

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

January 13, 2025

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, January 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present Randy Taylor, Colby Holmes and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Knapp, second by Holmes to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The tractors and mowers were out working in the Northwest, North Central, and Southeast Maintainer districts.

The skid loader brush cutter was out working in the south central and southwest maintainer districts.

Chainsaws were out working to cut brush in isolated areas around signs, culverts and bridge ends.

The sign truck was out working to repair damaged or deteriorated sign installations.

Plow trucks were dispatched Friday morning to portions of the County after light snow moved through the southwestern portion of the County Thursday overnight.

Accumulated scrap metal in the yard was loaded and hauled off for salvage.

Shoulder rock is being stockpiled in the northwestern portion of the county for use along P27 and J23 this year.

The Tingley 27 project will be constructed coming out of winter.

The department is working to complete a bat habitat assessment for the Union 13 project area.

The IDOT performed another walk around after punch list item were completed for the Diagonal sidewalk project. In the report received, additional corrective actions were identified.

The Board discussed the engagement letter from UMB Bank for possible bonding for the WRD Landfill. The WRD Landfill is in the process of obtaining financing to construct two new cells. This will enable them to keep the landfill operating; an important service provided to the area. To do this, the landfill must bond for funds to construct the new cells. Ringgold County is currently the fiscal agent for the landfill and will be the entity securing the bond for the landfill, primarily because as a county we can secure a better rate and terms. The landfill will make the payment on the bond, it will just flow through Ringgold County. To move forward, each member of the 28E Agreement must sign off on this plan. It is important to note that this agreement does not provide for an increase in tax on the Ringgold County budget. This is merely set up to be a pass-through for the landfill to secure funding at a better rate. The landfill has budgeted funds to make the annual payment.

The Board reviewed a letter of support for the City of Mount Ayr IDALS grant and CAT grant applications. The Board heard a presentation from City Manager Brent Wise about the downtown streetscape and water quality project. The Board understands the value this project will bring to the community and access to the courthouse itself. The Board agreed to support an amount up to \$2500 for an informative sign (required through the grant process), provided the grant is funded. The Board moved forward with approval of the letter.

The Board reviewed a proposed contract with the City of Mount Ayr for law enforcement. The agreement provides for an amount of \$250,000 beginning in FY2026 with an increase of 6% annually through FY2029. The Board moved forward with approval. The agreement will now go to the City Council for their review and consideration.

RESOLUTION RC25-20

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the underwriting engagement letter for possible bond for the WRD Landfill.
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such.
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 13, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-21

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the letter of support for the City of Mount Ayr IDALS Grant and CAT Grant applications.
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes stating such.
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 13, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-22

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the proposed contract with the City of Mount Ayr for law enforcement.
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp stating such.
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved January 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Holmes, second by Knapp to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor