

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

February 16, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 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. The skid loader brush cutter and excavator brush cutter were out working in the North Central, Northeast, and Southeast maintainer districts. Chainsaws have been working on cutting brush on the small isolated areas.

Plow trucks were dispatched Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday and blades were dispatched Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, and Monday in response to a series of winter storms that moved through the county last week, Johnson reported. Subzero temperatures and blowing snow made it difficult to get the pavements completely clear. Blowing snow also created challenges with regards to drifting.

Johnson reported trucks hauled resupply traction control sand back into the yard.

The crew worked on fabricating the more time-consuming components for the upcoming construction season.

Work order update:

WO 666: Remove existing closed timber bridge and replace with low water crossing. Low water crossing will consist of a culvert/sheet pile headwall system. This design allows the culvert to handle smaller flows, and then overtop during high water events. Broken concrete will be place along the banks immediately downstream. Located on 110th Ave. South of 180th Street. (In Progress)

Check plans for the Redding weir project were submitted on February 9th. Final Plans are due April 20th, for the July 20, 2021 letting. Johnson presented the Board with a copy of the check plans that were submitted. He went on to state the department is working with the adjacent landowners to acquire required easements.

Due to temperatures last week, there was no work performed at the Washington 20 site. Construction is anticipated to resume later this week or next week, when temperatures rise.

The department has been analyzing future projects based on priority and anticipated costs. It is anticipated the five-year construction plan will be finished up, ready to present to the Board at the February 22nd meeting, Johnson said.

This Tingley 11 bridge project is located on 120th Street near Tingley and Ellston, and services a home located on a gravel road which turns to dirt. Johnson explained 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. Pier pile and steel are in good condition.

The department has developed a repair plan for the bridge. The plan is to drive down through the deck a 4 pile (HP10x42) bent with a new channel iron cap at each abutment. The new bents will be located directly in front of the old timber pile. The bridge was analyzed for a future widening. The piers were determined to be sufficient if "X" bracing was added. The new abutments were designed for a widened condition.

Auditor Amanda Waske reviewed with the Board proposed changes to the employee handbook. The Board questioned specifically the disciplinary process wanting to ensure fairness in walking through the proper steps. The Board tabled approval until questions can be answered by legal council at next weeks meeting. At the request of Engineer Johnson, the Board is also considering allowing employees at secondary roads overtime after 8 hours in a day versus 40 hours in a week, as the current policy stands.

The Board moved forward with approval of the July 1, 2021 insurance renewal.

The Board discussed the FY22 budget, specifically reviewing the process of the upcoming public hearing on the property tax levy pursuant to SF634. As a reminder, this will be held at 10am on February 22nd in the assembly room at the courthouse.

RESOLUTION RC21-40

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the July 1, 2021 insurance renewal.

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 16, 2021

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Ronald Lenphair
Board of Supervisors

Amanda Waske
Ringgold County Auditor