

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes January 11, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, January 11, 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 Holmes, second by Knapp to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Interim Engineer Don Staley was also present. Johnson discussed work order updates. Last week the crew started off trying to get ice and snow off the road. They also performed general equipment maintenance, he said. The brush cutter was out making passes. Once the 290 komatsu is returned from warranty repairs, it will be out cutting brush as well. The sign truck was out repairing damaged and downed signs, too. Chainsaws were out cutting brush around signs, intersections and bridge ends.

The bridge construction box was prepared for the 2021 construction season.

Trucks hauled more traction control sand into the yard last week. Additional sand and salt was mixed in preparation for future winter storm events.

Johnson coordinated with Iowa Department of Homeland Security on the process of closing out FEMA projects.

The department is continuing to work on plan development for the February 9th check plan submittal date for the Redding weir project. The preliminary plan set has been reviewed and approved by the Iowa DOT. The department has begun contacting landowners adjacent to the project about needed easements.

Work resumed at the Washington 20 site last week. The prime contractor was onsite installing the temporary runaround, tying abutment rebar cages, and excavating for abutment construction.

It has been agreed to leave Union 6 (Courtney Bridge) open for another year. Continued inspections will take place, allowing for additional time to develop a plan of repair.

Johnson reviewed with the Board the bridge inspection report completed by Calhoun Burns. The group specifically discussed plans to repair Tingley 11 and Middle Fork 19. Holmes questioned the status of Grant 13 as it is significantly reduced in weight posting. Johnson explained this bridge is on the schedule for 2025.

Johnson reviewed with the Board the Farm to Market report. Johnson confirmed the county has been reimbursed for the 80% funding for the P14 bridge project.

The Board moved forward with officially promoting Johnson as the Ringgold County Engineer.

The Board moved forward with authorizing Johnson to act on behalf of the county to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in the county.

Johnson is in the process of applying for a grant through USDA rural development program to purchase a mower and another application for a detached semi-trailer. The Board moved forward with the required publishing of a public hearing notice. The hearing will be held on February 1, 2021 at 9am in the board room.

Johnson reviewed with the Board his proposed budget for FY22.

The Board sincerely thanked Don Staley for stepping in and providing assistance to the county in the absence of a county engineer. His guidance and support is truly appreciated.

Bob Swanson with the Historical Society met with the Board in FY22 budget workshop.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1pm the Board returned to FY22 budget workshop with Shirley Phillips of Western Iowa Tourism.

Ringgold County Supportive Services Director Cathy McGahuey met with the Board to review the FY22 budget.

The Board is rescheduling the 2pm session with Karlene Stephens relating to funding for Tina's Tots.

The Board reviewed claims to be paid January 13, 2021.

Kraig Pennington met with the Board to present a document titled "Notice of appeal of denial of Veteran's Preference". The Board accepted the document and will follow up accordingly.

At 3:44 p.m. a motion was made by Knapp and second by Holmes to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(i) to discuss matters with legal counsel that could be potential litigation. AYES: Landphair, Holmes, Knapp. NAYES: None. Present: Attorney Mike Galloway (via phone), Auditor Amanda Waske, Engineer Jarred Johnson, and Board of Supervisors Ron Landphair, Colby Holmes and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Holmes, second by Knapp to adjourn the closed session at 4:04 pm. AYES: Landphair, Holmes, Knapp. NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION RC21-21

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby promote Jared Johnson P.E. from Ringgold County Assistant Engineer to Ringgold County Engineer. 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 11, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-22

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby authorize Jared Johnson, the County Engineer of Ringgold County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in the county.

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 11, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-23

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publish notice for public hearing on the USDA Rural Development Equipment grant to be held on February 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisor's meeting room located on the third floor of the Ringgold County Courthouse.

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 11, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-24

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to pay claims Wednesday, January 13, 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.

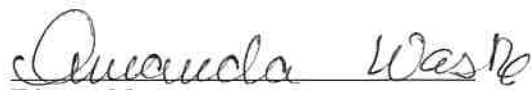
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 11, 2021.

A motion was made by Steve Knapp, second by Colby Holmes 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 5:05p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor