

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes
January 29, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, January 29, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Randy Taylor, Steve Knapp and Colby Holmes.

A motion was made by Taylor, second by Knapp to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Freezing rain moved through the County early Tuesday morning, so trucks were dispatched to treat paved roadways. The crew worked to build and repair tire chains for trucks and maintainers. Type III barricades were repaired and assembled. Plow trucks were inspected and ran through the shop making necessary repairs. Guardrail posts for upcoming projects were built, traction control sand was hauled into the yard, and salt/sand was mixed to replenish supply, Johnson reported.

Chainsaws were out cutting brush away from signs, bridge ends, and culverts in the Southwest maintainer district. Maintenance repairs were made to the Kellerton shed. The crew worked on updating bridge postings from the December bridge inspections.

The department has submitted pre-audit and closeout documentation to IDOT for review and determination if an audit will be required for the Redding weir project. DOT 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 and all criteria were met, so all but one dollar of the retainage was released.

This project was selected for a post construction audit, with comments being provided by IDOT. The department has addressed the audit comments and is working on the final form's closeout packet.

Johnson said 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 department has discovered places in the pavement where foreign material was incorporated into the concrete mix. The department is working with Manatt's to come and repair these locations and inspect the pavement for other locations. Manatt's was on site last week to look at the pavement. They are in agreement that mud balls in the mix are the cause of the problem. It is planned to repair the known locations prior to winter, and then come back in the spring to repair any additional locations which may have developed.

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

The Benton 11 project is planned as a bridge removal and grading project. This project will utilize Highway Bridge Program funding. The department is working to prepare preaudit project closeout documentation for this project.

The Benton 12 project is planned for FY24 and is planned to utilize 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 May 2024 IDOT letting. The department recommends a twin 10' x 8' x 102' reinforced concrete box culvert for the replacement structure. The department has received minor check plan review comments from the Iowa DOT. The comments will be addressed. Final plans for the project are due by February 20th. The title sheet and plans have been sent to Taylor County for approval. Johnson said his department is working with the Ringgold County landowner immediately adjacent to the project on Right-of-Way acquisitions. Easement paperwork has been prepared.

The Liberty 25 bridge replacement is planned as a local project using local funding. The department has completed the hydraulic analysis for the site and is working on TS&L for the project. Johnson said the department has determined that a large single span bridge will be the most economical for the site and they are working on final plans for the project. The proposed structure is a 155'-0 x 26'-0 single span PPCB bridge.

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. Johnson said the department is working on final plans for this project.

The Jefferson 26 project is a bridge removal utilizing HBP funding. The department has completed the site survey. Johnson report that since this project uses federal funds, project development starts at concept statement phase. The department is working to complete the concept statement and preliminary plans for an anticipated letting early 2025 and has prepared the concept statement for the project.

The Union 13 project is a bridge replacement utilizing HBP funding. This project uses federal funds, so project development starts at concept statement phase, which has been prepared. The department has been working to complete the site survey and is working to complete the concept statement and preliminary plans for an anticipated letting early 2025.

The Washington 10 bridge replacement project will be utilizing Local funding. The department has completed the site survey, and will proceed with preliminary design time permitting, Johnson said.

The Middle Fork 7 project a bridge replacement utilizing Local funding. The department is working to complete the initial site survey.

The P27 (south) resurfacing project utilizing Federal-Aid and Farm-to-Market funding. The planned improvements are along the P27 corridor beginning at the P27/HWY 169 intersection north along P27 to the P27/HWY 2 intersection. It is also planned with this project to resurface J43 from P27 to the city of Maloy. Johnson reported the department is working to prepare and submit the concept statement for the project.

The Board reiterated with Johnson the importance of purchasing from local vendors.

Treasurer Debra Cannon met with the Board to review the December month end report for her department. The Board moved forward with approval. The Board went on to review the semi-annual report presented by Cannon. The Board moved forward with approving that as well.

The Board reviewed claims paid Wednesday, January 24 and moved forward with approval.

The Board met with Larry McNutt and Sierra England with Tina's Tots to discuss funding for FY25.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1:30 p.m. a motion was made by Holmes to enter closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(c) to discuss matters with legal counsel that are currently in litigation. Second by Taylor. AYES: Holmes, Taylor, Knapp. NAYES: None. Present: Attorney Brent Hinders, County Attorney Clint Spurrier, Deputy Auditor Korbie Rinehart, Board of Supervisors Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor & Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Holmes, second by Taylor to adjourn the closed session at 2:36 pm. AYES: Holmes, Taylor, Knapp. NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION RC24-26

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Treasurer's December month end report as presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon. THEREFORE, a motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Taylor stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None. ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved January 29, 2024

RESOLUTION RC24-27

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report as presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon. THEREFORE, a motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None. ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved January 29, 2024

RESOLUTION RC24-28

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the claims paid Wednesday, January 24, 2024. THEREFORE, a motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved January 29, 2024

The Board tabled approval of the minutes until next meeting.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Deputy Auditor