

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes October 14, 2019

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, October 14, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M by Kraig Pennington with the following members present: Ron Landphair and Lyle Minnick.

A motion was made by Landphair, second by Minnick to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The group reviewed the proposed 28E Agreement assembled by Union County Engineer Zach Gunsolley. This provides for the shared services of Gunsolley for a bridge project in Lincoln Township. The Board questions a portion of the proposal, specifically the request for a lump sump fee of \$35,127, on top of the requested \$80 per hour rate for duties spent on the project. Additionally, the Board questioned the absence of any protection for Ringgold County should Union County back out of the agreement prior to the end of the project. With all of these questions, the Board will table the approval until answers can be researched.

With regards to the 110th Street project, another wet past week only allowed for two good working days. However, with those two days the crew was able to get the majority of the work completed. The remainder of cross road and field entrance pipes were installed. Minor amounts of fill were placed in the foreslopes, completing the grading portion of the project. Topsoil was spread over the disturbed areas over the length of the project. Rock was hauled on the west portion of the project as well, Johnson reported.

Johnson said work remaining is to finish hauling the remainder of the rock (approx. 150 tons), seed, and install erosion control devices in the ditches to contain silt and prevent cutting. An arrangement has been worked out with the Livingston's to where the County will furnish the seed and they will seed the project at standard IDOT rates.

The total patcher was repaired the first part of the week, however due to weather conditions only a couple days of patching was accomplished. The crew worked on J23, P27 and J20, Johnson said.

Mowers have been working on paved roads. Mowers worked in the South Central and Southeast part of the county. Due to wet and muddy conditions some areas had to be skipped over to avoid rutting the ditch. Due to a wet past week the majority of the crew hauled farm-to-market rock. Rock was primarily hauled to the north central territories.

Weather also held up the bridge crew last week, however, the crew was able to get the crane to the east side of the bridge and drive abutment piling to final bearing and strip forms off the new pier cap. The east pier cap was fabricated in the shop. This week the crew will work on welding the new abutment caps in place, removing the falsework from the pier, and potentially begin setting panels back in place, Johnson reported.

Johnson reported the Department has been receiving complaints about livestock placed in and grazing the County ROW. Upon investigation this is not an isolated incident, but in several places in the County. Temporary electric fences are placed in the ROW right up to the traveled way to allow the individuals' livestock to graze the ROW. Not only are these animals causing damage to the ditches and vegetation, but unlike inanimate objects, livestock move under their own free will and having them that close to vehicle traffic presents a safety concern. Johnson believes we need to take effort to remove and keep livestock from grazing the County ROW, by sending notices out to all parties who have livestock grazing the ROW and/or have temporary fence setup to graze livestock in the ROW. The Board agrees this is a safety concern and should be addressed. They fully support Johnson in sending out notices.

Johnson stated the department has been approached by Windstream about placing radio transmission towers/poles in the County ROW to provide wi-fi to customers within five miles of the structures. As this is new to Ringgold County, Johnson reached out to other County Engineers to see how they have handled them in their respective counties. Some denied due to zoning issues or made them seek easements on private property while others allowed them. Johnson said he is still not sure exactly what they are proposing as far as structure wise so he requested they provide structure and installation details. If the county permits these to be installed in the County ROW, our current utility permit doesn't currently address this kind of installation so a revision would be necessary.

The Board recessed at 10:20 a.m. to attend a public hearing on condemnation procedure.

The Board returned at 1:20 p.m. The Board reviewed claims that were paid on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-172

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors approve claims that were paid on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 (see separate claims register).

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 14, 2019.

A motion was made by Landphair, second by Minnick to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Landphair and seconded by Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor