

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

### **January 23, 2023**

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, January 23, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Knapp, second by Taylor to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The skid loader and chainsaws were out cutting brush in the Southeast maintainer district.

The excavator with brush cutter head were out cutting brush in the Northeast maintainer district.

The crew worked to cut brush around signs, bridges, intersections, and roadway encroachment areas.

The sign truck was out working to repair downed/damaged/deteriorated signs.

The crew worked in the shop building joist panels for the upcoming construction season.

Trucks were dispatched Thursday in the northern half of the county after a winter storm event moved through late Wednesday night.

Trucks and blades were dispatched Sunday in response to a winter storm event that moved through the county Saturday afternoon lasting until late Saturday night.

The J55 paving project was let in the January 18<sup>th</sup> letting. Of the six plan holders, four returned bids. Bid tabulations were received Friday afternoon. Bids were nicely grouped and below the Engineer's estimate. The Department recommends moving forward with the project and awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder. If the Board is in agreement with the Departments recommendation, contract approval will be included in the next meeting's agenda.

The contractor is uncertain at this time when they are going to start the Benton 11 project, however, they anticipate starting prior to the contract late start date.

Correspondence last week between the USACOE and Department clarified a few issues with regard to the Benton 12 project. Section 106 (Cultural Resources) and Section 107 (Threatened and Endangered Species) have been cleared. Stream bed mitigation for the project will be required for the project as more than 0.03 acres of stream bed will be lost. The project site was believed to be in the Lower Des Moines region where stream bed banks are not currently available, however, the USACOE confirmed the project is located in the Lower Missouri region where steam bed banks are available. The department and the USACOE will calculate how many credits will need to be purchased from the bank to mitigate the project.

The notice to bidders for the Grant 11 project has been published in the official newspapers for Ringgold County. Public letting for the project is February 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

The Washington 15 bridge replacement project was originally planned for fiscal year 2025, however, due to increased deterioration the department is concerned the bridge will require closure in the near future. This bridge is the only point of accesses for a residence during periods of inclement weather, and under consideration for advancement in the CFYP. The department is planning on collecting field survey data at the site this week. After completion of the department will begin the hydraulic analysis and preliminary design as time allows.

The Liberty 25 bridge replacement is planned as a local project using local funding. The department has completed the site survey. The department will begin the hydraulic analysis and preliminary design as time allows.

Johnson went on to review his proposed FY24 budget in budget workshop with the Board.

The Board met with Leesa Lester with the Southern Iowa Trolley in FY24 budget workshop.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The 1pm FY24 budget workshop session with EMA/E911 is moved to Monday at 11am.

The Board met with Becky Fletchall in FY24 budget workshop to review the budgets of General Assistance, Environmental Health, Mental Health and Public Health.

The Board met with Kelly Butts with Connections Area Agency on Aging, via Zoom in FY24 budget workshop.

The Board reviewed claims and moved forward with approval.

The Board met with Conservation Board members Suzie Catanzareti, Randy Bishop, Jim Norris, Doug Frost and Dale Walkup for FY24 budget workshop.

#### **RESOLUTION RC23-24**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims to be paid Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

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

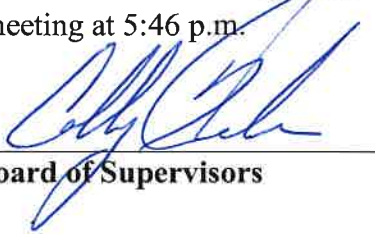
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 23, 2023.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Board of Supervisors

  
Ringgold County Auditor