

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 8, 2021

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 8, 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. Ellston City Council Member Nan Derscheid and resident Kevin Greenland met with the group to discuss possible funding for city road maintenance. Derscheid explained the city does not have any equipment nor employees to grade/blade roads. She asked if an agreement could be established between the City of Ellston and the County. Greenland stated they are looking for assistance in shaping the roads so water can drain properly. Johnson questioned if they are requesting maintenance on all streets or just a few. Greenland stated the majority of them are in bad shape. He went on to state it may take an hour or so to blade all of the roads in town. The town would reimburse the county for any services provided by the county. Johnson will coordinate with Auditor Amanda Waske to prepare a 28E Agreement for both parties to approve. Derscheid asked if this could be done by their next council meeting, April 5th. Johnson said that deadline will be met.

The Board reviewed the employment contract agreement between the county and Road Superintendent Curt Jackson and moved forward with approval. Jackson began employment with the county today, March 8th.

Johnson reported 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 the Northwest and Northeast maintainer districts. Johnson stated there is roughly 25,000 tons of spot rock remaining for this fiscal year. He believes this to be an adequate amount to last through the end of June.

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 on the Washington 20 site the contractor worked on building the falsework for superstructure construction. Falsework pile were drove, and the contractor began working to set false caps. Macadam stone was placed on the east and west abutment berms. Engineering fabric and revetment were placed on the east abutment slope.

We are now after the March 1st early seeding date set by the Iowa DOT, Johnson said. The department is working with the contractor for the Routh Box project to get this work

completed, however, conditions at the site are still not favorable for seeding, Johnson added.

Last week the crew was able to complete the repairs to the east abutment at the Tingley 11 project site. This included drilling bolt holes in channel caps, installing bearing plates, and bolting new channel caps into place. That completed the substantial repairs to the bridge. The crew then installed a guardrail retrofit to the bridge. The retrofit consisted of a HP10x42 bracket, C6x13 guardrail post, and w-beam guardrail with flared end section. Johnson reported the bridge was opened to the public end of day Friday.

At 10:00 a.m. Landphair opened the public hearing with a motion by Knapp and second by Holmes. Motion carried. Also present: Darrell Dodge, Conservation Director Kate Zimmerman, Treasurer Debra Cannon, Engineer Jared Johnson and Recorder Kisha Martin. Holmes reviewed various items within the proposed budget and the process for preparing it. Notably, Holmes stated the Board was able to remain within the 102% growth limitation imposed by Senate File 634 as well as lower the overall levy by roughly \$.34. The Board went on to thank the department heads for their assistance in the budget process. Landphair opened the floor for comments. Hearing none, Holmes moved to close the public hearing at 10:10 a.m. with a second by Knapp. Motion carried.

The Board continued discussions on the FY22 budget and the resolutions required to complete the process.

The Board recessed at 12:30p.m. for lunch

The Board returned to address livestock neglect issues. At the direction of County Attorney Clint Spurrier, the Board approved a resolution to designate Creston Livestock Market and Lamoni Livestock Auction as livestock care providers in the event of livestock nuisance cases. Alan Pennington was present for the conversation.

RESOLUTION RC21-52

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Employment Contract Agreement between the County and Curt Jackson.
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 March 8, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-53

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and
WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Compensation Board met on December 16, 2020, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Attorney	\$48,191	6%	\$51,082
Auditor	\$48,107	6%	\$50,993
Recorder	\$48,107	6%	\$50,993
Sheriff	\$70,967	6%	\$75,225
Supervisors	\$30,750	6%	\$32,595

Treasurer	\$48,107	6%	\$50,993
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED a motion was made by Steve Knapp to approve salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Attorney	\$49,638	3%
Auditor	\$49,552	3%
Recorder	\$49,552	3%
Sheriff	\$73,098	3%
Supervisors	\$31,673	3%
Treasurer	\$49,552	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 March 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-54

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve a 3% increase for non-elected officials for FY22.

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 March 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-55

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY22 transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$850,000.

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 March 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-56

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY22 funding for special organizations as listed below:

Organization	Approved
Educational Services	\$18,000.00
Historical Society	\$ 4,500.00
MATURA	\$ 9,000.00
Ringgold County Fair	\$ 20,000.00
Ringgold Cty Development Corp	\$ 25,000.00
Ringgold Cty SWCD	\$ 20,708.00
SICOG	\$ 5,596.00
Southern Iowa Trolley	\$ 5,000.00
Western Iowa Tourism	\$ 500.00

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 March 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-57

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY22 budget with a total levy rate of 9.40659.

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 March 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-58

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 8, 2021 for the purpose of a public hearing on the Ringgold County FY2022 Budget.

The public hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following people present:

Supervisors: Ron Landphair, Colby Holmes, Steve Knapp; Auditor: Amanda Waske; Engineer Jared Johnson, Treasurer Debra Cannon, Conservation Director Kate Zimmerman, Recorder Kisha Martin and Darrel Dodge.

It was found that the time and place of the public hearing had been published in the County's official newspaper at least ten and not more than twenty days prior to the date of the hearing as required by law.

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the FY22 budget as published.

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 March 8, 2021.

RESOLUTION RC21-59

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to designate Creston Livestock Market and Lamoni Livestock Auction as livestock care providers in the event of livestock nuisance cases.

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 8, 2021

RESOLUTION RC21-60

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims to be paid Wednesday, March 10, 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 March 8, 2021

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 Holmes and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Don L. Laphair
Board of Supervisors

Quaranta Wash
Ringgold County Auditor