

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 24, 2025

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 24, 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 Board opened fuel bids received. RK Fuels \$170,127; Agriland \$169,677. Due to the small difference of \$450, the Board elected to accept the bid from local vendor RK Fuels.

Johnson was contacted with a fugitive dust complaint on 240th street. Johnson spoke with the IDNR about the complaint and was told that due to the traffic creating the dust being commercial and not ordinary the public highway authority is responsible for control. They further stated that failure to comply could result in fines. Johnson advised to treat the roadway with calcium chloride to help control the dust and stay in compliance. New Coop has agreed to pay for the cost.

The excavator and skid loader brush cutters were out working in the Northwest maintainer district.

Spot rock was hauled to the Northwest and Southeast maintainer districts.

Bridge planks were spot replaced on Ringgold County bridge Liberty 1.

The total patcher was out working on P27 south of HWY 2.

The crew started to tear out and replace a severely deteriorated concrete sidewalk at the engineer's office.

Work order updates:

W.O. 1319: Clear trees/brush and re-shape ditch area for approximately 0.25 miles. Located along 265th Ave between 280th and 290th Streets. (Complete)

W.O. 1321: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Culvert outlet was armored with broken concrete revetment. Located along 265th Ave between 280th and 290th Streets. (Complete)

W.O. 1322: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Culvert outlet was armored with broken concrete revetment. Located along 265th Ave between 280th and 290th Streets. (Complete)

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

At 10:00 a.m. the Board recessed their regular meeting to attend the public hearing for the proposed FY26 property tax levies.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board returned to regular session and met with Auditor Amanda Waske. Waske presented the Board with a resolution to employ a person to perform the duties of Ringgold County Attorney. The current appointed County Attorney, Mike Wells, was the only applicant to express interest in the position. The Board moved forward with another 90-day appointment to the role and agreed to compensate Wells from January 30, 2025, the expiration of the first 90-day period through March 23, 2025. The new 90-day period will begin on Monday, March 24, 2025.

Auditor Waske went on to review the FY26 budget with the Board. The Board set the date for the public hearing on the proposed budget for Monday, April 7th at 10am in the Ringgold County Courthouse Assembly Room. The Board moved forward with approval to publish the proposed budget.

Auditor Waske presented the Board with a resolution authorizing the use of a Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the sale of General Obligation Landfill Bonds, Series 2025. The Board moved forward with approval.

Chase Watkins with OCV, LLC met with the Board remotely to present a mobile app for the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Rob Haley and Chief Deputy Nathan Nickle were present as well. The proposed app will allow for public notifications, the ability to submit a tip, view jail information, opioid information, and provides for the ability to submit payment for various inmate items, among other matters. The Board will take this matter under advisement.

Sheriff Rob Haley and Chief Deputy Nathan Nickle met with the Board to present a job description for a new position within the department. The position would be in conjunction with a current Dispatcher/Jailer and provide for added duties, some of which include scheduling, jail administrative paperwork, coordinate training and various other tasks. Sheriff Haley plans to advertise and promote an employee from within the department. With this new role, Sheriff Haley is requesting an hourly rate increase of one dollar. The Board moved forward with approval.

The Board recessed at 12:20 p.m. for lunch.

At 1pm the Board met with Conservation Director Travis Scott at the Dagoon Trace Nature Center to take part in a department tour.

RESOLUTION RC25-47

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the fuel bid received from RK Fuels.

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 March 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-48

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the

Treasurer's February month end report as presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon.

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 March 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-49

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 provided services from January 30, 2025, through the start of the second 90-day hiring period, and he shall be compensated for his services during that time, since he was not appointed in time to start the new 90-day period at the end of the previous one.

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 Holmes and seconded by Knapp 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 24th day of March 2025.
5. The chairperson is hereby authorized to execute any written employment agreement to effectuate this resolution.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-50

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve publishing the proposed FY26 county budget with a hearing date of Monday, April 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the assembly room of the Ringgold County Courthouse.

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 March 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-51

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Ringgold County, Iowa (the “County”), heretofore proposed to enter into a General Obligation Landfill Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,200,000, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402, 331.441(2)(b)(4) and 331.443 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of acquiring equipment and constructing improvements for the disposal of solid waste, including Wayne-Ringgold-Decatur County Solid Waste Management Commission Landfill improvements, and pursuant to law and duly published notice of the proposed action, has held a hearing thereon on March 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Official Statement (the “P.O.S.”) has been prepared by the County, UMB Bank, n.a. (the “Underwriter”), and Dorsey & Whitney LLP (the “Disclosure Counsel”), as bond and disclosure counsel to the County, to facilitate the sale of General Obligation Landfill Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”) in evidence of the obligation of the County under the Loan Agreement, and it is now necessary to make provision for the approval of the P.O.S. and to authorize its use by the Underwriter; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to take such action as shall be deemed necessary and appropriate with the assistance of the Underwriter and Disclosure Counsel to prepare the P.O.S. describing the Bonds and providing for the terms and conditions of their sale, and all action heretofore taken in this regard is hereby ratified and approved.

Section 2. The use by the Underwriter of the P.O.S. in substantially the form as has been presented to and considered by the Board is hereby approved, and the Underwriter is hereby authorized to prepare and use a final Official Statement for the Bonds substantially in the form of the P.O.S. but with such changes therein as are required to conform the same to the terms of the Bonds and the resolution, when adopted, providing for the sale and issuance of the Bonds, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a final Official Statement for the Bonds, if requested. The P.O.S. as of its date is deemed final by the County within the meaning of Rule 15(c)(2)-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 3. Further action with respect to the Loan Agreement and the Bonds is hereby adjourned to the meeting of the Board scheduled for April 14, 2025.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

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 March 24, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-52

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Dispatcher/Jailer Supervisor job description that comes with an additional \$1 per hour on top of current base pay.

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

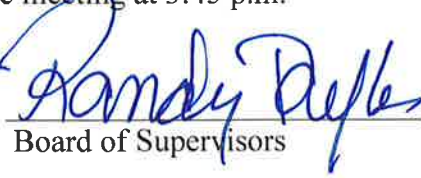
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 24, 2025.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor