

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes March 5, 2019

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 5, 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 met with Molly Kayser, Amy Shields and Peggy Drake met with the Board to review the proposed Medical Examiner (ME) Investigator Reimbursement Agreement. Amy Shields and Adam Kaster are interested in becoming certified ME's for the County. Training is offered in St. Louis at a cost of \$850 per person. The agreement outlines the County covering the cost of the course, mileage, hotel and meals. Kayser requested the county cover lost wages for the two individuals while attending training. She stated this could potentially cost \$1,100 total. The Board will take this in to consideration, visit with County Attorney Spurrier and be in touch with Kayser about the additional request. The Board tabled approval of the agreement until this information is obtained.

The Board reviewed the letter of engagement with Dan Dvorak. The letter stipulates he will conduct the appraisal for the 240th street project in Section 7, Township 68N, Range 29W. The Board moved forward with approval.

Road Superintendent Rod Shields and Assistant to Engineer Justin Frost met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The Board moved forward with approval of adjusting the comp time policy for employees at secondary roads effective immediately. The revised policy will allow for employees to accumulate up to 64 comp hours until April 1st of year. At that time, any hours above 40 will be paid out. Employees will be allowed to carry over up to 40 hours of comp time from one fiscal year to the next. The Board moved forward with approval.

Shields requested approval from the Board to move forward with purchase of a 15' mower. Two bids were received as follows: Bush Hog 4815 for \$21,535; XH 1500 Schulte Cutter for \$24,300. Shields is requesting this now to take advantage of the lower cost as it will increase following July 1. Therefore, Shields will place the order now then take possession and pay after July 1. Shields recommended moving forward with the Bush Hog. The Board agreed.

Shields reviewed with the Board a seeder. The options presented were trailers that could be pulled with the ton pickups. Pennington stated the county's policy, historically, has never been to seed following a project. Shields stated there are grants available that the County Weed Commissioner could apply for to assist with the cost. Pennington mentioned the WRD Landfill may have one they could sell. He will look into this.

Shields reviewed with the Board extending the warranty on the skid loader. There are four options: powertrain 1000 hours \$2,656.50; powertrain 1500 hours \$4,002; powertrain & hydraulics 1000 hours \$4,496.50; powertrain & hydraulics 1500 hours \$6,785. Shields recommended moving forward with the 1000-hour powertrain warranty option. The Board moved forward with approval.

Pennington questioned when the department would go back to eight motor grader districts. Shields stated many counties operate as Ringgold County does in utilizing larger districts in the summer then in the winter, the spare machines are utilized to assist with blading snow. Pennington reiterated

the decision falls to management within the department. Shields added that during the Spring, when roads need reshaped following the winter season, is when more blademen are needed. Outside of this, and heavy snow seasons, six districts are manageable.

Frost updated the Board on the status of the P14 Bridge project. After visiting with Taylor County Engineer Trevor Wolfe, the project will not be signed off on until this Spring when weather allows for final details to be completed. Additionally, Frost questioned certain line items of the invoice and is awaiting a response. He reviewed with the Board specific costs of the project.

Frost reported due to weight limit restrictions, the Poe 11 bridge is now closed. Frost recommends a tanker for the space to allow for longevity and because it is on a gravel road. Cost for this is \$16,000 delivered. He is hesitant to put in a low-water crossing. Shields stated if a hard lid is placed with a low water crossing, there would be minimal maintenance and would cost significantly less.

Pennington asked about the Union 6, a bridge north of Sun Valley Lake with a current weight limit restriction of 3 ton. Due to the size of this bridge, it will require significant cost to repair. A tanker or culvert is not an option.

Shields stated he is working with Frost on budget figures to repair as many bridges as they can to bring them back to legal status.

Frost stated it will cost roughly \$40,000 to bring the Hawkins bridge to a legal weight limit due to some of the material already on hand. The current width is 16', however, there are materials on hand to allow for an increase to 22' which enables two vehicles to meet on the bridge, Shields explained. Shields plan is to start work on this bridge once approved by the interim engineer.

Frost reviewed with the Board cost estimates for the 110th street road upgrade project in Tingley Township. The Board is reviewing and awaiting Interim Engineer Don Staley's return to finalize paperwork for the project.

RESOLUTION RC19-43

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Letter of Engagement with Dan Dvorak.

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 March 5, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-44

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to order the Bush Hog 4815 for \$21,535 with payment and pick up to be made in FY20.

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 March 5, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-45

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the policy change as it relates to overtime/comp time for secondary roads (notice attached).

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 March 5, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-46

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the extended warranty option on the skid loader of 1000-hour powertrain only for \$2656.50.

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 March 5, 2019.

A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair to approve the minutes.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m.



Board of Supervisors Chairman

ATTEST: 

Ringgold County Auditor