

## **Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes**

### **March 28, 2022**

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 28, 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 with the addition of approving claims.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Robbie Mason with the City of Mount Ayr met with the Board and Engineer Jared Johnson to discuss a culvert concern on Henderson St. The original agreement was for the city to purchase the materials and the county install the pipe. There were plans to move forward with installation, however, the city has been unable to secure easement in order to begin the project. Mason explained the city council advised City Superintendent Brent Wise to close the road. However, that cannot be done because the county owns half of the road. So, Wise is questioning whether the project can move forward without easement. Knapp suggested replacing the existing pipe as it currently is. This would allow for the project to continue course. Johnson said that would work as a last resort. Mason asked if both parties are agreeable, how soon could the county begin installation. Johnson explained dryer the better, possibly end of June pending weather conditions. He went on to state this summer the crew could get to it. Mason asked if the road could be barricaded to one lane in the interim. The road is starting to erode to the point of safety concerns, Mason explained. Johnson said he would assess the site to determine the best route until the tube can be placed.

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Johnson began by opening and reviewing fuel bids for the department. There were three bids received as follows:

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| Company                    | Gasoline | Diesel |
| Agriland FS                | 3.3606   | 3.1223 |
| RK Fuels                   | 3.3201   | 3.0718 |
| United Farmers Cooperative | 3.3626   | 3.1693 |

Neil Weehler stopped in to visit with the Board about the amount of rock on the road he lives on. Due to the high traffic, including a significant amount of heavy equipment, has been detrimental to the condition of the road. Johnson stated it has been years since rock has been placed on the entire road. Spot rock has been placed, but it is no adequate, Weehler explained. Weehler asked if there is a better solution to provide for sustainability. Knapp suggested a larger rock. Johnson was not favorable to that. The quality of rock also plays a significant role. The Board understands the concerns presented and will follow the engineer's recommendation for moving forward.

Johnson reported the excavator brush grinder has been working to cut/mulch trees and brush encroaching the roadway in the North Central and Northeast maintainer districts.

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

and muddy conditions the latter part of last week suspended this activity until conditions dry.

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

Trucks and equipment were serviced last week.

The crew worked to repair our type III barricades and pick up barricades that were still out in the field.

Spot rock was hauled to the North Central maintainer district.

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

The department is working to schedule a preconstruction meeting for the J23 and P64 sealcoat projects.

Treasurer Debra Cannon met with the Board to review the February month end report for her department.

The Board met with Jocelyn Blazek to consider approval of designating April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Also present were Public Health Director Becky Fletchall, Start to Soar Coordinator Robin McDonnell, Nurse Nicole Smith, Office Manager Kayli Kaster and Director Early Childhood Iowa Quad Counties 4 Kids Jenny Robinson.

The Board reviewed claims and moved forward with approval.

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review the February month end report for her department.

Holmes excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

The Board returned at 1pm to meet with Todd Hansen with Holmes Murphy. Hansen reviewed with the Board a proposal for brokerage services. The Board will review and make a decision in the coming weeks.

#### **RESOLUTION RC22-61**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the low fuel bid from RK Fuels for the secondary roads department.

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 28, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION RC22-62**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the February month end report for the Treasurer's office as presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon. 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 28, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION RC22-63**

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Iowa; and together we can support safe, healthy families in our community by partnering to protect children; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem that can be prevented and the cost of preventing child abuse is significantly lower than the cost of treating the impacts of it; and research continually shows that preventing child abuse and other Adverse Childhood Experiences drastically reduces the number of major health crises facing our country; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of a community benefit from creating conditions that support strong and healthy families; and communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness of child abuse and to ensure that each family has the support and education they need in raising their children in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment so that we may promote the social and emotional well-being of our children by reducing the risk of child abuse;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Landphair, Chair of the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Ringgold County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.**

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 28, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION RC22-64**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves claims that were paid on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

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 28, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION RC22-65**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the February month end report for the Auditor's office as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

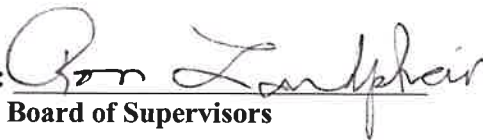
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 28, 2022.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Landphair to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Board of Supervisors

  
Ringgold County Auditor