

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

November 18, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, November 18, 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 Taylor, second by Holmes to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Minor Spot rock was hauled to the Northwest and Southeast Maintainer districts.

The tractor and mower was out working in the Southeastern portion of the County.

The department collaborated with the IDOT in repairing two locations along J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal where the pavement was severely deteriorated.

The crew worked to repair/reconstruct the salt/sand storage shed.

Plows and sanders were installed on trucks. Trucks started to run through the shop, checking them over in preparation for winter operations.

The crew worked to add additional granular shoulder material in areas of pavement drop off along portions of P33, J23, and J55.

The sign truck was out working to repair/replace deteriorated, damaged, and downed signs.

The IDOT has waived the audit for the Grant 13 project and instructed the department to proceed with preparing the final closeout packet.

The IDOT has completed the audit of the Benton 11 project and noted a few corrective items. The department will work to resolve the identified items.

The Benton 12 project is substantially complete. Pending the pavement smoothness report the contractor will get the pavement markings painted. Once the pavement markings have been placed the roadway will be open to traffic. Weather permitting the site will temporarily be seeded until the permanent seeding can be completed in the spring.

Last week the crew worked to clean up the Liberty 25 site and haul off construction materials, guardrail posts were installed, started to strip the overhang jacks, grouted concrete imperfections and snap tie holes. This week, weather permitting, it is planned to finish stripping overhang jacks, clean-up the site and haul off the remainder of the construction materials and start building the roadway embankment up to the bridge.

The Contactor has completed a portion of the punch list items for the Diagonal sidewalk project and plans to complete all items within the near future while they are still working in the area.

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review various items. Attorney Andrew Zimmerman with Iowa State Savings Bank completed the paperwork to finalize the Padgitt

Living Trust. The Board moved forward with approval of the Receipt & Waiver for the trust. The Board also moved forward with approval to create an agency fund for the Padgitt Living Trust. A committee will be established to ensure the alignment of distribution of funds as set forth in the trust guidelines.

The Board re-canvassed the results, specifically for the Soil & Water Conservation District Commission. Per Iowa Code 161A.5(3)(e), no more than two residents of the same township shall serve as a Commissioner. Because Susie Winemiller resides in Poe Township as well as both Rod Bastow and George Hunt (who were awarded two of the three seats with the most votes), Winemiller is not eligible for the third seat. Therefore, that seat will go to the next highest vote getter, not residing within Poe Township. The official results provide for Tammy Rychnovsky winning the third seat with six write-in votes. The Board canvassed the results as such.

The Board did not act on the county credit card program. More research will be done and further discussion will occur at a later meeting.

The Board discussed a request from Attorney Mike Wells to provide a \$40/month cell phone stipend to Secretary Allison Dredge. After much discussion surrounding necessity and cost, the Board took no action.

The Conservation Director Travis Scott met with the Board to provide department updates. Scott reviewed with the Board the estimated cost of the new campground at Liberty Lake. He stated it is roughly \$700,000 which includes 15 spaces with concrete pads, gravel to each site and include full hook-up. Scott said he is working on developing a proposed budget for FY26. The main topic is part-time help and comparing cost differences to full time. Scott said they now have the tree puller for the skid loader, and it works great. All spraying is complete, just in time for the change in weather. The fence is built for the new parking lot at the west end of the nature trail. Dirt will be hauled and compacted now; it will sit over the winter then gravel will be hauled in the Spring. Set up for the Christmas lighted park event is underway, Scott said. Scott has attended career fairs and continues with his education programs.

RESOLUTION RC24-145

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Receipt & Waiver for the Padgitt Living Trust.

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 November 18, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-146

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve creating an agency fund for the Padgitt Living Trust.

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 November 18, 2024.

RESOLUTION RC24-147

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the re-canvass of the results for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

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 November 18, 2024.

A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes from November 13 and today. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor