

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 1, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 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 Holmes, second by Knapp to approve the agenda with the addition at 11:00 a.m. to discuss livestock neglect issues.

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, South Central, and Southeast maintainer districts. Chainsaws have been working on cutting brush on the small isolated areas.

Spot rock was hauled to bad spots in the Northwest maintainer district.

Faded stop signs were replaced in the Northwest maintainer district.

A portion of the plow trucks were washed and greased

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)

Last week at the Washington 20 project, the Contractor poured the west abutment footing and west pier encasements, and then worked to strip forms Friday. The erosion control subcontractor was on site Thursday installing silt sock. Pay voucher #4 was prepared by the department on Friday. The pay voucher will be submitted this week for payment to the contractor.

Last week at the Tingley 11 site, the crew was able to complete the repairs to the west abutment. This included driving pile, drilling bolt holes in channel caps, installing bearing plates, and bolting new channel caps into place. The crew then moved the crane to the east side of the bridge. Pile was driven to design bearing and cutoff at the east abutment.

This week the crew will finish the repairs to the east abutment, place revetment on the channel banks, and begin installing the bridge guardrail retrofit.

Landphair stated Terry Barnes reached out to him stating an embargoed bridge on 210th street should have a sign on the east side of intersection at 210th street and 278th Ave to warn drivers ahead of the embargoed bridge. This would allow ample warning should a semi need to turn around. Johnson said he will drive to the site to ensure ample signage is placed.

The Board reviewed an alternate version of the proposed five-year plan as presented by Johnson. This presentation was the result of the Boards request to resurface all of J55 from P64 east to the county line. In doing this, the P27 resurface project was completely removed from the proposed five-year plan.

The Board reviewed the wage re-opener agreement for the secondary roads' union employees. The agreement provides for a 3% wage increase beginning July 1, 2021. The Board moved forward with approval.

The Board discussed the single point entry in to the courthouse. Holmes stated he has received many comments from the public related to the limited entry to the courthouse. The Board stated should there be a controversial court case taking place, at that time, entry can be limited to the west entrance, should the situation be warranted. After discussion with Judge Greenwood, he stated that it is the sole discretion of the Supervisors on whether access is limited to a single point, and he has no significant concern of opening all doors. A motion was made by Knapp to move forward with opening all entrances to the courthouse, effective immediately. Second by Holmes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Courthouse Security Policy. The Board moved forward with approval to include the updates referencing the opening of all entrances to the building.

The Board met with County Attorney Clint Spurrier, Sheriff Rob Haley and Chief Deputy Nathan Nickle to discuss a livestock neglect issue. Sheriff Haley reported steps were taken over the weekend to safely remedy the situation. The group went on to discuss the process for moving forward to safely remove the remaining cattle from the property.

The Board moved forward with appointing Terry Henson as a Trustee for Clinton Township.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

The Board returned at 1pm to watch an educational video offered by ISAC.

At 3pm the Board presented Years of Service Awards to the following employees.

Secondary Roads (absent): Bill Hightshoe – 25 years; Lance Brown – 5 years;
Donnie Pollock – 5 years; Reggie Lesan – 5 years

Public Health (absent): Vicki Sickels – 10 years

Conservation: Kate Zimmerman – 10 years

Sheriff's Office: Landon White – 10 years

County Attorney: Clint Spurrier – 25 years; Sherry Wiley – 15 years

RCSS: Cathy McGahuey – 20 years

RESOLUTION RC21-49

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the wage re-opener agreement.

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 March 1, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-50

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the revised Courthouse Security Plan, which shall remain a confidential document.

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 March 1, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-51

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to appoint Terry Henson as a Trustee for Clinton Township.

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

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

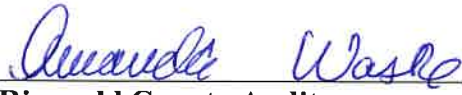
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A motion was made by Knapp, second by Holmes to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor