

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes May 6, 2019

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, May 6, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Kraig Pennington, Lyle Minnick, and Ron Landphair

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

The Board met with Interim Engineer Don Staley, Road Superintendent Rod Shields and Assistant to Engineer Justin Frost for secondary roads updates. Staley mentioned agreements are already in pace for the Riley 12 Bridge project with Calhoun Burns. Upon further review of the bridge, it is Staley's recommendation to not completely replace the bridge, but replace the piling using local forces. Staley feels the abutments are in good shape and are not in need of replacement at this time. Staley conveyed his thoughts to Calhoun Burns and requested a two-step fix for this project. The intent is to get a 20-ton rating when the project is complete.

Contracts with Calhoun Burns are also in place for the 240th street and 110th street projects. The survey is complete for the 110th street project. Garden & Associates completed the survey in a very timely manner and did a great job, Staley said. The goal is to design the roads for both projects internally with available software, Staley explained. Staley does not believe a 24' top is necessary on the 110th street project. An 18' top road would be more than adequate for the project; this will also reduce cost. Landphair confirmed that this width will adequately allow for a school bus to travel down. Pennington questioned how soon the project could begin. Staley will work with Calhoun Burns on this date. The supplemental agreement needs to be amended to include dates. Frost will work with Calhoun Burns on this.

The Board discussed the current condition of P68. Shields reported it is alligatoring in many places. He feels the elasticity is out of the oil and the base is not good; it is wicking water from the ditches. Shields met with Engineer Brian Moore to get his feedback as he was involved with the project, which initially experimented with material. Moore stated the issues are a result of no good drainage and primarily blamed the bad winter conditions. Moore went on to state he feels the road will bounce back. Staley asked if they could go over the road with a new chip seal. Shields said that is an option. Paul Dysktra was present to express concerns as well. He feels the project was rushed and was not adequately packed to allow for a good base. He went on to state the road was unnecessarily widened. Shields agreed and also maintains the oil was not good. The product used was supposed to shield water. Pennington stated he wants to do what we can to save the road.

County Attorney Clint Spurrier met with the Board to provide an update on the 240th street project. Final briefs have been filed by both sides. It is now sitting with the Supreme Court. Hickman's have requested that their case be heard by the Supreme Court, while the County is requesting that the case go through Court of Appeals. There is no time frame on when the group will hear from the Supreme Court. Spurrier is expecting the appraisal this week, he explained. Once received this will be forwarded to Hickman's. There will be a ten-day period for the Hickman's to review. Following this the Board will determine an offer for the property.

Pennington stated when it comes to seal coating the Sun Valley Lake roads, the crew returns to the originally method, not utilizing all the material as on P68. The group agreed. Staley confirmed with Shields to move forward with the tried and true method that works.

Shields explained Moore requested that the total patcher mend the bad spots on P68. Then, allow for heat to come back in, which may repair the alligator spots. It was suggested to use the distributor as that is a significant time saver as oppose to using the total patcher.

Dykstra questioned the rough patch of P68 north of Kellerton, near Minnick's. He wondered if this could be scarified and rolled to allow for a temporary fix. Shields said yes, he is planning to address that area within the next week or two.

Shields reported a couple of crew members will attend motor grader training tomorrow, seasonal mowers will return next week to prepare for Memorial Day and spraying weeds will also take place in the coming weeks. A large part of the crew is hauling pipes to project sites so they will be ready to place once weather permits. The total patcher will be out this week on P68 north of Kellerton, weather permitting Shields said.

Shields questioned a pipe on P68 north of Kellerton. He wondered about tearing up the road to put in the pipe or leave the road alone and put in a liner pipe. Staley stated they will look at this today and then determine the best approach.

Shields reported the crew is wrapping up the culvert project near Joe Love's property.

George Haidsiak stopped in to discuss a road concern on 220th street in Benton Township. Gravel is needed he said. It is designated a grave road; however, it appears like dirt right now. He would like to extend the gravel another 500', which is currently dirt, he said. He is willing to pay for the gravel, Haidsiak said. He is the primary user of the road, he explained, but would like to see gravel placed before the road is completely ruined. Frost will research cost estimates to gravel that portion Haidsiak is requesting and report back to him. The gravel portion of the road resides in Dave Gourley's territory. Pennington asked that someone go to the area and reshape the road for better maintenance. More gravel will be allotted to each territory following July 1st, Shields said.

Frost reported the pipe for the Steve Taylor project will arrive tomorrow. The group reviewed the specs of the Jefferson 9 bridge (Wortman Bridge). This cannot be a pipe, Shields said. Staley will review this. Shields agrees this is a priority, should it close, the resident has no way in or out. Following this, Shields says his focus is bridges that are currently closed. Staley questioned whether a railcar could be a candidate there. He is comfortable moving forward with this cost savings, long-term method.

Shields added, he denied a request to extend a pipe to 60' at the corner of J20 and 310th Ave as this would not work with the current flow and design of the area.

The Board moved forward with approval of the Cass County Child Support Staffing contact with the FY20 budget.

The Board moved forward with approval of reappointing Kevin Greenland and Cathy Kilgore to the Veterans Affairs Commission for a three-year term.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

RESOLUTION RC19-86

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Cass County Child Support Staffing contact with the FY20 budget.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 6, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-87

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to reappoint Kevin Greenland and Cathy Kilgore to the Veterans Affairs Commission for a three-year term.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 6, 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 Ron Landphair and seconded by Lyle Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m.



Board of Supervisors Chairman

ATTEST: 

Ringgold County Auditor

