

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 27, 2023

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 27, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Steve Knapp and Randy Taylor.

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 crew worked to fabricate beam clamps, tension rods, and hoist frame for the upcoming construction season.

Last week spot rock was hauled to the Northwest maintainer district.

Blades were out working to repair potholes, corrugations, and move rock out of the windrow into the road.

A preconstruction meeting for the J55 paving project was held Friday, March 24th. At the meeting the department learned Manatts is looking to begin the project around the first of May and anticipate beginning paving around May 15th. The department in conjunction with Manatts will be hosting a townhall type meeting for the residents that live along the project limits to inform them how access is expected to be maintained while paving. The meeting is being tentatively planned for an evening during the middle of April.

Last week at the Grant 13 project the contractor finished removing and disposal of the existing bridge, disposed of the brush pile, worked to excavate the hole for culvert construction, placed foundation treatment material in the excavation. This week the contracting is planning to finish excavation for culvert construction, finish placing foundation treatment material, and begin forming and pouring culvert floor sections.

Last week at Grant 11 the crew was able to start, extend, and drive the east abutment piling to bearing; start, extend, and drive 4 of 6 east pier piling to bearing; tied east abutment reinforcement cage; and began forming east abutment footing. This week, weather depending, the plan is to finish driving east pier piling to bearing; finish forming and pour east abutment footing; start, extend, and drive west abutment piling to bearing; start, extend, and begin to drive west pier piling to bearing.

Johnson reported Ringgold County is participating in the SR All-Systems Overweight Permit program. There is one single permit people can use for the state and each county that participates gets a portion of the proceeds. The revenue must be used for bridges and culverts.

Johnson presented the Board with a proposed Reimbursement of Training Expense Agreement. The agreement provides for reimbursement to employees to obtain training for a CDL. The Board moved forward with approval.

Johnson presented the Board with a 28E agreement with Union County for the replacement of FHWA bridge 797850 (Tingley 01). The Board moved forward with approval.

Johnson opened three fuel bids received. Combined totals for unleaded, diesel, no. 2, and premium diesel additive are as follows:

RK Fuels \$261,885; Agriland FS, Inc. \$263,134; Smith Oil \$271,735

The Board moved forward with approval of the bid from RK Fuels.

Johnson went on to review the County Five-Year Program with the Board. The Board moved forward with approval.

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

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review the February month-end report for her department. The Board moved forward with approval.

The Board met with Conservation Board members Randy Bishop, Doug Frost and Dale Walkup. Bishop began by asking the Board where they propose to reduce their budget by \$40,000 as recommended by the Supervisors. The Conservation Board went on to explain the various projects that are not budgeted for in FY24 they would like to do. The Supervisors explained they agree with hiring an additional employee as those dollars have been in the budget over the past two budget years from their initial request in FY22 but have since been spent on operational costs instead. Holmes questioned the repetitive budget requests in line items that continue to be underspent. The Conservation Board explained a budget is simply a guesstimate on what could happen in the following year. Bishop went on to discuss statistics of surrounding counties and how Ringgold County Conservation is functioning with less. Holmes went on to state grants are wonderful, but at some point you have to consider repairs down the road and how those costs will be covered. The Conservation Board explained they are currently researching opportunities for funding updates to the Nature Center. The Conservation Board questioned whether other departments are receiving cuts and specifically questioned the spending of the Sheriff's Department. The Supervisors stated many departments are already working with minimum resources and less staff than many surrounding counties. The Supervisors explained the difficulties of funding all county departments with limited funding and resources.

Confirmation of proposed wage increases was requested for FY24. The Board explained the purpose of the Compensation Board and how they are required by code to follow the Back the Blue bill and then reduce the recommendation equally across all elected offices.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

The Board returned at 1pm to review and approve claims that were paid Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

The Board entered FY24 budget workshop to work through final details of the budget.

RESOLUTION RC23-49

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Reimbursement of Training Expense Agreement.

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 March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-50

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the 28E agreement with Union County for the replacement of FHWA bridge 797850 (Tingley 01).

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 March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-51

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the secondary roads fuel bid from RK Fuels with a combined total of \$261,885.

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 March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-52

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Secondary Roads County Five-Year Program.

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 March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-53

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Treasurer's February month end report as presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon.

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 March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-54

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

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 March 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-55

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims to be paid Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

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

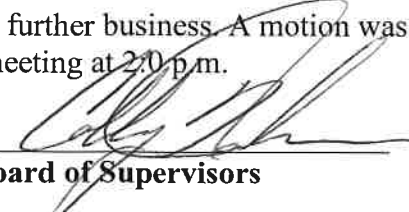
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

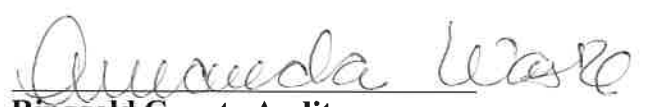
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 27, 2023.

A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor