteen days after merchandise has been delivered, services have been rendered, or invoice received. No bill will be allowed unless they carry the approval of the officer empowered to order the same. All claims must be itemized in full with the vendor invoice and receipts and initialed by the head of the office or department. Any claim filed by a Supervisor must be signed by the two remaining board members unless an emergency occurs where any one supervisor is absent for more than one consecutive week and,

WHEREAS, claims or payroll detail must be filed with the Auditor's Office by 9:00 a.m. on Monday of the weekly sessions of the Board.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-03

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby appoint the following members of the Board to serve as representatives and or alternates of the following named organizations:

Organization	Details	REP	ALT
ATURA	Transportation planning affiliate for region	Colby	Ron
Connections on Aging	Provides services to elderly including meal site	Ron	Colby
Conservation	Ringgold County department - ran by separate board	Ron	Steve
CROSS MH Region	Comprised of 7 counties-provide MH services for region	Ron	Colby
DECAT	Among Leon Cluster providing services to children	Steve	Ron
Development Corp	Local group gathered to develop industry in community	Ron	Colby
E911	Address sign placement & Works with Sheriff on 911 equip.	Colby	Ron
EMA	Emergency services for county	Colby	Ron
Fifth Judicial	Provides services to area offenders to better their lives	Steve	Colby
Interagency	Various agencies provide update on services provided in county	Steve	Colby
MATURA	Group comprised to eliminate causes of poverty in region	Steve	Ron
Pioneer Cemetery	Established to maintain local county pioneer cemeteries	Steve	Ron
Public Health	County entity providing medical services to residents	Ron	Steve
RCSS	Provides day-hab services to those with intellectual disabilities	Ron	Steve
Safety Committee	County entity established to ensure safe work environment	Steve	Ron
SICOG	Provides economic development within 8 counties	Colby	Steve
SE Iowa Response Group	Provides hazardous material response to 11 county region	Colby	Steve

Trolley	Provides door to door service to 7 counties	Colby	Ron
Workforce Dev	Provides information about job openings, trainings, benefits, etc.	Ron	Colby
WRD Landfill	Wayne-Ringgold-Decatur garbage services	Colby	Steve

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes to approve the above-named appointments.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-04

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby announce that the Ringgold County Courthouse will observe eight Federal Holidays in the 2021 calendar year, which were established by the Uniform National Holidays Act. The Courthouse will be closed for nine days. The holidays and closings are as follows:

New Year's Day; President's Day on the third Monday of February; Memorial Day on the last Monday in May; Independence Day on July 4; Labor Day on the first Monday in September; Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following; and all-day Christmas Day. When a holiday falls on Saturday, the courthouse will be closed the Friday before and when a holiday falls on Sunday, the courthouse will be closed the following Monday, and

WHEREAS, any offices of the Courthouse closing at times other than specified in this resolution excluding inclement weather shall publish notice in the County's official newspapers.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-05

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby name the Record-News of Mt. Ayr, Iowa and the Diagonal Progress of Diagonal, Iowa as the designated official newspapers of Ringgold County for the calendar year 2021.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-06

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Code of Iowa Section 331.324(1b), hereby state that the allowable mileage reimbursement for all county employees shall be the federal rate of \$0.56 for the calendar year 2021.

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors allow reimbursement for parking fees not to exceed \$20.00 per day, unless pre-approved by the board, and

WHEREAS, reimbursement for meals while away on an overnight stay are not to exceed \$30 per day. Tips will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-07

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize the County Auditor, Amanda Waske to issue checks when the board is not in session for such fixed charges as freight, express, postage, water, lights, telephone or employee reimbursements that are filed by an Officer or Department Head under whose direction the compensation was earned, and

WHEREAS, the Auditor is empowered and instructed to issue checks for such purposes in accordance with section 331.506 of the Code of Iowa.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-08

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize County Officials and their Deputies to attend the Schools of Instruction and all other called meetings of the Iowa State Association of Counties during the 2021 calendar year.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-09

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby request that any department spending over two thousand dollars, five thousand dollars for Secondary Roads (excluding salt, sand, rock, parts, equipment repairs and fuel), on any item or service have prior approval from the Board of Supervisors and encourages that competitive bids be taken. Purchases should be awarded to local vendors when possible. Bids are required to be solicited if work could be awarded to a related party of a county employee, no matter the dollar amount.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-10

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the request of the Ringgold County Treasurer, Debra Cannon, to name the Record-News of Mount Ayr, Iowa, and/or the Diagonal Progress of Diagonal, IA the official newspaper for the Treasurer's Office, as per Iowa Code Section 618.7 and 331.552(28), and

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby name the Record-News of Mount Ayr and/or the Diagonal Process of Diagonal as the newspaper designated by the Ringgold County Treasurer, Debra Cannon, for the publication of the Delinquent Taxes for the tax sale as per Iowa Code Section 446.9.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-11

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby designate the following named banks to be the depositories advised by the Ringgold County Treasurer, Debra Cannon, for the funds of Ringgold County in accounts not to exceed the amount named opposite of said designated depositories and,

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer is authorized to deposit county funds in amounts not to exceed in the aggregate, the amount named for said banks as follows: US Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its Successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$6,000,000.00. Great Western Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its Successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$6,000,000.00. PCSB of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its Successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$6,000,000.00. City State Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its Successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$6,000,000.00. And, WHEREAS, the County Recorder is authorized to deposit county funds in amount not to exceed in the aggregate, the amount named for said banks as follows: US Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$100,000.00. Great Western Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$100,000.00. PCSB of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$100,000.00. City State Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$100,000.00, and WHEREAS, the County Sheriff is authorized to deposit county funds in amounts not to exceed in the aggregate, the amount named for said banks as follows: US Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$300,000.00. Great Western Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$300,000.00. PCSB of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$300,000.00. City State Bank of Mount Ayr, Iowa or its successors with the maximum deposit under this resolution being \$300,000.00, and

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-12

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby accept the appointment of Tammy Paxson, First Deputy Treasurer, as the employee designated by the Ringgold County Treasurer, Debra Cannon, to attend the Tax Sale if the County Treasurer is unable to attend.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-13

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3), sets out the procedure if a Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure, and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to

approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure, and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application, and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR, and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix, and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RINGGOLD COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-14

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Compensation Commission (eminent domain) as follows:

Monte Akers	M	Ag Property Owners
Dick Jackson	M	Ag Property Owners
Dale Walkup	M	Ag Property Owners
Mark Triggs	M	Ag Property Owners
Brian Bickel	M	Ag Property Owners
Joyce Frost	F	Ag Property Owners
Kraig Pennington	M	Ag Property Owners
Tom Kelly	M	City Property Owners
Dee Euritt	F	City Property Owners
Joe Routh	M	City Property Owners
Lowell Johnson	M	City Property Owners
Larry Jarred	M	City Property Owners
Ted Smith	M	City Property Owners
Marilyn Johnson	F	City Property Owners
Wanda Hosfield	F	Real-estate/Sales
Gary Keplinger	M	Real-estate/Sales
William French	M	Real-estate/Sales
Deborah Creveling	F	Real-estate/Sales
Rhonda Triggs	F	Real-estate/Sales
Jules Daughton	F	Real-estate/Sales
Douglas Bullock	M	Real-estate/Sales
ALT: Marsha Jones	F	Real-estate/Sales

Tracy Barnes	F	Bankers/Auctioneers
David Greene	M	Bankers/Auctioneers
Kim Greenland	M	Bankers/Auctioneers
Tessa Barnes	F	Bankers/Auctioneers
Curt Pierschbacher	M	Bankers/Auctioneers
Stephen Taylor	M	Bankers/Auctioneers
Kelly James	M	Bankers/Auctioneers

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-15

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby re-appoint Randy Bishop to the Ringgold County Conservation Board for a five-year term set to expire December 31, 2025.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-16

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby re-appoint Chandra Poore and Judy Hensley to the Ringgold County Supportive Services Board for a two-year term set to expire December 31, 2024.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-17

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize the County Auditor employ one full time Deputy Auditor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointments of the following staff member to fill the positions authorized above: Korbie Rinehart.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-18

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize the County Sheriff employ the following number of deputies and assistants for the office: The County Sheriff shall be allowed one chief deputy, four deputies, six dispatch/jailers, and one full time Civil Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointments of the following staff members to fill the positions authorized above:

Nathan Nickle, Chief Deputy

Landon White, Deputy
Ethan Baker, Deputy
Liz Mederos, Civil Clerk
Brenda Adams, Jailer/Dispatcher
Heather Buckner, Jailer/Dispatcher
Mari Hughes, Jailer/Dispatcher
Lizzie Jeanes, Jailer/Dispatcher
Melissia Stark, Jailer/Dispatcher
Luci Zollman, Jailer/Dispatcher

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-19

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to extend the Family First Coronavirus Response Policy until February 1, 2021.

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 January 4, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-20

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to pay claims Wednesday, December 31, 2020.

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 January 4, 2021.

A motion was made by Colby Holmes, second by Steve Knapp to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor