

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes

June 15, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, June 15, 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

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Tractors and mowers were out working to mow vegetation along paved roadsides and Farm-to-Market gravels. They were out working in the northwestern and southeastern portions of the county.

The department was out working to spray and control noxious weeds.

The total patcher was out working to repair potholes.

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

Chip rock was hauled and stockpiled for an upcoming seal coat project.

The crew worked to cut down trees off roadways after high winds came through the county on Thursday.

An emergency repair was made to a culvert located on 325th ave south of 170th Street. This culvert washed out during flooding on Thursday and serves as the only access to a residence. The repair was completed by Thursday afternoon. This location is planned to be permanently repaired by installing a tank car culvert, that is scheduled to arrive June 24th.

Torrential downpours caused mud and debris to be washed out in roads at multiple locations. The crew worked to clear these locations.

The crew worked to clear accumulated drift and debris at the following structures: Benton 12, Middle Fork 7, Grant 13, and Washington 10.

The crew worked to rebuild type III barricades.

Work order update:

W.O. 1470: An emergency repair was made to a culvert located on 325th ave south of 170th Street. This culvert washed out during flooding on Thursday and serves as the only access to a residence. The repair was completed by

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W.O. 1467: An emergency repair was made to a culvert located on 290th Street between 190th Ave and US 169. Culvert replacement is planned at a later date.

W.O. 1472: An emergency repair was made to a culvert located on 170th Street between 300th and 310th Ave. Culvert replacement is planned at a later date.

Last week at the Middle Fork 10 project site, the crew battled persistent rain and flooding that slowed work progress, however, reinforcing arrived on site and was unloaded, interior span falsework piling was cutoff, reinforcing steel cages were tied for the east and west abutments, the east abutment was formed and poured. Heavy rain Thursday morning created another flooding event. The interior-span falsework piling caught a significant amount of debris and as a result approximately half of the falsework piling at the interior span were broken off. This week it is planned to remove the drift from the site, strip forms at the east abutment, check grade and make corrections as required at the west abutment, form the west abutment, pour the west abutment, strip forms at the west abutment, finish drilling bracket holes at the permanent piers and install brackets, and cutoff remainder of falsework piling at the end spans.

Adam Gottemoeller, Rodney Bastow, Jerry Parsons, and Kinsey Ciepluch-Larson met with the Board to discuss watershed structure maintenance projects through the Ringgold County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD). The group requested assistance from the Secondary Roads Department with hauling rip rap and rock for the projects, noting that doing so would provide significant cost savings. They also inquired about having the county purchase the rock and process the expense through county accounts, as the costs would ultimately be reimbursed through SWCD funds held by the county.

County Engineer Jared Johnson stated that the quarry would likely establish an account for SWCD and extend the same pricing received by the county, as SWCD is also a governmental entity. Supervisor Knapp noted that county crews will be occupied for much of the construction season due to recent weather events. Parsons indicated that hauling the material during the winter months, when the ground is frozen, would be ideal.

Johnson agreed that winter hauling would be the most practical option. The group noted that a SWCD representative would need to be present during hauling operations to ensure proper placement of materials. They also indicated that SWCD should reimburse Secondary Roads for fuel and labor costs, which would still result in substantial savings for the project. Johnson stated that he would coordinate with Gottemoeller on the project details and develop a plan moving forward. He further stated that the county would haul as much material as feasible as possible, with any remaining hauling responsibilities to be assumed by SWCD.

The Board reviewed the proposed ordinance on a data center moratorium and moved forward with approval of publishing the proposed ordinance and finalizing the hearings. The first hearing will be held on Monday, June 29 at 6pm in the assembly room. The second hearing will be held on Monday, July 6 and the third hearing will be held the following Monday, July 13. The Board may elect to waive the last two hearing dates.

The Board reviewed the revised safety manual and moved forward with approval.

Lois Ibbotson with First Main Street Insurance met with the Board to review the county's liability insurance policy with ICAP set to renew July 1st. They moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC26-97

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve publishing the proposed ordinance on a data center moratorium with the first public hearing to be held on Monday, June 29 at 6pm.

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 June 15, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-98

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the revised safety manual.

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 June 15, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-99

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the renewal of the ICAP policy (county liability insurance) .

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

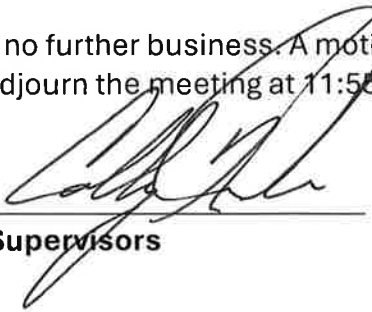
The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 15, 2026.

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

Knapp moved to approve the minutes. Taylor second. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Knapp and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor