

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

March 9, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Taylor, second by Knapp to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

John Allen met with the Board of Supervisors to discuss dust control material he purchases through a vendor for application on the roadway in front of his residence. Under the current policy, maintainer operators may begin blading roads treated with dust control beginning October 1 each year. Allen requested the Board consider moving the allowable end blading date to November 1. He noted that farm equipment has increased in size and, depending on weather conditions, harvest activities often extend well into November. Extending the blading restriction would allow the dust control material to remain in place longer during the fall season. The Board will discuss with the engineer and report back.

Kurt Shaha met with the Board to talk about a bridge that is out near property he owns in Lotts Creek Township. Johnson explained the bridge in question is scheduled for replacement in the FY27 budget year.

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The excavator and grinder was out working in the northwest maintainer district.

Maintainers have been out working with the favorable conditions.

Spot rock was hauled to the northwest, northeast and southeast maintainer districts.

The crew worked to fabricate bridge guardrail posts for an upcoming project.

The crew worked to replace deteriorated street signs along the southern tier of townships. Post bases were fabricated and installed.

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

Loads of piling were received at the yard. Piling was unloaded and sorted.

Precast box culvert sections were hauled to and unloaded at Middle Fork 7.

Word order updates:

W.O. 1433: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Located along 170th Street between HWY 169 and 240th Ave. (Complete)

W.O. 1435: Replace deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with new 36" ADS culvert. Located along 240th Ave between 170th and 180th Streets. (Complete)

W.O. 1432: Clear brush and reshape ditch area for approximately 0.5 mile. Located along 208th between P68 and 325th Ave. (In Progress)

The department developed and submitted an application for the Community Project Funding grant, named the Ringgold County Rural Roadway Resiliency Initiative. The proposed project included P68 from Kellerton to J20, J45 from Kellerton to the Decatur County Line, P68 & J45 Farm-to-Market extensions through Kellerton, and 163rd Street from P68 to Beaconsfield. Community support for the project was illustrated through letters from a diverse group of people and entities with varying interests.

Detail drawings have been completed for the Middle Fork 10 project. The department is now working on project quantities.

Once the design documents are final for the Middle Form 10 project, Johnson said they plan to finalize the plans for the Poe 17 project.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board held the local letting for the L-MIDDLEFORK7(1)--73-80 project. No bids were received and therefore in accordance with the Iowa Code, the Supervisors moved forward with utilizing local forces to complete the project. Johnson calculated the project will cost no more than \$327,700. The Board moved forward with approval.

Lotts Creek Township Trustees Dan Coulson and Terry Bishop met with the Board to discuss graveling the remaining approximately 100 feet of easement leading to Caledonia Cemetery. The Board indicated it was their understanding the driveway had already been graveled. Coulson clarified that roughly 100 feet still remains unfinished. The Board stated that since the township holds an easement for the entire length from J55 to the cemetery, the gravel project may be completed.

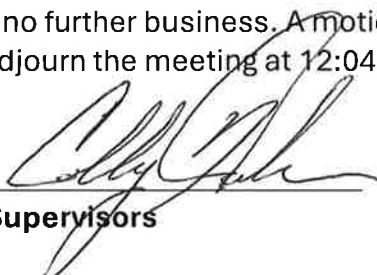
RESOLUTION RC26-41

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the bridge replacement project, L-MIDDLEFORK07(1)--73-80, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Ringgold County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a Twin 10x8x56'-0 RCBC; and
WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and
WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Ringgold County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board has advertised the project in accordance with section 331.341 of the Code of Iowa; and
WHEREAS, the Board received no responsive bids from responsible bidders for the project; and
WHEREAS, the Secondary Roads Department has the equipment, labor, resources, and experience necessary to construct the project as permitted by section 314.1 of the Code of Iowa, at a cost not in excess of the lowest bid received; and
WHEREAS, in the situation where no responsive bids from responsible bidders were received for the project, the lowest bid received shall be taken as the Engineer's estimate; and
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to construct the project with local effort at a cost not in excess of \$327,700;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if during construction the Engineer determines actual construction costs will exceed the Engineer's estimate the additional construction cost in excess of the Engineer's estimate shall be approved by the Board, by resolution, prior to incurring said costs; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law.
WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to move forward with local forces to complete the L-MIDDLEFORK7(1)--73-80 project.
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Knapp stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.
ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved March 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 12:04 pm.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor