

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

June 5, 2023

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, June 5, 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

County Attorney Clint Spurrier met with the Board to review a resolution establishing a temporary moratorium on the construction of wind turbines in the unincorporated areas of Ringgold County. This will allow the Board sufficient time to prepare an ordinance providing for construction requirements of wind turbines and/or related facilities. In preparing said ordinance, the Board will consider requirements for setbacks, depth of cable, height of tower and the decommissioning of the turbines. The Board will meet again with County Attorney Spurrier on Monday, June 19th in a workshop to finalize a draft ordinance. A tentative schedule is to have the ordinance in place within two months and the moratorium lifted.

County Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Taylor started out by asking about patching some potholes on 220th street that runs along the west side of Loch Ayr as it is a safety hazard. Johnson said it will be addressed well before the 4th of July holiday. The tractor and mower have been working to mow vegetation along roadsides in the Southern parts of the County.

Spot rock was hauled to the Northeast maintainer districts.

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

The crew worked to spray roadsides for the control of noxious weeds.

Old concrete given to the County was broken into revetment sized pieces and stockpiled for later use.

Drift was cleaned from the drift protection system and additional revetment was placed at the low water crossing constructed at the former location of bridge Lincoln 16.

Word order updates:

W.O. 1063: Repair erosion and place revetment at culvert inlet and outlet. Located on 130th Ave between 160th and 170th Streets. (Complete)

W.O. 1080: Clear brush and re-shape roadsides for approximately 1/8 miles. Located along 210th Street between HWY 169 and 240th Ave. (Complete).

W.O. 1081: Clear brush and re-shape roadsides for approximately 1000 ft. Located along 260th Street between 180th and 190th Ave. (Complete).

The contractor finished up with the remainder of the removals and subbase construction on J55 last week. They worked on preparing the plant site for the arrival of the plant. They are currently expecting the plant to mobilize to the site this week and have scheduled plant calibration for Thursday morning. According to the Manatts project manager the anticipated date to begin paving is Monday June 12th.

Absolute Concrete was on the Grant 13 project site last week to seed, fertilize, and mulch. Erosion control devices still need to be installed.

Last week at the Benton 11 project site, the contractor worked to excavate down to the existing culvert south of the bridge which is to be removed. This is a deep fill culvert, and by the end of the week they were down to the top of the culvert at the east end. This week the contract will continue to excavate and expose the culvert to be removed. Once exposed the culvert will be demolished and hauled off site. The contractor is anticipating having the bed for the replacement culvert constructed by the end of the week.

The Board tabled approval of the renewal contract for the Sexual Abuse Prevention Program.

The Board moved forward with approval to close J20/Main Street through Ellston August 5, 2023.

The Board moved forward with approval of the Fireworks Display Permit for Sun Valley Lake Association on July 3, 2023.

The Board moved forward with approval of the MOU between County Rural Offices of Social Services (CROSS) and the County.

RESOLUTION RC23-95

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "Board", has concerns that in the future persons may desire to construct wind turbines and/or related facilities in the unincorporated areas of Ringgold County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that before any such construction takes place in Ringgold County, a temporary moratorium should be put into place to ensure that the Board has sufficient time to consider whether to impose a permanent moratorium on the construction of wind turbines and/or facilities or pass ordinances to ensure that the Board and Engineer are aware of these projects in Ringgold County and that the construction, operation, and deconstruction of these wind turbines and/or related facilities would be subject to reasonable regulations that would ensure that said facilities are constructed and operated in a safe manner, the rights of persons or property within reasonable distance of said facilities are appropriately protected, and the conditions of County roads are protected; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to have said temporary moratoriums in place until such time as the Board determines whether a permanent moratorium should be imposed, or to be able to prepare and pass ordinances to provide appropriate regulation of said wind turbines and/or

related facilities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors that:

1. The Board does hereby establish and impose a temporary moratorium on the construction of wind turbines and/or related facilities in the unincorporated areas of Ringgold County. This moratorium will remain in place until such time as the Board passes a resolution placing a permanent moratorium on the construction of said structures, passed an ordinance for the regulation of said structures, or rescinds this temporary moratorium.

2. This resolution shall become effective upon passage.

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 June 5, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-96

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to close J20/Main Street through Ellston August 5, 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 June 5, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-97

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Fireworks Display Permit for Sun Valley Lake Association.

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 June 5, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-98

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the MOU between County Rural Offices of Social Services (CROSS) and the County.

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

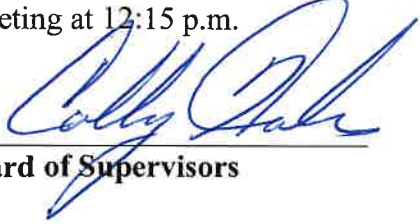
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 5, 2023.

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes 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 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor