

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes February 1, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, February 1, 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

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. At 9:05 a.m. Knapp moved to open the public hearing for the USDA Rural Development Equipment Grant. Holmes second. Motion carried. No members of the public were present. Johnson explained the application is for funds to assist with the purchase of a large mower and a detach semi-trailer. At 9:15 a.m. Holmes moved to close the public hearing. Knapp second. Motion carried.

The skid loader, brush cutter and excavator brush cutter were out working in the North Central and Northeast maintainer districts.

Trucks and blades were dispatched Monday – Wednesday in response to a series of winter storm events that moved through the County. Extra time was spent pushing snow away from pavement shoulders. After storm clean-up was completed trucks and blades were began to be cycled through for washing and greasing, Johnson said.

The crew went and gathered old culvert material that had been removed from the ground, however, was never removed from the site.

The Contractor for the Washington 20 project resumed work last week on Wednesday. Last week the Contractor was able to finish welding pile extensions at the piers, and drove pier pile to full penetration and obtained design bearing. All pile for the bridge is now drove. Pay Voucher #2 for the project was processed last week. The total paid on the project to date is \$137,324.93, this figure does not include retainage withheld.

The crew has completed wall and wing forms, and will begin on shoring posts this week at the Tingley 4 site.

The Tingley 11 bridge is located on 120th Street near Tingley and Ellston, and services a home located on a gravel road which turns to dirt. During adverse weather conditions the bridge serves as the only entrance/exit for the home, and over the past couple years the condition of the abutment pile have severely deteriorated warranting reduced load postings. Johnson reported pier pile are steel and in good condition. The department is developing a repair plan.

The Board met with Conservation Director Kate Zimmerman to review her proposed FY22 budget. Also present were Conservation Board members Jim Norris, Doug Frost and Dale Walkup and seasonal employee Chanse Hall. The Board stated they are meeting with various departments to ask that they revisit their proposed budget again to see if there are items that can be cut or reduced. This is in an effort to reduce the overall expenditures for FY22. As the proposed budget sits now, reserves are being used to offset

the expenditures in some funds. While this is okay to a certain point, it is not sustainable long term, Holmes said. Knapp stated this is not a targeted meeting for Conservation, the Board recognizes and appreciates all the good Zimmerman does for the county. Zimmerman questioned if other budgets within the county are being reduced. The Board stated they are reviewing all budgets. The Sheriff, Auditor and Courthouse Maintenance all reduced, Auditor Waske said. Zimmerman stated she has a successful department; she does a lot with little and always comes out in the black at the end of the year. Walkup stated Zimmerman does a great job keeping an eye on the budget.

The Board reviewed the COVID leave policy to consider extending it. The Board moved forward with doing so until June 1, 2021.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1pm the Board returned to budget workshop for FY22.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board visited with Karlene Stephens, via Zoom, to discuss funding for Tina's Tots.

The Board met with Engineer Jared Johnson to review the proposed FY22 budget.

The Board tabled agenda item with Sheriff Haley until an additional quote can come in on the cameras.

The Board reviewed the maximum property tax dollars notice for FY22 and set the public hearing for February 22, 2021 at 10am.

RESOLUTION RC21-34

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby agree to apply for financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to finance the purchase of a large mower for the Secondary Roads Department. Be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County authorizes the Board Chair and Auditor to sign all documents relating to the USDA Rural Development loan and/or grant.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 1, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-35

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby agree to apply for financial assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development to finance the purchase of detach semi-trailer for the Secondary Roads Department. Be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County authorizes the Board Chair and Auditor to sign all documents relating to the USDA Rural Development loan and/or grant.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 1, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-36

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to extend the COVID leave policy until June 1, 2021.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 1, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-37

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publish the Maximum Property Tax Dollars notice for FY22 with a hearing date of February 22, 2021 at 10am.

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

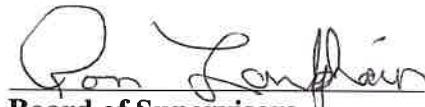
The vote on the resolution: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 1, 2021

A motion was made by Knapp, second by Holmes to approve the minutes from January 27, 2021 and today. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor