

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes February 25, 2019

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, February 25, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Kraig Pennington, Ron Landphair and Lyle Minnick.

A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair to approve the agenda. AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

The Board tabled approval of SIRHA Board appointment as their appointee has a conflict with meeting times. The Board will continue to search for a volunteer for this Board. Should anyone be interested, they ask that they inquire with the Auditor's Office.

Ryan Smith with Schneider Corp., met with the Board to provide a brief overview of the program currently used by the County. Smith also inquired about using the Supervisors as references for potential customers. The Board was in favor of this.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board returned to meet with Road Superintendent Rod Shields and Assistant to Engineer Justin Frost to hear secondary roads updates. Shields discussed an alternative repair plan for a bridge on 210th street in Liberty Township. Shields reported a bridge north of Steve Taylor's feedlot has been closed due to weight limit restriction. Shields reached out to Taylor to inquire about a low-water crossing. Shields stated Taylor is okay with the plan. The Board asked who would be the lead on the project, Shields replied he would do the work on it. The Board is in favor of this if it is the best decision. Pennington asked if a couple of tubes could be put in instead. Shields said that is a possibility as well. Frost mentioned there is bridge near Werner's in Liberty Township that has also been closed. This is also a low-water crossing option, they added.

Pennington asked about a bridge south of Shannon City, leading to one person's home, which is near closing due to weight restrictions. He asked if a culvert could go in its place. Shields stated due to the size of the area, a bridge would have to go back in its place or a concrete box. Pennington asked about rocking the south end of the dirt road, if that would cost less. Shields said the road would have to be re-graded and culverts would need replaced.

Shields stated, as long as the general structure of the bridge does not change, an engineer is not needed to do maintenance.

Shields stated the SIRWA water lines ran to the new home on 110th street in Tingley Township have been ran within what will soon be the county's right of way, once the road upgrade project begins. Shields stated there will be more than enough dirt available to complete the road project. The homeowners will have to have SIRWA relocate the water line so the road may be properly graded.

Shields updated the Board on various culvert projects throughout the county which are plugged (with snow/ice), causing flooding in some areas of the county. Therefore, crews are working to clear these this week. Brush cutting will resume tomorrow, Shields said. Part of the crew is also hauling sand today, he added.

Frost reviewed with the Board an invoice received from Taylor County for services related to the P14 bridge project. In reference to the agreement for the project. Ringgold County was to bill for services rendered as well. Frost will look into this, as it currently appears as if Taylor County has not been billed for said services. Therefore, agenda item approving payment to Taylor County has been tabled.

Frost reported the Washington 20 bridge has been reduced to a 10-ton weight limit; east of Jerry Stephens. This project will need to be added to the 5-year plan, Frost said.

The Board reviewed the various items discussed with secondary roads employees Clint Dredge and Bill Hightshoe on Friday, February 22. The Board began with their request to exceed the current 40-hour cap on comp time throughout the year. Shields would be in favor of increasing to 60 hours to use prior to April 1st while still allowing 40 hours to be carried over the next fiscal year. Shields stated he would not be in favor of the requested floating holiday nor the overtime after 8 hours in a day as oppose to a 40-hour week. Shields addressed the concern of working through lunch breaks and not being paid. It has been policy that all employees take a paid lunch break, and not work through their lunch hour unless specifically directed to do so, Shields said.

Shields agreed that the snow ordinance published annually does need to address landowners pushing snow from their private drives into county right-of-way. This potentially causes problems with plugging culverts and potential loss of gravel. This will be reviewed.

The Board asked that Frost return to holding safety meetings monthly for the crew. Then, quarterly, the Board will join the crew to allow for a question and answer session.

The Board reviewed the current Investment Policy and moved forward with approval. This policy is to be reviewed every other year.

The Board reviewed website proposals and decided to table discussion in order to allow for adequate time to review.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

The Board reviewed copier/printer proposals. Discovering all proposals were not similar in submission, companies were asked to resubmit bids to allow for a true comparison. In the end, the Board chose to remain with their original recommendation of Infomax. Therefore, not rescinding the prior resolution.

The Board discussed the proposed FY20 budget with a hearing date of March 11th at 10:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION RC19-38

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to approve the Investment Policy.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 25, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-39

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to publish the proposed FY20 budget with a hearing date of Monday, March 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ringgold County Courthouse Assembly Room.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Ron Landphair and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved February 25, 2019.

A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair to approve todays minutes as well as those from February 19, 20, 21 and 22.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m.


Board of Supervisors Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ringgold County Auditor