

## **Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes July 23, 2018**

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, July 23, 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. AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

Deputy Treasurer Tammy Paxson met with the Board to review the June month end Treasurer's report and semi-annual report for the department.

Auditor Amanda Waske met with the Board to review the June month end report for the department.

The Board, along with Engineer Travis Malone, visited with Alva Parker via phone to discuss a concern he has with the right of way over reach from the Union-Ringgold County line bridge project. It sounds as if a weather event has created a slide of silt onto Parker's property plugging a tile drain. Pennington and Malone will visit the site to determine the best way to correct the problem.

Malone stated the P68 project is moving forward. The forestry head is being put on the excavator, so it can be used. The Union 7 bridge is also coming along, Malone added. All four corners are cribbed up to allow for concrete pour on both ends by next week. Malone reached out to Garden & Associates who confirmed a private survey was completed in 1989 on the road entering Boone Woods, specifically outlining the pins of the road. Malone will have his Assistant Justin Frost and Intern Nathan Hauge will research the survey this week and report back to the Board.

Dykstra explained over the years, the Boards of Supervisors have strived for consistency with regards to health insurance, in that all employees are treated the same, plan wise. Historically, members of the secondary roads union received family health insurance through a reduced rate on behalf of the county. With the recent changes in bargaining laws, and to bring all county employees to the same single paid plan, the union no longer has the partially paid family plan. Any employee may elect the family plan; however, the employee will cover those costs. The county continues to pay 100% of the single plan for all eligible county employees.

The county currently pays roughly \$611,048 annually for a single health plan on all eligible county employees. If the county were to offer family insurance to all eligible employees, the cost would go up to roughly \$1,323,796 annually. For these reasons the Board feels with the current tax levies, financially, the county cannot sustain offering family health insurance to all eligible employees.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board returned to meet with Engineer Travis Malone along with Andrew and Landi Livingston. The group met to discuss the status of the road upgrade project in light of Malone's resignation. Malone stated a survey will have to be completed in-house to begin the road project. Following this, Calhoun Burnes would take over the design work of the project. A consultant engineer could be hired to oversee the project, Malone said. Malone stated the Boone Woods project will come prior to the Livingston road. Malone confirmed it will most likely be December before the project will be complete. Andrew stated there is dirt from two dams from dried out ponds that can be used for the project. Malone asked that they place flags on the corners of each dam and provide written permission for the county to perform a survey for the proposed road improvement project. He asked that this be completed by middle of next week.

Malone reported oiling of P68 will take place around August 1<sup>st</sup>. The crew will complete the base and let it set adequately before applying the oil.

Regan Main was present to get an update on the status of the 240<sup>th</sup> street project. The process is moving along as formal documents have been served to the affected party. Malone reported once the hearing takes place, pending the outcome of the hearing, and the check for the easement clears, the department can begin construction on the road.

Malone suggested the possibility of hiring an additional seasonal employee to operate a rented forestry head to assist with roadside maintenance. The Board is in favor of this if Malone would like to move forward.

The Board reviewed the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION RC18-126**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Treasurer's June month end report as presented by Deputy Treasurer Tammy Paxson.

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 July 23, 2018.

**RESOLUTION RC18-127**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Treasurer's semi-annual report as presented by Deputy Treasurer Tammy Paxson.

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 July 23, 2018.

**RESOLUTION RC18-128**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Auditor's June month end report as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

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 July 23, 2018.

A motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick to approve the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

  
Board of Supervisors Chairman

ATTEST:   
Ringgold County Auditor