

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

February 6, 2023

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, February 6, 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 North Central 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.

Select bridge postings were updated as a result of the bridge inspections this past December.

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

Rock was hauled on 155th Ave; which is a landowner sponsored rock request on a level "B" roadway. This road will remain a level "B" roadway, and any additional rock will be at the request of the sponsor.

The contract for the J55 paving project has been awarded to Manatt's, and the contract has been marked completed by the office of contracts. The department has contacted Manatt's about scheduling a preconstruction meeting. They asked if we could wait to schedule until after the February IDOT letting as they would then have a better idea of when our project will fit into their schedule.

The contractor is currently anticipating on beginning the Benton 11 project sometime in May.

NEPA and SHPO clearances have been received for the Benton 12 project. The department has been corresponding with the USACOE about stream bed mitigation required for the project. The calculated number of credits required to mitigate for the project is 742. There are two mitigation banks available in the region which the project is located. Preliminary cost estimates ranged from \$45 to \$70 per credit. The mitigation cost would be split between Ringgold and Taylor County.

If a bridge was used as the replacement structure mitigation would not be required. Cost estimates predicts that the bridge and culvert would be similar in costs with the bridge option costing slightly more. Even though there will be mitigation costs, the department recommends proceeding with the RCBC option as it will provide an open roadway cross section, and since this road is salted in the winter the RCBC option is less likely to be impacted by the chlorides providing a better long-term solution.

The Grant 11 bridge replacement is planned as a local project for fiscal year 2023 utilizing local funding. The proposed structure is a 100'-0 x 26' CCS Bridge. The public letting for the project was set for today at 9:30 a.m. No bids were received; therefore it is the recommendation of the Engineer to construct the project with local effort at a cost not in excess of \$322,119.25. The Board moved forward with approval of the Engineers recommendation.

The department contacted the Union County Engineer to see if they had any comments on the provided plans and 28E agreement for the Tingley 1 project. They had none and were going to work on getting the 28E agreement executed by Union County and returned for execution by Ringgold County. We also discussed how this project needed to be included in both county's CFYP.

The site survey has been completed for the Tingley 27 project. The department is working on hydraulic analysis and structure sizing for the site.

Johnson went on to review various items of his proposed FY24 budget.

Tracee Knapp, Constituent Service Representative for Zach Nunn, stopped in to visit with the Board to provide an update from the Congressman's Office. They have resources available for anyone interested in applying for grants. At the office in Creston on Tuesday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m. Congressman Nunn is hosting a Q&A on funding opportunities.

Sheriff Rob Haley met with the Board to discuss the possibility of increasing wages for Dispatchers/Jailers for the current fiscal year. Haley went on to suggest longevity pay also be provided. After reviewing where the staff ranks with similar counties, it is Haley's recommendation to increase each employee, based on longevity and responsibilities, as follows: Mari Hughes \$23.07, Liz Mederos \$23.05, Luci Zollman \$22.32, Heather Buckner \$21.30 and Tracy Link \$20.80. Melvina Burton and Nikki Drake will be provided an additional \$.25 per hour following the successful completion of their current probationary period. It is recommended the wage increase will begin February 26, 2023.

The Board decided not to move forward with longevity pay at this time.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

The Board returned to FY24 budget workshop.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

RESOLUTION RC23-27

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the bridge replacement project, LFM-GRANT11(1)—7X-80, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Ringgold County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as 100'-0 x 26' CCS Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps 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

WHEREAS, the Board has advertised the project in accordance with section 331.341 of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board received no responsive bids from responsible bidders for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Secondary Roads Department has the equipment, labor, resources, and experience necessary to construct the project as permitted by section 314.1 of the Code of Iowa, at a cost not in excess of the lowest bid received; and

WHEREAS, in the situation where no responsive bids from responsible bidders were received for the project, the lowest bid received shall be taken as the Engineer's estimate; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to construct the project with local effort at a cost not in excess of \$322,119.25;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if during construction the Engineer determines actual construction costs will exceed the Engineer's estimate the additional construction cost in excess of the Engineer's estimate shall be approved by the Board, by resolution, prior to incurring said costs; and

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.

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 February 6, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-28

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the following hourly rate increases effective February 26, 2023: Mari Hughes \$23.07, Liz Mederos \$23.05, Luci Zollman \$22.32, Heather Buckner \$21.30 and Tracy Link \$20.80. Melvina Burton and Nikki Drake will be provided an additional \$.25 per hour following the successful completion of their current probationary period.

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

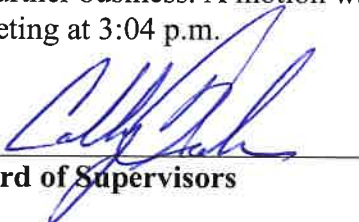
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Taylor, second by Knapp 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 3:04 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor