

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes August 27, 2018

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, August 27, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Kraig Pennington, Paul Dykstra and Lyle Minnick. Also Present: Ron Landphair

A motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick to approve the agenda with the removal of closed session at 9:30 a.m. The Board will be conducting an interview with a County Engineer prospect. AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

The Board reviewed a resolution for public measure for appointment of Township Trustees on the 2018 General Election ballot. The public measure asks the residents within Waubonsie Township if they would like the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors to fill the offices of Township Trustees and Township Clerks by appointment as the terms of office of the incumbent officers expire. The Board moved forward with approval for placement on the 2018 General Election ballot.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board of Supervisors recessed to interview an engineer prospect.

Dan Cunning, Jan Mercer, Lucas Smith and Jake Daily met with the Board to request approval to abate taxes for Mount Ayr Manor. Also present: Treasurer Debra Cannon. Mount Ayr Manor has filed for tax exempt status through the Ringgold County Assessor's office, however, this will not take affect in FY19. Therefore, the group is asking for approval to abate the taxes due in FY19. Dykstra requested to table to item until further research can be done on the financials relating to the taxes.

The group discussed current cell phone reimbursement practices. Currently, the monthly reimbursement ranges from \$25 per month to \$60 per month. This range is primarily based on data usage and helps to offset those costs. Twenty-five employees across five departments are reimbursed for their cell phones at a total monthly cost of \$880.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board met with Road Superintendent Rod Shields for secondary roads updates. Shields presented the Board with two steel bids. They are as follows: Husker Steel \$59,044; Oden \$60,045. Shields joined forces with Taylor County to receive bulk order prices. Shields reported the P68 project is now complete and open to traffic. The crew is hauling rock to Bill Hightshoe's territory out of the Decatur Quarry. Shields is prepping to lay pipe around the county. Ditching will begin on P64 near the completed Williams bridge project as well as north near Derscheid's property. Shields mentioned he plans to take the dozer and Komatzu to clear ditches on a dirt road north of Diagonal. Shields is projecting the P68 project coming in significantly under budget. Shields discussed with the Board his concerns with rock levels for each territory.

Sheriff Mike Sobotka met with the Board to discuss hiring a new deputy. Sobotka's recommendation is Ethan Baker. He is available to begin mid-September and will attend the academy in January. Sobotka reported Officer Nathan Nickle started the academy program today.

The Board tabled approval of the claims.

**RESOLUTION RC18-140
PUBLIC MEASURE
FOR PLACEMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
FOR APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 39.22 permits individual Township Trustees and Clerks to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors after the selection process has been approved at the next General Election by each township; and,

WHEREAS, Section 39.22, Code of Iowa, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to direct the County Commissioner of Elections to submit to the qualified electors of the following township:

Waubonsie the question of whether to appoint the officers of the township, namely the Township Clerk and the Township Trustees, rather than to have them elected; and

WHEREAS, said question must be submitted at a General Election; and

WHEREAS, a majority of qualified electors of those townships must vote in favor of appointing their officers rather than electing them in order to change from the present system of electing them, to the new system of having them appointed by the Board of Supervisors; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County, Iowa, hereby directs the County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections to place the proposition to fill township offices by appointment of the Board of Supervisors, on the November 6, 2018, General Election ballot in each township in Ringgold County. The question will read as follows: "Shall the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors fill the offices of Township Trustees and Township Clerks by appointment as the terms of office of the incumbent officers expire?"

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 27, 2018.

RESOLUTION RC18-141

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby tables agenda item to abate FY19 taxes on the Mount Ayr Manor property, pending further research on figures.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 27, 2018.

RESOLUTION RC18-142

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the steel quote from Husker Steel as presented by Road Superintendent Rod Shields.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 27, 2018.

RESOLUTION RC18-143

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to hire Ethan Baker as a Deputy Sheriff per the recommendation of Sheriff Mike Sobotka.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.


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


ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 27, 2018.

A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Paul Dykstra to approve the August 20th minutes.

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There was no further business. A motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Paul Dykstra to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.


Board of Supervisors Chair

ATTEST: 
Ringgold County Auditor