

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes October 13, 2025

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, October 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.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Knapp, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: Taylor, Holmes, Knapp

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Engineer's Report – Jared Johnson

The tractors and mowers were out working in the southeastern and southwestern portions of the county.

Spot Rock was hauled to the south central, north central, and northwest maintainer districts.

The crew worked to cut brush at bridges in the southeastern portion of the county.

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

A railroad tank car arrived on site for replacement of Ringgold County bridge Union 3.

Work order updates:

W.O. 1401: Replace deteriorated 24" concrete culvert with new 24" ADS culvert.
Located along 310th Street between US HWY 169 and 160th Ave. (Complete)

W.O. 1401: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert.
Located along 160th Ave between 305th and 310th Street. (Complete)

W.O. 1392: Repair large diameter culvert that is undermined. Work on channel alignment at inlet and place revetment at inlet and outlet. Pump grout to repair void under the culvert. Located on the dead-end portion of 110th Street west of 130th Ave. The excavation work for the project is complete, and the culvert is ready for grout.
(In Progress)

Washington 10 project update: Last week the crew stripped forms for the upstream end barrel section and headwall, removed all slab supports, cleaned up the site, hauled construction materials off site, and hauled equipment to the site for backfilling operations. This week it is planned to grout snap tie holes and concrete defects, backfill the structure, place revetment, and work on site shaping.

Diagonal sidewalk project update: The department will work on the corrective actions noted during the audit. The department is waiting for final audit corrections from the contractor to proceed with final close-out.

Legislative Update

Senator Tom Shipley and Representative Devon Wood met with the Board, at their request, to visit about the upcoming legislative session. The group began with a review of HF718 and property tax reform. Both Shipley and Wood stated this will be the primary topic of discussion this upcoming legislative session. They understand there is work to be done and adjustments to be made, especially to the required mailer. Senator Shipley believes the mailer should no longer be required and if so, he believes the state should cover the cost. Representative Wood stated there are talks to either remove the requirement completely, or improve the information provided to more adequately educate the public.

Public Health and Mental Health services were discussed. Senator Shipley stated finding people to provide the services is the biggest issue. The state has rolled out several financial assistance programs to encourage students to go into these fields but still struggle to get applicants, Representative Wood explained.

Senator Shipley excused himself at 10:30 a.m. to attend another meeting.

Representative Wood discussed Public Health regionalization and that plan now that current HHS Director Kelly Garcia is leaving. Wood would like to see the state talk to the counties who are already sharing services, such as Ringgold/Taylor/Adams. There are already several counties across the state who have merged, and it is working great for them. The Supervisors explained the importance of keeping these services local to better serve the residents in rural areas.

The group, along with Assessor Melinda England, discussed credits and exemptions and the impact they have on the budget.

Sheriff Update

Sheriff Rob Haley met with the Board to discuss a succession plan for department personnel upon receipt of resignation. The Board supports the idea of cross training to allow for a better transition but is hesitant to do so in the event the employee resigning potentially changes their mind. The Board will research and discuss it at a later meeting.

Claims

The Board reviewed claims to be paid Wednesday, October 15 and moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC25-136

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the claims to be paid Wednesday, October 15.

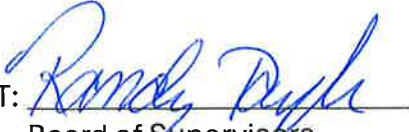
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Steve Knapp and seconded by Colby Holmes stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 13, 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 12:21 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor

