

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

February 9, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2026. 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 Taylor, second by Knapp to approve the agenda. AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The excavator and grinder were out working in the north central and northeast maintainer district. The crew was out with chainsaws working to cut trees and brush around bridge ends, culverts and signs.

The skid loader brush grinder was out working in the northwest and southeast maintainer districts. The crew worked to service the grinder head by replacing the cutting teeth.

The crew finished building storage boxes for bridge construction materials utilizing scrap steel in the yard.

The sign truck was out working to replace/repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs. The crew worked to build a rack in the yard to better facilitate sign post storage.

Crane operators practiced the practical portion of the exam for this week's crane operator certification class.

A tractor and mower were working to manage roadside brush in the northeast maintainer district.

Street signs were delivered. The crew worked to inventory the delivery and put them away.

Work order update:

W.O. 1428: Clear brush and reshape ditch area for approximately 1.6 miles. Located along 280th Ave, 270th Street, and 285th Ave. (Complete)

The department contacted Bear Creek for an update on the status of the Phase II report for the Jefferson 26 project. Concept Statement for the project has been reviewed and cleared.

The department has received the cultural resources evaluation from Blane Nansel. Due to the proximity of identified archaeological sites a Phase I archaeological

survey is recommended for the project site. Proposals for a Phase I Archaeological Survey have been received. Bear Creek Archaeology was the low proposal and contracted for the work. The department has received the phase I archaeology report. The phase I report does not recommend any further exploration east of the bridge, however, west of the bridge where the former town of Knowlton was located the phase I field exploration yielded artifacts throughout. It is recommended this area be avoided or further exploration be conducted. The IDOT advised first if this area can be avoided that is the best and simplest way to proceed. Otherwise, a Phase II survey will be required to determine if the site is National Register eligible. The Phase II field work was completed in September. The department still has not received the final report for the Phase II Survey. The department contacted Bear Creek about the status. Bear Creek responded saying they are currently working to finalize the report and expect it will be ready here in January still. The department contacted Bear Creek for an update on the status of the Phase II report. They responded saying the report is in editing and expected to be sent out next week.

The department continued to work on the design profile for the project to determine what the actual ROW need will be. To meet current design standards it appears additional ROW will be required. The department is going to finalize the profile and cross sections to determine what the actual ROW needs will be, and then proceed with a Phase II Archaeology Study. The department needs to collect additional survey to expand the project profile and better balance the excavation.

The department is working to locate and obtain all presently established easements within the proposed project limits. All existing easements are believed to have been found. With this the department is going to finalize the need lines. Once finalized the department will coordinate with the IDOT Location and Environment Bureau, and work to obtain proposals for a Phase II Archeology Study. This work cannot be completed until the ground is thawed.

The department conducted additional structure survey with respect to endangered species for NEPA clearance.

This project has been sent to US Fish & Wildlife for review. If no comments are received after 14 days from receipt, the review for threatened and endangered species will be complete. The review period for the project has lapsed with no comments from US Fish & Wildlife. The endanger species review is now complete. The project may proceed as long as the measures to minimize effect noted on the DOE form and verification letter from US Fish & Wildlife are followed.

The concept statement and required documentation for the project has been submitted for the Union 13 project. The department has received the cultural

resources evaluation from Blane Nansel. The report does not recommend any further exploration. Bear Creek Archaeology was the low-cost proposal to complete the historic bridge assessment. The historic bridge assessment has been completed and the bridge has been determined not to be historical.

The department has received NEPA clearance for the project.

The department is working to finalize the site hydraulics and prepare the preliminary plan set. The department is analyzing a box culvert and bridge option. The department continued to work on finalizing the hydraulics for the site.

The department went and located section corners near the project area. These will be used to describe easement plats. Based on the section corners found the J20 alignment does not follow the section line through the project area.

The program revision has been completed for the Middle Fork 7 project to add it to the accomplishment year. The situation plan has been completed. The department has completed the hydraulic analysis for the site. It was determined a twin 10x8 RCBC will satisfy the design criteria for the site. A bridge option was not considered due to the size that would be required and associated cost. The department is recommending a precast culvert for this location in order to reduce construction time and minimize weather delays related to spring construction.

The department has begun working to prepare the check plans for the P33 resurfacing project. Last week the department received a phone call from Representative Nunn, indicating that our Community Project Fund application has passed through appropriations and is working towards being funded. With this added funding the project will be expanded to include shoulder paving with rumble strips. Also, now that federal funding is involved NEPA and SHPO clearance will be required for the project. The department recommends starting that now in order to efficiently develop the project.

The planned improvements for P27 are along the corridor beginning at the P27/HWY 169 intersection north along P27 to the P27/HWY 2 intersection. It is also planned with this project to resurface J43 from P27 to the city of Maloy.

After discussion with the board of supervisors it has been decided this project will only focus on resurfacing. This decision was made after considering funding available and how much cost the culvert extensions were going to add to the project. The resurfacing project is planned to include 2' of paved shoulder, which will incorporate edge rumble strips. It was also discussed that culvert locations #3 and #4 still should be considered for a future stand-alone project.

The department submitted a revised concept statement showing the project would not now require ROW acquisition, ground disturbance, 404 permit, or NPDES permit. This project was currently still under NEPA review. It is expected that with the removal of those items from the concept statement NEPA review will be expedited. The revised concept statement still has not been reviewed by the IDOT.

Middle Fork 10 is a bridge replacement project utilizing local funding. The site survey has been completed for the project. The Department has completed the hydraulic analysis for the site. In order to satisfy hydraulic requirements a minimum bridge size of 130' is required. Due to proximity of the intersection to the west grade change is not desirable. To satisfy hydraulic requirements and grade constraints the department proposes a 130'-0 x 26' continuous concrete slab bridge, 15 deg. skew, Rt. ahead, for the site.

The department has reached out to the IDOT about the procedure for installing destination at a primary and secondary road intersections. The department was provided with criteria that must be met in order for destination lighting to be approved by the IDOT District Engineer. Based on the criteria the department believes it is going to be difficult to get the IDOT District Engineer to approve destination lighting at primary and secondary road intersections. The Iowa Administrative Code indicates that the County would be responsible for installation, maintenance, and operational costs at these locations.

Many of the intersections under consideration for destination lighting are served by Alliant Energy. The department requested estimated lighting costs. If Alliant's pole is used there is a pole usage fee of \$3.59/month, and if a new pole is required the cost is \$1260 for a pole. Light costs are as follows: 72W LED (\$7.85), 108W LED (\$9.21), and 160W LED (\$17.17). The department is exploring options to include this work with the P33 and P27 projects.

The site survey has been completed for the Poe 17 bridge replacement project. The Department is working to complete the hydraulic analysis for the site.

The Board met with Weed Commissioner Tim Sultzner for FY27 budget workshop and a program review. Sultzner is working with Engineer Jared Johnson to create a roadside vegetation management program. This programming will also open up the county to be eligible for grants down the road.

Sheriff Rob Haley and Civil Clerk Liz Stewart met with the board to present the Sheriff's Office quarterly reports for FY26 Q1 and Q2.

The Board tabled the discussion with Auditor Amanda Waske regarding the approval of the County Policy Binder.

The Board reappointed Dennis Dugan to serve as Commissioner of the Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority for a term of three years.

The Board did not have any need to resume budget workshop in the afternoon and adjourned.

RESOLUTION RC26-27

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Sheriff's Q1 and Q2 quarterly reports as presented by Sheriff Rob Haley and Civil Clerk Liz Stewart.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved February 9, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-28

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby reappoint Dennis Dugan to serve as Commissioner of the Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority for a term of three years

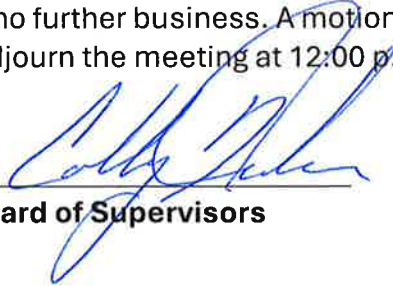
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved February 9, 2026.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Deputy Auditor