

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

December 18, 2023

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, December 18, 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 were out working in the Southwest and Southeast maintainer districts.

Spot rock was hauled to the Northwest Maintainer district.

The crew with commercial applicator license completed the continuing education requirements.

The crew worked on repairing poorly functioning shed doors at the Mount Ayr and Beaconsfield maintainer sheds.

The crew worked on completing the Alan Wilson rock agreement.

Bridge closures were inspected to ensure they were still in place. Removed or damaged bridge closures were repaired or upgraded to permanent closure.

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

Work order updates:

W.O. 1145: Replace deteriorated 30" boiler pipe culvert with new 30" ADS culvert. Dirt was hauled to the site to improve roadway forelope at the culvert outlet. The culvert outlet was protected with revetment. Located along 210th Street between 262nd and 265th Avenues. (Complete)

W.O. 1181: Clean ditch for approximately 500 ft. and haul ditched material to W.O. 1145 for incorporation into the project. Located along 210th Street west of the 262nd Avenue and 210th Street intersection. (Complete)

W.O. 1177: Clean ditch for approximately 700 ft. Located along P33 between Union/Ringgold and 110th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1178: Replace deteriorated 30" CMP culvert with new 30" ADS culvert. Located along P33 between Union/Ringgold and 110th Street. (Complete)

Johnson coordinated with Taylor County to finalize the detour route for the Benton 12 project.

The department has completed the hydraulic analysis for the Liberty 25 site and is working on the TS&L for the project and preparing the preliminary cost estimates. This is projected to be a 140'-150' bridge, Johnson said.

Tingley 27 is being considered as a pre-cast option, explained Johnson.

Washington 10 is a bridge replacement project utilizing local funding. The department was out working to complete the site survey.

Johnson reviewed with the Board the engineer's conference he attended last week.

Representatives with Vestas American Wind Energy stopped in to visit with the Board about the possibility of implementing a wind turbine farm in the county. They understand the county has adopted a restrictive ordinance, but stated they recently signed a lease agreement with a local landowner. They went on to explain that it will take up to five years to implement a wind farm. They do understand guidelines of the ordinance will have to be followed.

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

Conservation Director Travis Scott met with the Board to provide department updates. They received seven sealed bids on the old conservation truck. The winning bid was \$7,010, Scott said. Scott provided the Board with a letter to request reappointment of Board member Jim Norris. This will be considered at the Boards January 2, 2024, meeting. Scott said his Board has started budget talks, planning projects for the upcoming year, specifically Liberty Lake. He would like to focus on completing the campground, possibly hiring an engineering firm to assist with the design/layout. He is proposing to relocate the campground south of the cabins as it is much more level than the current proposed site. Scott would also like to offer full hookup. His intention is to apply for a grant to fully complete the project. The lighted park has been a hit, he said. This weekend is the last opportunity to drive through the lighted park. The wreath class he hosted was a success as well. Scott said he will likely host two classes next year. He also hosts Conservation Conversations the first Tuesday of each month at the Nature Center. The event covers a different topic each month. Scott is working to move the Conservation office to the Nature Center, he explained.

Auditor Amanda Waske reviewed with the Board the November month end report for her department. The Board moved forward with approval.

The Board reviewed 65+ Homestead Credit & Exemption applications and moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC23-180

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Treasurer's November 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 December 18, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-181

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Auditor's November 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 December 18, 2023.

RESOLUTION RC23-182

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve 65+ Homestead Credit & Exemption application.

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 December 18, 2023.

Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Second by Knapp. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor