

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

April 7, 2025

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, April 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 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

The Board visited with Nate Summers with UMB Bank, via phone, about financial assurance options between the county and the landfill with regard to bond financing for the cell construction project. Summers explained one option would be to create a sinking fund and make monthly payments equal to the annual bond payment. This will ensure the county has funds needed to make the payment. Another option would be to create a springing reserve fund that will act as a fall back to provide for availability of funds should a shortfall occur in any given year. This projected amount would be equal to the annual payment plus an additional 10% of the payment, for example. The Board would like to move forward with the first option, a sinking fund that will comprise monthly payments made by WRD Landfill, providing for the balance to be sufficient when the annual payment is due.

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Spot rock was hauled to the northwest and north central districts. The crew worked repairing the bridge rail on Athens 12. The sign truck was out working to repair/replace downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs. The crew worked to replace deteriorated street signs.

Work order updates:

W.O. 1331: Replace fire damaged culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Located on 300th Ave between Hwy 2 and 240th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1327: Clear trees/brush and re-shape ditch area for approximately .75 miles. Located along 130th Street between 170th and 190th Ave. (complete)

Last week at Tingley 27 site, the bridge was officially closed to traffic for construction. The crew set up the traffic control devices for the closure, cleared and grubbed the site, removed the existing bridge, worked to excavate the hole for culvert construction. Due to excessive precipitation, it was necessary to excavate a diversion channel. This week it is planned to finish excavating the hole for culvert construction, haul and place base granular material in the bottom of the excavation, and work to assemble the precast box sections.

Johnson went on to review the proposed County Five-Year Program. This document will be available at the engineer's office or on the county website.

At 10:00 a.m. a motion by Holmes to open the public hearing for the proposed FY26 budget. Second by Knapp. Motion carried. Those present: Sheriff Rob Haley and Jennifer Kellner with the Mount Ayr Record News. The Board reviewed the proposed budget and answered questions presented by Kellner, relating to reasoning for the average annual change. Auditor Waske stated those changes are comprised of several small adjustments made across various departments. Waske said she would compile that list and provide it to Kellner. Kellner questioned the pay raise included in the budget. The Board stated it

will be 3% across the board, with the Supervisors taking a 0% increase. Written objections to the proposed budget were received from Kevin Kilgore. At 10:32 a.m. a motion was by Knapp to close the public hearing. Second by Holmes. Motion carried.

The Board moved forward with approval of FY26 budget resolutions required to complete the process.

The Board reviewed the FY26 appropriations and moved forward with approval to appropriate 100% of the proposed budget with the budgeted expenditures of \$11,539,015.

The Board moved forward with approval of the secondary roads County Five-Year Program presented by Engineer Jared Johnson.

Bonnie Randles met with the Board to request an exception to waive the \$70 penalty assessed to her property taxes due to paying a day late. The Supervisors explained there is an option to pay online, by midnight March 31st, or through the post office so long as it is post marked by March 31st. The Board went on to state they hate to make an exception for one person as that will then set a precedence. With that, the Board did not approve the request. Randles understood and thanked them for listening.

RESOLUTION RC25-57

WHEREAS Senate File 2442 Division V has been enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa which dissolves the County Compensation Board.
AND WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors did not reinstate the County Compensation Board effective July 1, 2024 (Resolution RC24-104), and
WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors set the following salary increase for each elected official for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Attorney	\$54,984	3%	\$56,634
Auditor	\$55,213	3%	\$56,870
Recorder	\$54,946	3%	\$56,595
Sheriff	\$89,134	3%	\$91,809
Supervisors	\$34,458	0%	\$34,458
Treasurer	\$54,946	3%	\$56,595

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-58

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve a 3% increase for non-elected officials for FY26.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-59

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY26 transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads in the amount of \$920,000.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-60

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the FY26 funding for special organizations as listed below:

Organization	Approved
Educational Services	\$18,000.00
Historical Society	\$ 5,000.00
MATURA	\$ 10,000.00
Ringgold County Fair	\$ 15,000.00
Ringgold County SWCD	\$ 25,325.00
SICOG	\$ 8,044.00
Southern Iowa Trolley	\$ 5,000.00
Western Iowa Tourism	\$ 500.00

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-61

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed FY26 budget with a total levy rate of 10.48527.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-62

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, April 7, 2025, for the purpose of a public hearing on the Ringgold County FY2026 Budget.

The public hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following people present:

Supervisors: Randy Taylor, Colby Holmes, Steve Knapp; Auditor: Amanda Waske, Sheriff Rob Haley and Jennifer Kellner with the Mount Ayr Record News.

It was found that the time and place of the public hearing had been published in the County's official newspaper at least ten and not more than twenty days prior to the date of the hearing as required by law.

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the FY26 budget as published.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-63

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the FY26 appropriations.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-64

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the secondary roads County Five-Year Program

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved April 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Knapp to approve 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