

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

October 28, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, October 28, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Steve Knapp and Randy Taylor and Colby Holmes.

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 provide secondary roads updates. Spot rock was hauled to the South-Central Maintainer district.

The tractor and mower were out working in the Northeastern portion of the County.

An area of severe pavement breakup developed on J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal. The broken-up area was repaired with a concrete patch.

Work order updates:

W.O. 1302: Temporarily repaired void above a large diameter multiplate culvert. Located along 140th Ave between J23 and 150th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1284: Replace deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with new 36" ADS culvert. Located along 160th Ave between J23 and 150th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1277: Repaired erosion at an existing box culvert. Two non-functionable concrete culverts were discovered at the site and removed. (Complete)

W.O. 1305: Reconstructed entrance along 110th Ave between Stateline Road and 320th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1294: Clear brush and reshape foreslope and ditch area for approximately 1300'. Extend two existing box culverts with 30" ADS to provide a better slope overtop of the structures. Concrete connection between the two structures required. (Complete)

Last week at the Benton 12 site, the contractor finished shaping channel banks and placing revetement along with general site shaping. The roadway top was excavated down to top of subgrade elevation. Absolute Concrete was on site placing and grading subbase material. This week it is planned to pour the pavement section and finish placing topsoil on the southeast slope.

At Liberty 25 site last week the crew finished installing the screed rail and did the final pre-pour walk around. The bridge superstructure was poured last Friday. This week it is planned to strip wings, backwall, and curb forms. Overhang brackets must remain in place for 7 days and pass a flexural concrete test before removal.

The phase I report for the Jefferson 26 project does not recommend any further exploration east of the bridge, however, west of the bridge where the former town of Knowlton was located the phase I field exploration yielded artifacts throughout. It is recommended this area be avoided or further exploration be conducted. The IDOT advised first if this area can be avoided that is the

best and simplest way to proceed. Otherwise, a Phase II survey will be required to determine if the site is National Register eligible.

The final report for the P27 project was sent to the IDOT.

The Contactor is planning to be on site this week to complete the punch list items for the Diagonal sidewalk project.

The Board reviewed with the IT Director Zac Hague his six-month employee evaluation. They moved forward with approval of an increase of \$1,000 to his salary.

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

The Board moved forward with approval of the alcohol permit for the Ringgold County Development Corporation.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

The Board moved forward with approval of the Attorney 90-day employment agreement with Michael Wells. Wells will begin with the county on November 1, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-138

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve increasing IT Director Zac Hague's salary by \$1,000 for an annual total of \$76,000, with the completion of his six-month probationary period.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 28, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-139

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

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 28, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-140

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the alcohol permit for the Ringgold County Development Corporation.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 28, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-141

WHEREAS the elected Ringgold County Attorney, Clinton L. Spurrier, has resigned, effective the end of the business day on October 4, 2024, and he is no longer serving as and performing the duties of the county attorney for Ringgold County; and

WHEREAS this resignation created a vacancy in the office of the Ringgold County Attorney, pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.2(1)(d); and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors to fill this vacancy, pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.8(3); and

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors elected to proceed by filling the vacancy pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.14A(1)(a), and thereby published notice in the manner prescribed by Iowa Code § 331.305 stating that the Board intended to fill the vacancy by appointment but that the electors of the county have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election; and

WHEREAS in response to said publication, no eligible candidate residing in the county came forward for appointment; and

WHEREAS it is necessary that the duties of the office of Ringgold County Attorney be performed until such time as an eligible candidate residing in the county comes forward for appointment; and

WHEREAS in the event no eligible candidate residing in the county comes forward for appointment, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors is entitled to employ a person to perform the duties of the office of Ringgold County Attorney for a period of ninety (90) days pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.14A(3); and

WHEREAS Michael Wells is willing and has agreed to accept employment by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors to perform the duties of the office of the Ringgold County Attorney for a period of ninety (90) days.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating the following:

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. Michael Wells is hereby employed to perform the duties of the office of the Ringgold County Attorney for a period of ninety (90) days; and
2. Michael Wells shall be paid compensation in the amount of two-thousand one-hundred fourteen dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$2,114.77) per biweekly pay period, with said compensation to be subject to appropriate deductions for F.I.C.A, Medicare, income tax withholding, and I.P.E.R.S. contribution; and
3. The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors shall provide such office space, equipment, materials and secretarial assistance as will be necessary for said person to perform the duties of the office of the Ringgold County Attorney; and
4. This employment shall commence on the 1st day of November 2024.
5. The chairperson is hereby authorized to execute any written employment agreement to effectuate this resolution.

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve a 90-day employment agreement with Attorney Michael Wells.

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

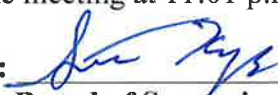
The vote on the resolution: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 28, 2024.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor