

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes October 21, 2019

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M by Kraig Pennington with the following members present: Ron Landphair. Absent: Lyle Minnick.

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

Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. The 110th street project is now complete with seeding and erosion control devices installed last week. The cost estimate for the project is \$43,207, Johnson reported. Of this, roughly \$15,000 were wages.

The total patcher was making one last sweep over the county, Johnson said. There is approximately 100 gallons of oil left and once that is gone patching will be over for the year, he added.

Johnson said mowers have been out on paved roads in the northeast part of the county and on gravel roads in the southwest.

The crew replaced a rusted out and silted in 24" diameter CMP with 30" ADS on 200th ave, south of highway 2 as well as one on 200th ave south of 118th street.

Farm to market rock was hauled to the north central territory along with spot rock to the northeast and northwest territories.

Johnson agreed to patch the Sheriff's parking lot with the total patcher ahead of winter.

Johnson reported on the Liberty 19 project. Last week the crew was able to finish driving wing piles at the east abutment, weld both the east and west abutment caps in place and do channel shaping under the bridge. Last Thursday the panels were reset on the bridge and guardrail reinstalled. Remaining items include grouting panel joints, setting the guardrail end posts, shape the site and place rip rap.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board returned to meet with Sheriff Rob Haley and Civil Clerk Liz Mederos to review the quarterly report for the department.

The Board met with members of the Ringgold County Development Board to discuss the status of the 240th street upgrade project. Those present include: Regan Main, Sandy Pierschbacher, Kelly Main, Kim Greenland, Brent Wise, County Attorney Clint Spurrier and Assistant County Engineer Jared Johnson. Spurrier updated the group on the process, to date, with the condemnation of .7 acres required for the project. There was an appeal

filed by the landowners, Spurrier stated, on the grounds of the authority for the condemnation process itself. The Condemnation Commission agreed on an award last week for the sale price of the .7 acres. There is now a 30-day appeal period on the award amount, should either party not agree with the figure agreed upon by the Condemnation Commission. Greenland questioned Spurrier's opinion on how the county could move forward should the Court rule in favor of the County for the appeal. Spurrier stated once the county pays the landowners for the right-of-way, the county may move forward with the project.

Pennington expressed his concern about the pay difference between Angus and Knutson's to what will now be paid to Hickman's for roughly the same amount of right-of-way. Members of the Development Corporation do not agree that this should be a concern.

Brent Wise explained \$1 was paid to the Ringgold County Development Corporation and significantly more to REC, pointing out that not all offers are considered fair.

Kim Greenland stated the question becomes now that the group is faced with a \$21,000 bill for the .7 acres, does the county move forward with the road upgrade project? Pennington stated the road could be moved south and avoid paying the \$21,000 altogether. However, this would not be financially feasible either. Kelly Main stated the Supervisors committed to this project three years ago and stated the project needs to move forward. Main stated if the road will not be upgraded, the Development Corporation might as well sell the land and return it to farm ground. The Board stated the fully intend to move forward with the project. Landphair did confirm with the concrete plant that they do still intend on moving to their new location once the road is upgraded.

The group questioned the timetable for the project. Johnson explained he plans to work with United Farmer's Cooperative to avoid their busy season. Johnson was questioned how long the project would take. He replied, provided the weather cooperates, it could take roughly 3 weeks. He anticipated beginning construction next Spring.

The Board will stay in contact with the Development Corporation on the status of the appeal and timeframe for starting the project.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

Assessor Melinda England met with the Board to provide an update on the 2019 Assessment.

RESOLUTION RC19-173

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors approve to advertise for a maintenance operator.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Landphair and seconded by Pennington stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 21, 2019.

RESOLUTION RC19-174

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors approve the Sheriff's quarterly report as presented by Sheriff Rob Haley and Civil Clerk Liz Mederos.


THEREFORE, a motion was made by Landphair and seconded by Pennington stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved October 21, 2019.

The Board tabled approval of minutes.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Landphair and seconded by Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor