

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes October 24, 2022

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, October 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present Ron Landphair, Steve Knapp, and Colby Holmes.

A motion was made by Holmes, seconded by Knapp to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The tractor and mower has been out working mowing vegetation along the road sides in the northeast and southwest parts of the County.

Spot rock was hauled to the Southeast maintainer district. Additionally, Farm-to-Market rock was hauled to the Southwest maintainer district.

The sign truck has been out working to repair downed/damaged/deteriorated signs. The sign truck has also been working to install advanced warning load postings in the southern two township tiers of the county. Last fiscal year, advanced warning load postings were installed in the northern two township tiers.

Major delaminated areas of County bridge, Washington 24, were epoxy injected. The intent behind this repair is to prevent spalling of the bridge deck.

Work order update:

W.O. 1035: Replace existing 18" CMP entrance culvert with new 18" ADS entrance culvert. Re-shape roadway ditch and slopes. Located along P32 between Delphos and 270th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1031: Replace existing deteriorated 24" concrete culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Located on 290th Street between 160th Ave and P32. (Complete)

W.O. 961: Replace existing deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with new 36" ADS culvert. Located on P32 between Delphos and 270th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1034: Clear brush and clean/re-grade ditches. Install 18" ADS culvert in existing entrance to provide drainage. Located along 200th Street east of the intersection with 200th Ave. (In Progress)

W.O. 1024: Replace existing deteriorated 66" CMP culvert with new 66" CMP culvert. Place revetment at inlet and outlet. Located along the corporate limits with the City of Mount Ayr on North Henderson Street between West Madison and West Columbus Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1028: Re-shape roadway and ditches. Located along 175th St. and 160th Ave. between 168th Street and 158th Ave. (In Progress)

The department is in the process of reviewing project and material documentation for the Redding weir, along with preparing project closeout paperwork. Previously, the board

had approved, by resolution, the County Engineer may sign the certification of project completion for all Farm-to-market, State, and Federal-Aid projects.

Final plans for the J55 paving project have been submitted to the IDOT for review. The project is planned for a January 2023 IDOT letting.

The Grant 13 project was let in the October 18th IDOT letting. Apparent bids for the project are available online through Bidex, however, the department has not yet received bid tabulations for the IDOT Office of Contracts.

This Benton 11 project was let in the October 18th IDOT letting. Apparent bids for the project are available online through Bidex, however, the department has not yet received bid tabulations for the IDOT Office of Contracts.

The RR tanker car for the Union 10 project arrived on site last week. Weather depending, it is anticipated that we will begin this project the week of October 30th.

This week the crew will shoulder along the newly constructed approach pavement at the Grant 1 project site. It is anticipated that the bridge will be opened to traffic Wednesday, October 26th.

The railroad tanker car for the Benton 6 project arrived on site last week. The crew worked to remove the existing bridge, excavate the culvert bed, installed the tanker culvert in the bed excavation, and began backfilling the culvert. Weather depending, the plan for this week is to finish backfilling the culvert excavation, shape the channel, shape roadway and ditches, place revetment at inlet and outlet, and replace the existing removed fence.

Auditor Amanda Waske presented the Board with a proposed resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families. County buildings will be illuminated green November 7th through the 13th as part of *Operation Green Light*. In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends. Denny at Veteran's Affairs will have a limited supply of Green Bulbs available for Veterans at either his office or the Auditors office. The Board moved forward with approval.

Auditor Waske went on to present the September month end report for her department. The Board moved forward with approval.

Ron Schafer, PA-C with the Mount Ayr Medical Clinic met with the Board to discuss the Medical Examiner program. Considering recent staff changes, the Board is seeking to appoint a new Medical Examiner for the county. Schafer is assisting with the process.

RESOLUTION RC22-182

WHEREAS the residents of Ringgold County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and
WHEREAS Ringgold County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and
WHEREAS Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and
WHEREAS Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and
WHEREAS an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and
WHEREAS studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and
WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and
WHEREAS the Ringgold County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore, be it
RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Ringgold County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th, 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further
RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Ringgold County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes approving support of the Operation Green Light program.
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 24, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-183

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Auditor September month end report as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.
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 October 24, 2022.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor