

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 7, 2022

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 7, 2022. 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 excavator brush grinder has been working to cut/mulch trees and brush encroaching the roadway in the Northwest maintainer district.

The skid loader brush grinder in conjunction with a chainsaw crew has been working to cut/mulch trees and brush encroaching the roadway in the North Central, South Central, and Southeast maintainer districts.

The chainsaw crews have been out cutting brush in localized areas around bridges, signs, and intersections.

A tractor and mower have been working the Southwest maintainer district mowing brushed over areas in the Right-of-way.

The remainder of the chip rock required for this spring/summer sealcoat maintenance projects was stockpiled in the yard.

The crew worked to install the FHWA mandated advanced warning bridge posting signs. This effort is being conducted in two phases. The first phase includes all posted bridges located in the north two tiers of townships during FY22, and the south two township tiers during FY23.

Effort has been made to inventory the old bridge timber in the yard and determine what is re-useable and sort based on usable lengths.

The department received notice last week that the County's improved FEMA project request has been approved at the Federal and State levels.

The department received the proposal details last week on the J55 paving project. The original proposal listed a late start date of May 23, 2022. Due to a later April letting and quick post letting late start date the department felt this may limit the bidder interest in the project and/or result in higher bids. The department request and late start date of May 31, 2023. This would allow the contract better flexibility in scheduling and most likely result in more project interest and bid competition.

Friday, March 4th marked day number 30 since the J23 and P64 sealcoat projects were awarded by the local public agency. Since then, the contractor has made no progression of the contract in DocExpress. The department will be coordinating with the Iowa DOT on how to proceed.

The department is currently working to obtain clearances required for the Grant 13 project, developing the plan set, and looking to acquire the required ROW.

The site survey has been completed at Grant 10. The department will begin hydraulic analysis and plan development as time allows.

The Tingley 18 bridge replacement is planned as a local project using local funding. The site survey has been completed. The department will begin hydraulic analysis and plan development as time allows.

The Union 10 bridge replacement is planned as a local project using local funding. The site survey has been completed. The department will begin hydraulic analysis and plan development as time allows.

The Board moved forward with approval to advertise for seasonal summer employment. Ideally, Johnson said he would like to hire three people.

The Board reviewed Johnson's performance appraisal with him. They praised him for a job well-done and thanked him for all his efforts in successfully leading the department.

Johnson discussed with the Board his proposed FY23 construction five-year program and moved forward with approval.

At 10:00 a.m. Knapp moved to open the public hearing on the FY23 proposed levy. Holmes second. Motion carried. Also present: Engineer Jared Johnson, Recorder Kisha Martin and Treasurer Debra Cannon. Holmes discussed the process of establishing the levy rate and reasoning for exceeding the 2% growth limitation in the general funds. Waske explained the growth limitation would provide for roughly an additional \$34,000 in revenue over what was received this year. That is not sustainable, she explained. Costs continue to go up while the ability to capture more revenue is limited. Therefore, the Board proposed the general basic levy be set at \$4.50. Including the general supplemental levy, this provides for an increase of 6.13% for the general funds. The rural basic fund levy is set at the 2% growth. There were no comments from the floor. At 10:11 a.m. Holmes moved to adjourn the public hearing. Second by Knapp. Motion carried.

The Board returned to the Board room and moved forward with approval of the FY23 proposed levy.

The Board moved forward with approval of the ISAC group benefits program 28E agreement.

The Board set the dates for the hearing on the proposed amended precinct boundary ordinance. This is required to provide a more detailed legal description for both the Mount Ayr 1 and Mount Ayr 2 precincts. March 14, 16 and 21 will be the dates of the required hearings.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

The Board reviewed claims to be paid Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

The Board moved forward with allowing for the creation of a new Mental Health Region fund for FY23.

The Board discussed the proposed FY23 budget and moved forward with setting the public hearing date for March 21, 2022, at 10am in the courthouse assembly room

RESOLUTION RC22-41

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to advertise for seasonal summer employment for secondary roads.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-42

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the FY23 Construction Five-Year Program as presented by Engineer Jared Johnson.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-43

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the FY23 proposed levy as published.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-44

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the ISAC group benefits program 28E agreement.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-45

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve March 14, March 16 and March 21, 2022 for the hearing on the proposed amended Precinct Boundary Ordinance, with the option of waiving the second reading.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-46

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims to be paid Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-47

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve of the Mental Health Region fund creation for FY23.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-48

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publish the proposed FY23 budget and set the hearing date for March 21, 2022 at 10am in the courthouse assembly room.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 7, 2022.

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 3:28 p.m.

ATTEST:  Board of Supervisors
 Ringgold County Auditor