

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

May 11, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, May 11, 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 Knapp, second by Taylor to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Spot rock was hauled to the north central district.

The tractor with shouldering disk has been out working to repair edge ruts and cut off shoulder edges.

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

The department was working to spray brush and vegetation around bridge ends and areas where trees and brush had been previously cut.

The maintainer out of Diagonal assisted the City of Diagonal in a roadway drainage maintenance project.

Work order update:

W.O. 1416: The crew finished piling trees and brush from a clearing project that was started last fall.

The department comments from the cultural resources review of the revised profile. They identified that the Jefferson 26 project nearly avoids the archaeological site, however, any impact is still an adverse impact. It was asked if the alignment could be shifted slightly to the south since this area is considered non-contributing.

The department received correspondence from the USACOE that a wetland delineation would be required for the Union 13 project based on observations from the site photos. The department had previously received quotes for this work and moved forward with Eocene. They are planning to be on site this week to complete the fieldwork.

Last week at the Middle Fork 10 project site, the crew removed the existing west abutment, installed the temporary stream crossing, excavated the west abutment slope, extended the temporary stream crossing culverts, graded the west abutment footing, laid out and drove west abutment piling to refusal, excavated for and laid out west pier piling, excavated for and laid out falsework piling for the west span, drove 5 of the 10 falsework piling for the west span, and cutoff the west abutment

piling to final cutoff elevation. The crew did drive one pile at the west pier, however, the piling hit refusal approximately 7-8' below final cutoff. To avoid having above ground welds the department ordered 50' piling. It is expected the piling will be here early this week.

This week it is planned to finish driving the falsework piling for the west span, drive the west pier piling, weld pile extension and west pier, drive falsework piling for the interior span, and remove east end span superstructure.

Johnson presented the group with an ITC utility permit. The Board moved forward with approval.

Johnson went on to present them with a Windstream utility permit. The Board moved forward with approval.

At 9:30 a.m. the local letting for Ringgold County project LFM-POE17(1)—7X-80 was held. With no bids submitted, the Board moved forward with approval for award of contract for project LFM-POE17(1)—7X-80 to local forces.

Sheriff Rob Haley and Civil Clerk Liz Stewart met with the Board to review the quarterly report for the department. The Board moved forward with approval.

Sheriff Haley went on to request a waiver to the probationary period of Sheriff Deputy Shannon Arends. The Board moved forward with approval to move his probationary period from July 30th to the pay period ending May 17th.

The Board moved forward with approval of Johns Manville to finalize courthouse roof repairs.

The Board reviewed and moved forward with approval of the claims to be paid Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-82

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the ITC utility permit.

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 May 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-83

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Windstream utility permit.

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 May 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-84

WHEREAS, in 2026 Ringgold County, in conjunction with the secondary roads department, developed an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM)

Plan; and

WHEREAS, IRVM incorporates the management of vegetation in road right of way properties to improve safety, wildlife habitat, and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the IRVM Plan was written following an assessment of current activities and input from Ringgold County Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors, the plan will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for approval; and

WHEREAS, once approved by IDOT, the County will begin implementing the Plan and be eligible for state grants and funding opportunities to assist with purchases such as seed and equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Ringgold County Board of Supervisors approves the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and authorizes the Ringgold County Secondary Roads Department to submit the plan to the Iowa Department of Transportation on behalf of Ringgold County.

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 May 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-85

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the bridge replacement project, LFM-POE17(1)--7X-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 90'-0 x 26' CCS Bridge; 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 \$385,575.95;

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.

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 May 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-86

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to consider Deputy Shannon Arends probationary period complete by May 17, 2026.

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 May 11, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-87

WHEREAS, Ringgold County previously contracted for roofing improvements to the Ringgold County Courthouse located in Mount Ayr, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, during review of the roofing system and warranty requirements, it was determined that corrective work is necessary to bring the roofing assembly into compliance with the approved Johns Manville Peak Advantage Guarantee Program requirements for issuance of a 20-Year No Dollar Limit warranty; and

WHEREAS, Johns Manville issued an Assembly Letter dated May 7, 2026, outlining the approved roof assembly and related installation requirements for the Ringgold County Courthouse project; and

WHEREAS, the contractor/vendor has acknowledged the installation issue and has agreed to complete the corrective work necessary to satisfy warranty and installation requirements at no additional cost to Ringgold County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors that the Board hereby approves moving forward with the corrective roofing work as necessary to comply with the Johns Manville approved roofing assembly and warranty requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said corrective work shall be completed at no additional cost to Ringgold County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board is authorized to execute any documents necessary to facilitate completion of the corrective work and warranty process.

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 May 11, 2026.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board of Supervisors

Amanda Waske
Ringgold County Auditor