

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes July 6, 2026

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, July 6, 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. A tractor and mower were out working to mow vegetation along paved roadsides and Farm-to-Market gravels in the southwestern portion of the county.

The crew was out working to spray primary noxious weeds along roadsides.

The total patcher was out working to repair potholes and will continue working to cover all hard surfaced roads.

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

Work order:

W.O. 1447: Replace deteriorated 48" CMP culvert with 48" ADS culvert.
Located along J55 between 120th and 135th Ave. (Complete)

W.O. 1473: Replace deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with 36" ADS culvert.
Located along J55 between 120th and 135th Ave. (Complete)

W.O. 1474: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with 24" ADS culvert.
Located along J55 between 110th and 120th Ave. (Complete)

J55 Chip Seal, from P14 to US HWY 169: The department has obtained a work permit in the ROW permit from the IDOT for the work at the J55 & US HWY 169 intersection.

Upon final review of the Union 13 project a Pre-Construction Notice (PCN) will be required for the project due to the "may effect – not likely to adversely effect" ESA classification. Due to the PCN requirement and more than 0.03 acres stream bed loss, mitigation will be required for stream bed. The department has begun getting quotes for credits from available mitigation banks in the service area.

Last week the crew finished decking the east abutment panel gap, cutoff falsework piling at the interior span, set caps at false bents of interior span, set stringers at interior span, camber interior span stringers and installed wedge blocks, set deck panels at interior span, formed east and west pier caps, decked interior span panel

gap, installed and braced curb forms, chamfered deck formwork, installed west abutment backwall forms.

This week it is planned to install falsework guardrail, apply release agent to deck formwork, install guardrail anchor assemblies, install east abutment backwall forms, tie reinforcing steel for the wings, form wings.

Dormark has been contacted to let them know we are nearing ready for them to tie deck steel.

Vic Reicks with Stronghouse Solutions reported that the crew is scheduled to begin work on the courthouse roof on July 13, with the project expected to take approximately three to four days to complete. He has coordinated with West Plumbing regarding the relocation of heating and cooling lines and will follow up with Matt to determine the anticipated duration of the air conditioning outage. He is also coordinating with the city regarding the necessary road closure during construction.

Reicks also provided an update on the Sheriff's Office roof. A more extensive inspection was completed last week, identifying a minor issue at the roof-to-wall transition. The contractor will be on site tomorrow to address the issue. If additional water intrusion occurs after the repair, it is expected to be at the expansion joints. Should that occur, discussions have already taken place with Sheriff Haley regarding potential corrective measures.

At 11:00 a.m. a motion was made by Knapp, second by Taylor to open the public hearing on the proposed ordinance for a moratorium on data centers. AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

The board was asked if once the study is done, will the ordinance provide the board the authority to simply say no to the request of a new data center. Knapp stated, no, that likely will not be the case due to potential legal issues. They can set the parameters so that the applicant may elect to build elsewhere.

Justin Murphy with REC was present during the public hearing and provided information regarding data centers, specifically a contract between REC and Aurum Capital Ventures Inc. The agreement allows for up to four retrofitted shipping containers to be used as a data mining facility on REC property in Union County. Murphy explained that the facility uses a mineral oil-based cooling system, similar to canola oil, rather than water. He stated the operation does not create significant noise and has not presented major concerns regarding power demand, noting that a typical manufacturing facility in Creston consumes more electricity than the shipping container data center. Murphy also stated that the company was responsible for all costs associated with constructing the necessary electrical infrastructure for the data centers.

In response to questions from the Board, Murphy stated that the addition of a data center would not increase customer electricity rates. He explained that the agreement provides that, in the event of a power outage, the data center is not

considered a priority customer for power restoration. Murphy further noted that CIPCO is currently conducting a capacity assessment and, as a result, no additional data center projects are being considered at this time.

Murphy added that bringing large commercial or industrial customers onto the electrical grid helps distribute system costs over a larger customer base, which can assist REC in maintaining stable electric rates for its members rather than increasing them. He stated that the additional revenue generated by these customers also strengthens REC's budget, allowing the cooperative to maintain rates while investing in infrastructure improvements and other capital projects.

At 11:45 a.m. a motion was made by Taylor, second by Knapp to close the public hearing on the proposed ordinance for a moratorium on data centers. AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

The Board moved forward with waving the third public hearing and final reading. The Board then moved forward with approval of the proposed data center moratorium ordinance. The Board will begin work on an official ordinance on data centers over the next twelve months. Periodic updates to that process will be provided to the public.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

RESOLUTION RC26-105

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to waive the third public hearing and final reading.

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 July 6, 2026.

RESOLUTION RC26-106

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the proposed data center moratorium ordinance.

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

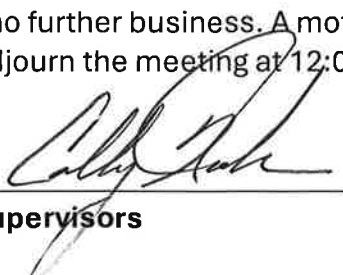
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Knapp moved to approve the minutes. Taylor second. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Knapp to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board of Supervisors



Amanda Waske
Ringgold County Auditor