

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes October 31, 2022

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, October 31, 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 southwest parts of the County.

Spot rock was hauled to the Southeast and South-Central maintainer districts. 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.

During wet and muddy conditions early in the week construction materials were organized and put away for the winter.

Work order updates:

W.O. 894: Replace existing deteriorated 3x3 concrete box culvert and concrete pipe extension with new 48" ADS culvert. Place revetment at outlet. Located along 240th Ave between J55 and 300th Street. (In Progress)

W.O. 1039: Extend 18" entrance culvert and re-shape ditch. Located on 168th Street between Diagonal and 160th Ave. (Complete)

W.O. 1030: Replace existing deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Located along 240th Ave between J55 and 300th 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. (Complete)

Caledonia Cemetery Road: Replace two existing culverts with new 18" ADS culverts.

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

Final plans for the J55 paving project have been approved and sent to the office of contracts for inclusion in the January 2023 IDOT letting.

The department has been in the process of reviewing J23 & P64 sealcoat project and material documentation, along with preparing project closeout paperwork. Additional documentation is needed from the contractor. Once all requested documentation has been received the department will proceed with preparation of the final closeout packet, which is sent to the Office of Finance to issue final payment. This summer the IDOT changed their policy on FM project closeouts. The LPA is able to proceed with final payment without IDOT review/involvement.

Bid tabs have been received for the Grant 13 project. It is the departments recommendation to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder.

Bid tabs have been received for the Benton 11 project. It is the departments recommendation to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder.

The department has completed the hydraulic analysis for the Benton 12 site. The site is located in a FEMA flood study area, however, not in a detailed flood study area. Given this information the "no rise" condition for the 100-year design storm is not applicable, however, the department sized the box culvert to manage backwater since the existing bridge created minimal backwater. The department is recommending constructing a twin 10' x 8' x 102' reinforced concrete box culvert for the replacement structure. Also, during preliminary investigations wetlands are near the project site. It is anticipated that wetland delineation will be required for the project, to determine if wetland mitigation is necessary.

It is planned to begin installation of the railroad tanker at Union 10 this week.

This past week at Grant 1 the crew finished shouldering along the newly constructed approach paving. Signage and detour route markers were removed, and the road was opened to traffic.

At Benton 6, this past week the crew finished backfilling the culvert, shaping the roadway and ditches, placing revetment at the inlet and outlet, and began re-installing field fence removed for the installation of the culvert. This week the crew will finish fencing at the site. It is anticipated the project will be completed early this week.

Johnson presented the Board with a bid for project BROS-SWAP-C080(82)--FE-80. The Board moved forward with Johnson's recommendation to award the contract to Gus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$632,854.60.

Johnson went on to present the Board with a bid for project BRS-SWAP-C080(83)--FF-80. The Board moved forward with Johnson's recommendation to award the contract to Jay-R-Corp. in the amount of \$1,007,853.30.

Johnson reviewed with the Board a recommended purchase of a dump truck with a snow removal attachment. Johnson came across three potential options through an online auction website, govdeals.com. Johnson explained his budget does account for this equipment purchase. Knapp suggested following the truck with the lowest miles. Knapp went on to suggest a purchase cap of \$60,000.

At 10:28 a.m. Holmes made a motion to open the public hearing for the first proposed budget amendment for FY23. Knapp second. Motion carried. Present: Engineer Jared Johnson, Chanse Hall. With no public comments, at 10:30 a.m. Holmes moved to close

the public hearing. Knapp second. Motion carried. The Board moved forward with approval of the proposed amendment.

The Board returned to the equipment conversation with Engineer Johnson. With there being three options through the online auction site, the Board stated they would hate to miss out on an opportunity by a few thousand dollars. With that said, the Board moved forward with authorizing Johnson to spend within his budgeted equipment line item of \$100,000.

At the request of Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), the Board discussed proposed procedures and standards for minimizing soil compaction on agricultural lands during utility construction on wet soils. This study will assist in developing inspection standards for utility construction activities (pipelines) on wet soil conditions, and later after feedback from field technicians, the findings can be incorporated into state regulations for minimizing soil compaction and protection of agricultural lands. The requested amount of each county is \$600. This fee will offset the cost of the study. At this time, the Board declined to participate.

General Assistance Director Becky Fletchall met with the Board to present proposed revisions to the General Assistance Policy. Among the recommended revisions is increasing the cremation fee from \$750 to \$1000. The Board moved forward with approval. It was left that "local" will remain in the policy, meaning in-county service providers only.

The Board reviewed claims to be paid Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-184

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the project BROS-SWAP-C080(82)--FE-80, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Ringgold, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as RCB culvert replacement - twin box; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Ringgold County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Gus Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$632,854.60 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Jared Johnson, P.E., the Engineer for Ringgold County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

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 October 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-185

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the project BRS-SWAP-C080(83)--FF-80, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Ringgold, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as bridge removal and grading; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Ringgold County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Jay-R-Corp. in the amount of \$1,007,853.30 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Jared Johnson, P.E., the Engineer for Ringgold County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-186

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the first budget amendment 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 October 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-187

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the purchase of a dump truck(s) with an amount not to exceed the equipment line-item budgeted amount of \$100,000.

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 October 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-188

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the proposed revision to the General Assistance policy, increasing the cremation amount from \$750 to \$1000.

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 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION RC22-189

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the claims to be paid Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

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 October 31, 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 12:25 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor