

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

February 17, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, February 17, 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 Knapp, second by Taylor 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 districts.

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, south central, and southeast maintainer districts.

The crew worked to build falsework joist panels for future use with an upcoming project.

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

The crew worked to replace damaged/deteriorated street signs. This work included some base repair.

The crane operator class was held last week. The department enrolled three employees in the class. Last week all passed the practical test, and two passed the written with one remaining to take the load chart test Monday morning.

A tractor and mower was working to manage roadside brush in the northeast and northwest maintainer districts.

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

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

Final payment on the Benton 12 project has been issued. The project is now considered fully closed out. The department will file the project away.

The review period for the Jefferson 26 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 department has finished drafting final plans for the Middle Fork 7 project. The project plans will be ready for Board approval once the Engineer completes the final review and corrections are made. It is anticipated the project will be ready for local letting within the next few weeks.

The revised concept statement has been cleared and sent to the Department of Location and Environment for the P27 project.

The department has made all the corrections noted during IDOT review of the final forms for the Diagonal sidewalk project. The project has been sent to finance for issuance of final reimbursement. Once received the department will consider this project officially closed out.

The department is exploring options to include destination lighting work with the P33 and P27 projects. A request and application for destination lighting was submitted to and approved by the IDOT Safety Bureau and District 4 for the intersection of P33 and State HWY 2.

Last week the department received a phone call from Representative Nunn. He indicated that our Community Project Fund application has passed through appropriations and is working towards being funded. Follow-up correspondence expressed the desire to hold a public announcement of the award. We are working to coordinate with Representative Nunn's office on a date for the announcement. With this added funding the project will be expanded to include shoulder paving with rumble strips on P33. 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 department set this project up as federal-aid in TPMS and adjusted the development schedule accordingly. The department began working on the concept statement submittal.

Middle Fork 10 is a bridge replacement project utilizing local funding planned for FY26. 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 is working on the final design and plan set.

Poe 17 is a bridge replacement project utilizing local funding planned for FY26. The site survey has been completed for the project. The Department is working to complete the hydraulic analysis for the site.

Johnson presented the Board with a Windstream Utility Permit for that portion that resides within county right of way on P68. The Board moved forward with approval.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY27 Property Tax Levy Notice and moved forward with approval. They set the public hearing date for Monday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

The Board tabled the approval of claims.

RESOLUTION RC26-30

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Windstream utility permit for that portion that resides within county right of way on P68 as presented by Engineer Jared Johnson.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-31

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the proposed FY27 Property Tax Levy Notice and set the public hearing date for Monday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

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

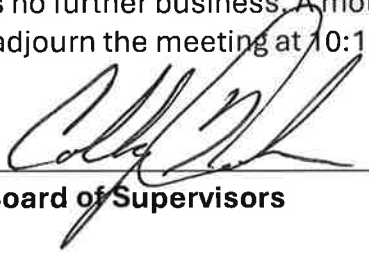
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 17, 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 10:10 a.m.

ATTEST:


Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Deputy Auditor