

## **Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes**

### **June 17, 2024**

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, June 17, 2024. 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 Holmes, second by Taylor 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. Signs and bridge ends with crawling vines were sprayed.

The spray truck was out working spraying noxious weeds within the County ROW.

Tractor and mower has been out working in the Southeast maintainer district.

Spot rock was hauled to the Southwest, Northeast, and Southeast maintainer districts

Work order:

W.O. 1208: Roadway patching on J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal. Granular shoulder material was placed along the pavement edge of the east bound lane, and traffic was switched from the north lane to the south lane. Patches in the west bound lane were removed, over excavated, subbase material placed, formed, and poured. This week, weather pending, it is planned to strip formwork for the patches, place granular shoulder material along the pavement edge of the west bound lane and re-open the roadway once the patch concrete has sufficiently cured. (In Progress)

W.O. 1230: Seal coat maintenance project, East Lake Road, from the intersection of J20 & 140<sup>th</sup> Street east and north to the intersection of 130<sup>th</sup> Street & 325<sup>th</sup> Ave. The broken down roller was exchanged. Select areas with excessive loose rock were watered and rolled to get more of that material tied down. The roadway was swept Friday in preparation for priming on Monday. The plan for this week is to prime the roadway Monday and then apply the first course of chip seal beginning Tuesday morning. If the rain forecasted for the middle of the week holds off the second lift of chip seal will also be applied.

W.O. 1231: Entrance extension installed. Located along 210<sup>th</sup> Street between 300<sup>th</sup> Ave and P68. (Complete)

W.O. 1232: Clean ditch for approximately 250ft. Ditched material was used for entrance construction. Located along 210<sup>th</sup> Street between 300<sup>th</sup> Ave and P68. (Complete)

W.O. 1237: Entrance replacement. Located along 210<sup>th</sup> Street between 300<sup>th</sup> Ave and P68. (Complete)

W.O. 1238: Entrance extension installed. Located along 190<sup>th</sup> Street between 182<sup>nd</sup> and 190<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Complete)

W.O. 1239: Clear trees and brush, re-shape roadside ditch area for approximately 0.25 mile. Located along 190<sup>th</sup> Ave between 180<sup>th</sup> and 190<sup>th</sup> Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1193: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Located along 140<sup>th</sup> Ave between 190<sup>th</sup> and 200<sup>th</sup> Street. (In progress)

It has been approved by the Board of Supervisors to accept the low bid in the amount of \$696,240.42 from Gus Construction for the Benton 12 project. The department is working through the process of contract signing.

The department is still awaiting official authorization from the USACE in order to begin the Liberty 25 project. Due to lack of responsive bids the Board of Supervisors approved to construct the project utilizing day labor.

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The department has been working to get the caliber necessary information for construction grading. Trees to be removed have been marked on site. It is still anticipated that construction will not begin until after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Johnson presented the Board with two separate utility permits for approval: Alliant Energy and Windstream. The Board moved forward with approval of both.

The Board reviewed the contracts for Johnson and Road Superintendent Curt Jackson. Johnson requested one change to his contract, an increase to four weeks of vacation. The Board agreed with that. Both contracts were renewed for another three years.

Sheriff's Deputy Chad Hunt, along with Sheriff Rob Haley, met with the Board to discuss assistance programs in the county. Hunt has requested the Board create a proclamation expressing a stance against crime in Ringgold County. Additionally, he would like to see a roundtable to discuss these concerns involving the school, hospital, etc. and how it may be impacting them. Crime is high in Ringgold County, Hunt explained. He would like to see the application process for various assistance programs reviewed, specifically requiring a criminal background check before assistance is provided. The Board does not want to take away from families who depend on these programs but agrees a more in-depth review could be done. The Board went on to add they do not have authority over many of these programs nor their policies as many are mandated and funded at the state and federal level but are open to scheduling a meeting with these program administrators to discuss a possible solution. Hunt stated he will work to coordinate a meeting and report back to the Board.

Nan Derscheid stopped into express concerns with a rock pile on her ground near Ellston. The rock is there for the road project around the lake. She stated while she is okay with the county using her ground, she was not consulted. The Board said they would look into this.

Conservation Director Travis Scott met with the Board to provide department updates. Scott reviewed the budget with the Board stating they received a grant that was not amended in this fiscal year. The Board stated they can transfer those dollars back to the department after July 1 during the first budget amendment. Scott reported the fence project is complete at the trail. He went on to report he is wrapping up the purchase of the land for the trail parking lot expansion at the west end. A Christian music group requested to host a music festival in November. Their back-up plan may possibly be at a venue at Graceland University. The Conservation Board agreed for the event to take place. Scott requested stipulations such as proof of insurance, damage deposit, follow the park rules, etc. Scott reminded the Board about the Picnic in the Park event every Wednesday featuring a different food truck each week. Fun Friday is another event he hosts for kids, featuring a new book each week. There is a full moon hike scheduled for Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9pm at Fifes Grove Park. Scott reported he held 124 educational programs, with just under 3,700 participants, this fiscal year. Current department projects include painting shelters, spraying weeds, treating Liberty Lake, staining the Nature Center and installing a new sign at the Nature Center this week. Aubrey Reed is the AmeriCorps employee working at the Nature Center for the summer. He is looking into retaining her in this AmeriCorps position through the school year. Ayla Murphy is also employed as a seasonal employee with the county, too.

Doug Hickman stopped in to visit the Board about a concern with spraying as it took out several of his trees along 240<sup>th</sup> street. Knapp confirmed with Engineer Johnson that the roads crew nor weed commissioner were on that road last week.

#### **RESOLUTION RC24-90**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Alliant Energy utility permit.

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 June 17, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION RC24-91**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Windstream utility permit.

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 June 17, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION RC24-92**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to renew the employment contract with Engineer Jared Johnson.

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 June 17, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION RC24-93**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to renew the employment contract with Road Superintendent Curt Jackson.

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 June 17, 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION RC24-94**

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims paid Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

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

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

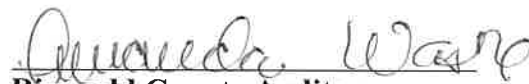
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 17, 2024.

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 Holmes and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Board of Supervisors

  
Ringgold County Auditor