

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

April 15, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, April 15, 2024. 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 Taylor, second by Holmes to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to discuss secondary roads updates. The sign truck was out working to repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs.

Spot rock was hauled to the North Central maintainer district.

The total patcher was out working to repair roadway potholes.

A Buckingham truck was loaded with scrap steel from the yard for disposal.

The crew worked to seed large, disturbed areas within the right-of-way: Washington 15, culvert replacement and ditching on 210th Street, culvert replacements and ditching on P33.

The remainder of the silt fence was removed at Washington 20.

Work order update:

W.O. 1201: Clear brush and re-shape roadside for approximately 0.5 miles. Located along 280th Ave between 310th and 320th Streets. (In Progress)

W.O. 1204: Culvert was plugged and ponding water at inlet. The culvert was unplugged, and water drained. Additional work will be required at this site once it dries up.

The department has been working with the IDOT to get the final packet ready for submittal to finance for issuance of the final payment for the Redding Weir Project.”

The Grant 13 preaudit project closeout documentation has been completed and submitted to IDOT. The department has requested determination of review/audit.

The department has been working to complete the site surveys at the proposed culvert extension locations for the P27 south project.

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

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review a proposed resolution concerning attorney fees for indigent persons in substance abuse commitment cases and in guardianship and/or conservatorship cases. The Board moved forward with approval of setting the rates as set forth in the resolution below.

Auditor Waske presented, on behalf of Public Health Director Becky Fletchall, an update in well-plugging reimbursement. Well plugging will now reimburse expenses up to \$800 and cistern plugging will now reimburse up to \$500. Fletchall requested the county host a demonstration on the process for well-plugging. There is currently a well on the courthouse lawn that could be used as a demonstration site with Environmental Health Sanitarian Jason Smith overseeing the demonstration. The Board elected to table this at this time.

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

The Board reviewed claims to be paid Wednesday, April 17, 2024, and moved forward with approval.

Veterans Affairs Commissioner Cathy Kilgore met with the Board to request Director Hannah Saville move from part-time to full-time employment status. Kilgore explained she would like to step back and hand over some of the duties to Saville as she becomes more familiar with the position, which in turn requires additional hours to complete the work. The Board is going to take time to consider this, evaluate the budget and report back to the Commission.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch. Holmes excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

The Board returned to session at 1:00 p.m.

Brianna Dillavou Community Broadband Action Network (CBAN) met with the Board to explain the services provided. Jodie Geist with the Development Corporation was also present. CBAN offers grant funding to community-based groups to assist with digital navigation services through the Southern Iowa Digital Navigator Program. The Southern Iowa Digital Navigator Program provides tech support through digital skills training, free devices and assistance with affordable home internet. Geist asked how many residents have received services to date. Dillavou replied fourteen have been assisted. Geist questioned if there could be a monthly calendar of hours available to those in Ringgold County. Dillavou stated she is happy to put together a schedule at a set time/location to provide services. Geist stated the Mount Ayr Public Library would be a good partner. The Board stated she is welcome to set up a mobile office in the Supervisors office at the Courthouse. Dillavou coordinated with Auditor Waske to have office hours scheduled every other Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. beginning May 2nd. It was reiterated that all these services are completely free to residents as it is funded through a grant. Auditor Waske went on to suggest providing marketing information to the Tingley Meal Site program and the Mount Ayr Senior Center.

RESOLUTION RC24-67

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

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 15, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-68

WHEREAS Iowa Code §125.78(1) provides that if a person is subject to an involuntary commitment procedure due to a substance-related disorder in Ringgold County, then the person is entitled to be represented by counsel, and if the person is financially unable to employ an attorney then the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the person; and Ringgold County is required to compensate the attorney at the hourly rate established by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code §125.78(2) provides that if a person applies to have another person committed through an involuntary commitment procedure due to a substance-related disorder in Ringgold County, the court finds that the applicant needs an attorney to assist in the meaningful presentation of evidence at the hearing, and the applicant is financially unable to employ an attorney, then the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the applicant; and Ringgold County is required to compensate the attorney at the hourly rate established by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code §633.561(6) provides that if a person is subject to a guardianship and/or conservatorship proceeding in Ringgold County, the court determines that it would be in the person's best interest to have legal representation in the proceeding, then the court may appoint an attorney to represent the person; and if the court finds that the person is indigent, then the costs of the court-appointed attorney are assessed against Ringgold County; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code §633.562(1) provides that in a guardianship and/or conservatorship proceeding in Ringgold County, if the court determines that it would be in the best interest of the person who is subject to the proceedings to have a court visitor appointed to assist the person in the proceeding, then the court may appoint a court visitor, who may or may not be an attorney; and if the court finds that the person is indigent, then the costs of the court visitor are assessed against Ringgold County; and

WHEREAS Ringgold County is entitled to determine the hourly rate to be paid to the attorney or attorneys court-appointed in substance-related disorder involuntary commitment cases, and to the attorney and/or court visitor court-appointed in guardianship and/or conservatorship cases; and WHEREAS Ringgold County desires to establish the rate of compensation in these cases.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that, upon a finding of indigency, Ringgold County shall pay the attorney, or attorneys appointed in substance-related disorder involuntary commitment cases and the attorney and court visitor in guardianship and/or conservatorship cases filed in Ringgold County the following hourly rates:

- Attorney court-appointed to represent the person subject to a substance-related disorder involuntary commitment proceeding or attorney court-appointed to represent the applicant in said proceeding shall be paid at the rate of \$100.00 per hour.
- Attorney court-appointed to represent the person subject to a guardianship and/or

conservatorship proceeding or an attorney court-appointed to serve as the court visitor for the person subject to a guardianship and/or conservatorship proceeding shall be paid at the rate set by Iowa Code §815.7 for persons charged with criminal offenses below the class "B" felony level. Said rate at this time is \$73.00 per hour, but if the hourly rate under Iowa Code §815.7 changes, then the hourly rate under this provision will be automatically adjusted to mirror any change in the statutory rate.

- Court visitor, other than a licensed attorney, court-appointed in a guardianship and/or conservatorship proceeding shall be paid at the rate \$20.00 per hour.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that in order for said fees to be paid the person requesting payment of said fees shall file with the Ringgold County Auditor the following documents: (1) a copy of the order containing the finding of indigency and court appointment of the person; (2) a copy of the order approving said person's fees; and (3) an itemization of the services for which the fees are being requested.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall become effective upon passage by the Board. THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Randy Taylor stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 15, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-69

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

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 15, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-70

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims to be paid Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Randy Taylor stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 15, 2024.

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

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

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor