

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes November 10, 2020

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Ron Landphair and Kraig Pennington. Absent: Lyle Minnick

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

Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson and Interim Engineer Don Staley met with the Board to discuss secondary roads updates. Mowers have continued to mow making passes on paved roads, Farm-to-Market gravels, and busier gravel roads. As vegetation growth has slowed mowers are now trying to mow fence to fence where practical.

The Total Patcher will no longer be out working for the year as favorable conditions are expected to begin to deteriorate. The machine was cleaned up and put away for the winter, Johnson reported.

Work order updates:

WO 638: Repair erosion to south abutment slope and bridge and armor. Repair degradation ditches at bridge corners. Located on P33 north of J23. FEMA site 316052 (Complete)

WO 620: Clean silt and vegetation out of ditch for approximately 1000'. Located on 190th street between HWY 25 and 110th Ave. (Complete)

WO 621: Repair undermined west abutment backwall. Fill dirt was placed along the bottom of the backwall and protected with revetment. Located on 190th street east of 110th Ave. (Complete)

WO 647: Repair ditch erosion at northwest corner with fill dirt and revetment. Located on 190th Street east on 160th Ave. FEMA 316055. (Complete)

WO 645: Replace damage concrete entrance culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Entrance was damaged by a county mower. Located on the west side of P14 north of the Platte River. (Complete)

WO 642: Grouted culvert floor. Repaired roadway embankment. Located on 200th Street west of P64. (Complete)

WO 644: Grouted culvert floor. Repaired erosion at inlet. Located at the intersection of 300th Ave. and 210th Street. (Complete)

WO 648: Replace deteriorated 48" CMP culvert with new 48" ADS culvert. Protect inlet and outlet with revetment. Clear trees and reshape ditches north and south of the culvert location. Located on 240th Ave north of J25. (In Progress)

Johnson stated the only FEMA repairs remaining are five spot rock locations and the Wendall Jackson weir.

The department received reimbursement on the NRCS EWP project as follows: Federal Assistance \$243,032.94; Technical Assistance \$24,303.28.

Johnson reported the Washington 20 project has three plan holders; Murphy Heavy Contracting, Herberger Construction and Cunningham-Reis.

The Routh Box project site has been graded to finished grade, revetment placed, erosion control devices installed, stabilizing crop seeded and mulched, and detour removed. The road and structure is currently open to traffic. The Contractor is finished with work at the site for the year, however, has to return in the spring to complete the final seeding. The fourth pay voucher has been processed and paid. Current cost of the project is \$332518.11.

The superstructure was poured at the Jefferson 9 project last Wednesday, November 4th. The crew removed all formwork except the floor and cleaned up the site that following Friday. The floor will remain in place this week while the concrete cures. Pending the results of the test beam and weather it is planned to remove the floor next week and begin shaping the site.

Johnson reported another vacancy within the department. His plan at this time is to continue with filling the two vacancies then reassess at a later date.

Johnson presented the Board with the annual Weed Commissioner report as prepared by Weed Commissioner Josh Livingston. The Board moved forward with approval.

Johnson reviewed with the Board Windstream Utility Permits for approval.

Auditor Amanda Waske presented the Board with the 2020 Family Farm credit applications for consideration of approval.

The Board canvassed the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

The Board reviewed the pay scale for Mental Health Advocate Kathy Beam. Beam also serves Taylor County where she receives \$19.52 per hour, determined and set each year during their budget workshop sessions. Beam requested her hourly rate be increased to match that of Taylor County and also be considered for regular pay increases during budget workshop in Ringgold County. She noted she has been at the same payrate since starting her position in 2014. Mental Health Director Becky Fletchall agreed with Beam and therefore recommended to the Board they move forward with approval. The Board agreed to move forward with an hourly rate increase from \$17.30 per hour to \$19.52 and compensate her the hourly difference for hours worked since July 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-193

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Weed Commissioners Annual Report as presented by Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson, on behalf of Weed Commissioner Josh Livingston.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved November 10, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-194

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Windstream Utility Permits as presented by Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved November 10, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-195

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the 2020 Family Farm applications.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved November 10, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-196

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Canvass and Abstract of the November 3, 2020 General Election results as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved November 10, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-197

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve move forward with an hourly rate increase from \$17.30 per hour to \$19.52 and compensate her the hourly difference for hours worked since July 1, 2020.

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved November 10, 2020.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Landphair to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 am.

ATTEST: Ron Longhair
Board of Supervisors

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Ringgold County Auditor