

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

August 14, 2023

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, August 14, 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 tractors and mowers have been out working to mow vegetation along roadsides along J23, P27, and P33 in the northwestern part of the County. FM rock was hauled to the Northwest and Southeast maintainer districts. The sign truck was out working to repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs. Guardrail posts were fabricated in the shop during periods of wet and muddy conditions, Johnson said.

W.O. 1088: Re-sealcoat P32 from HWY 169 to Delphos. Both lifts of seal coat have been completed along the length of the project. The department will continue to monitor the roadway and sweep free chips back to the middle of the roadway as needed. (Complete)

W.O. 1089: Re-sealcoat 160th Ave from HWY 2 to Benton. The base rock has been placed and shaped. This stretch of roadway is planned to be seal coated in conjunction with a short stretch of P27 once the bridge removal project is completed. (In Progress)

Johnson reported the department has submitted pre-audit and closeout documentation to the IDOT for review and determination if an audit will be required for the Redding Weir project. The department has not heard anything from the IDOT about the review status. The IDOT was contacted and responded that they have received our submittals and they are in the queue to be reviewed. The contractor requested early release of retainage for the project. All criteria has been met so all but one dollar of the retainage was released.

The department is planning a January letting for the revised J55 paving project. After discussions with the Board of Supervisors about how the county will pay for the full 12-mile project it was determined to reduce the project to where it is fundable through the Farm-to-Market account. Alternate funding sources including bonding were discussed; however, the Department expressed their concerns about how that bond would get paid back. It is now planned to rehabilitate J55 from P46 to the Lotts Creek river crossing and from J55/P68 junction to the Decatur County Line. Approximate project length will be 6.5 miles. The rehabilitation will consist of subdrain installation at locations of existing pavement distress, 6" pcc overlay, bridge approach replacements, and new bridge guardrail.

The shouldering crew for Manatts was on site last week working on shoulder construction and shoulder finishing. Once shoulder construction is finished, they plan to begin placing granular shoulder material, Johnson said.

Johnson wants to remind the public that this road is closed to thru traffic. Unless there is a particular reason to be using the road, please use the detour for both the safety of the motorist and construction workers. The drop off from the pavement edge is severe and there still are locations where pavement is removed and construction activities are happening.

The proposed replacement structure for Grant 13 is a twin 12' x 10' x 90'-0 reinforced concrete box culvert. It is planned to utilized Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding for this project. The project is on track for an October letting date.

The department has determined that vegetation at the site has established. This satisfies the terms of the NPDES permit and the requirement for stormwater site inspections. The department will work on closing out the project as time permits.

Johnson reported the Benton 11 project is planned as a bridge removal and grading project. This project will utilize Highway Bridge Program funding. Last week the Contractor completed roadway embankment construction. Borrow material was required to complete this work. The contractor installed the field entrance located at the southwest portion of the project. Revetment was hauled to the site and placed at the culvert outlet. The contractor worked to spread topsoil where it would not be in conflict with rock ditch checks. The site is nearly entirely shaped to grade. There are some isolated locations where final shaping is still required. Windstream was onsite to move the remainder of the fiber optic cable outside of the project limits.

Johnson said the Benton 12 project is planned for FY24 and is planned to utilized HBP funding. This will be a joint project between Taylor and Ringgold County. Due to available time this project has been pushed back to the January 2024 IDOT letting. The department recommends a twin 10' x 8' x 102' reinforced concrete box culvert for the replacement structure.

The USACOE permit for the project; the department will work to purchase the required mitigation credits for the project. The department in conjunction with the Taylor County Engineer's office has begun final design for the project. Check plans are due July 3, 2023. The department will begin reaching out to landowners immediately adjacent to the project, and discuss Right-of-Way needs, Johnson said.

The Tingley 1 bridge replacement is planned as a local project using local funding and is a joint project between Ringgold and Union County during fiscal year 2024. The department has completed the hydraulic analysis and preliminary design for the site, Johnson reported. Based on the drainage area and calculated discharges it was determined a bridge was most suitable for this site. The department proposes replacing the existing structure with a single span 95'-0 x 26' PPCB bridge. Johnson reported that last week the crew drove the remainder of the falsework piling, hauled pile driver off site, striped formwork at the west abutment, cut east and west end span falsework piling to grade, cut off west pier pile to grade and torch cut holes for falsework brackets, hauled and placed revetment on the abutment slopes. This week it is planned to place granular material on the abutment berms, cutoff east pier pile and torch cut holes for falsework

brackets, install falsework brackets at east and west piers and abutments, cutoff interior span falsework pile, set falsework caps, set falsework beams

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 has collected field survey data for the project, and will begin hydraulic analysis for the site as time permits.

Johnson reported 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.

The department has completed the hydraulic analysis for the Tingley 27 site, and determined a single cell 14'x6'x50'-0 RCBC will work hydraulically at the site. The department has begun preliminary plan development. Additional flow line survey was required in order to establish inlet and outlet flow line elevations Johnson said.

RESOLUTION RC23-124

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to close J20 between Adams St. and Madison St. in Tingley on August 27th, 2023.

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

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

ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved August 14, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-125

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to abate taxes on county owned parcel 006391.

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

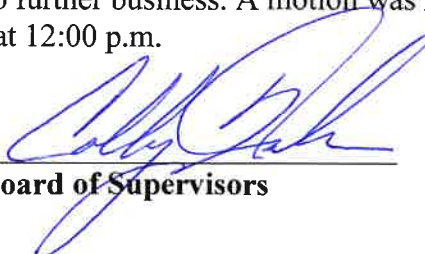
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved August 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor 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 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Deputy Auditor