

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

December 15, 2025

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, December 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor and Steve Knapp.

Approval of Agenda

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

AYES: Taylor, Knapp, Holmes

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Engineer's Report – Jared Johnson

Plow trucks were dispatched Saturday afternoon to the northeastern portion of the county to remove accumulated snow.

Wing plows were installed on the maintainers.

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

In conjunction with EMA, the crew worked to install newly requested 911 address signs.

In conjunction with EMA, the crew worked to replace deteriorated street signs.

The grinder was installed on the excavator and began working in the southeastern portion of the county.

The crew was out with chainsaws working to cut trees and brush around bridge ends.

The skid loader brush grinder was readied and began cutting trees and brush in the south-central, north central and northeastern portions of the county.

Plow trucks were repaired as required, and readied in preparation for potential snowfall over the weekend.

The final forms for the Diagonal sidewalk project have been approved by the IDOT. The final voucher has been signed by the contractor and project engineer. The Board moved forward with their approval of the forms.

The Board approved the Grand River Mutual utility permit presented by Johnson.

Shain with Globe Life, Family Heritage Division, met with the Board to review their supplemental benefits program. The program does not go through payroll, rather the

company works directly with individual employees to sign up. The Board provided authority for him to coordinate with department heads to set up meetings with employees.

10:30 a.m. agenda item with Treasurer Debra Cannon is tabled until next week.

Adam Kaster and Molly Kayser of Ringgold County Hospital, Becky Fletchall and Crystal Drake of Public Health, and Chief Deputy Nathan Nickle met with the Board to discuss the potential development of a Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Program.

Kaster explained that the hospital is currently facing challenges related to non-reimbursable services provided through the emergency room. He noted that many ambulance transports, emergency room visits, and law enforcement calls do not meet reimbursement coding requirements, resulting in uncompensated care. These costs ultimately impact the hospital's budget, which is supported by local tax dollars. The proposed MIH Program aims to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and ambulance calls, improve care coordination, and keep healthcare dollars within the community.

Kaster stated that the purpose of the meeting was to gather initial feedback from the County prior to advancing the concept. The group intends to apply for a grant to assist with startup costs, as the hospital would not be able to sustain the program independently on a long-term basis. When asked whether the cost of the program would be less than current hospital expenses, Kaster indicated that he does not expect immediate cost savings due to startup costs; however, he believes the program would result in long-term savings across multiple county departments, including Public Health and the Sheriff's Office.

Supervisor Holmes inquired whether there would be overlap between MIH patients and Public Health services. Fletchall and Drake confirmed there would be some overlap and noted that improved communication between the hospital and Public Health would allow Public Health staff to assist with patient follow-up and care coordination.

Chair Taylor asked whether Kaster had formally discussed the program with the Hospital Board. Kaster responded that he had not yet done so, noting the proposal is still in the early planning stages. He stated that his intent was to first seek input from the County, including Public Health and the Sheriff's Office, before conducting further research and developing a formal proposal.

The Board stated they would review further and be in touch with the group.

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review the November month end report for her department. The Board moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC25-157

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the final pay voucher for project TAP-R-C080(86)—8T-80.

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 December 15, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-158

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Grand River Mutual utility permit.

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 December 15, 2025.

RESOLUTION RC25-159

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Auditor's November month end report as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

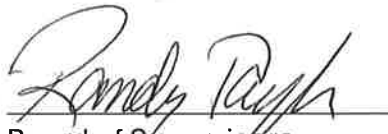
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Steve Knapp stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved December 15, 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 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor