

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 21, 2022

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 21, 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 North Central 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.

The crew spot replaced timber deck plank on bridges Liberty 25 and Lincoln 5.

Spot rock was hauled to the North Central maintainer district.

The sign truck was out working to repair/replace deteriorated and/or damaged signs.

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.

Hang-on walkway brackets were fabricated for future use during bridge and culvert construction projects. These brackets will save time framing up temporary construction walkways in the field.

The department received a FEMA RFI return response last week. Damage site 499 was de-obligated due to FEMA rule of repaired facility maintaining existing cross-sectional area. We were given the option to install a second culvert to increase the cross-sectional area in order to keep the funds. The installed culvert was sized appropriately for the site, and the department does not recommend cutting the road to install an unnecessary second culvert.

Blue Marble Environmental was on the Redding weir site last week to complete the permanent site seeding, fertilizing, and mulching. All field work for the project is now complete.

The J55 paving project began being advertised to bidders last week. The department will answer any Bid Express questions which may arise.

Last week the contract was fully executed for the J23 and P64 sealcoat project. The department returned the tax-exempt certificates to the contractor. An effort was made to contact the project manager and schedule a preconstruction meeting.

The department is working on check plans for the Grant 13 project. All clearances/permits except for cultural resources has been obtained for the project. The department has hired Bear Creek Archaeology to complete the Phase I Archeological survey. The department will begin to negotiate Right-of-Way with the landowners once cultural resources has been cleared. Impact 7g was on site last week performing a hazardous materials inspection. If any potential sources are identified, they are sampled and tested at the lab.

The department met with the landowner again last week to discuss the revisions made and particularly the Right-of-Way needs northeast of the Benton 11 bridge. The new proposed Right-of-Way line was acceptable. Impact 7g was on site last week performing a hazardous materials inspection. If any potential sources are identified, they are sampled and tested at the lab.

Johnson reported he met on-site with Dan Coulson and Terry Bishop to discuss the condition of the bridge off P46 to the cemetery by Waterson. The current limit is 6 tons. He does not believe the bridge needs replaced. Johnson's recommendation is to add rock at each end of the bridge to take care of the bridge, fix the rail on the north side, add plank to the floor and move on. Both Coulson and Bishop were agreeable to Johnson's recommendation for repair.

Last Wednesday flagger training was held for the crew, Johnson said.

At 10:00 a.m. Landphair opened the public hearing with a motion by Knapp and second by Holmes. Motion carried. Also present: Chanse Hall, Assessor Melinda England, Recorder Kisha Martin, Sheriff Rob Haley, RCSS Director Cathy McGahuey, Treasurer Debra Cannon and Engineer Jared Johnson. Landphair reviewed various items within the proposed budget and the process for preparing it. Holmes reviewed the Back the Blue Bill that passed this past legislative session and the significant financial impact that it will have on the county in the following fiscal year. For FY23, Sheriff Haley worked with the Supervisors on a modest pay increase due to current budget constraints. Holmes explained the various boards the Supervisors participate in, outside of their role as County Supervisor. The Supervisors took time to review each of their Boards and spoke to the happenings of each.

The Board went on to thank the department heads for their assistance in the budget process. Landphair opened the floor for comments. Hearing none, Knapp moved to close the public hearing at 10:18 a.m. with a second by Holmes. Motion carried.

The Board continued discussions on the FY23 budget and the resolutions required to complete the process.

At 11:30 a.m. Knapp moved to open the public hearing on the proposed amended precinct boundary ordinance. Second by Holmes. Motion carried. There were no members of the public present nor were written comments provided prior to the hearing. At 11:35 a.m. Knapp moved to close the public hearing. Second by Holmes. Motion carried.

The Board moved forward with approval of the amended precinct boundary ordinance.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

The Board moved forward with the decision to remain with Access Systems as the IT provider for the county.

RESOLUTION RC22-51

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 15, 2021, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Attorney	\$49,638	\$3,500	\$53,138
Auditor	\$49,552	\$3,500 + \$500	\$53,552
Recorder	\$49,552	\$3,500	\$53,052
Sheriff	\$73,098	\$3,500	\$76,598
Supervisors	\$31,673	\$3,500	\$35,173
Treasurer	\$49,552	\$3,500	\$53,052

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, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Attorney	\$51,388	\$1,750
Auditor	\$51,802	\$1,750 + \$250
Recorder	\$51,302	\$1,750
Sheriff	\$74,848	\$1,750
Supervisors	\$31,673	\$500
Treasurer	\$51,302	\$1,750

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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-52

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve a 3% increase for non-elected officials, 4% for courthouse janitor, for FY23, excluding bargaining units.

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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-53

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY23 transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$950,000.

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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-54

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY23 funding for special organizations as listed below:

Organization	Approved
Educational Services	\$18,000.00
Historical Society	\$ 5,000.00
MATURA	\$ 9,000.00
Ringgold County Fair	\$ 20,000.00
Ringgold Cty Development Corp	\$ 25,000.00
Ringgold Cty SWCD	\$ 23,055.00
SICOG	\$ 5,293.00
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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-55

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY23 budget with a total levy rate of 9.45084.

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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-56

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 21, 2022, for the purpose of a public hearing on the Ringgold County FY2023 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; Chanse Hall, Assessor Melinda England, Recorder Kisha Martin, Sheriff Rob Haley, RCSS Director Cathy McGahuey, Treasurer Debra Cannon and Engineer Jared Johnson. 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 FY23 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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-57

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amended precinct boundary ordinance.

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 21, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-58

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to remain with Access Systems for county IT services.

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 21, 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 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor