

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes June 18, 2018

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, June 18, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Kraig Pennington, Paul Dykstra, and Lyle Minnick.

A motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick to approve the agenda.
AYES: Unanimous. NAYS: None.

The Board provided updates. The group discussed and reviewed progress on the fair road and how well it looks.

The Board reviewed claims to be paid Wednesday, June 20th.

The Board recessed at noon for lunch.

At 1pm Engineer Travis Malone and Road Superintendent Rod Shields met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Oiling equipment is being repaired, Shields reported. Shields stated in resurfacing the fairgrounds road, they were able to detect equipment errors that need addressed as well as practices in the overall process. The crew gained experience in using in-house equipment and were able to address housekeeping items prior to starting larger projects, such as P68, Malone said. The Board is very impressed with the result, but questioned the smoothness of the road. Shields discussed they intend to repair their leveling roller, or drag broom, that will address the smoothing process. Shields responded a few of the inconsistencies are a result of the road being narrow and the sharpness of the curves.

Dykstra questioned the cost difference between tearing up P68, similar to the fairgrounds road process, versus utilizing the compaction that has occurred over the past two years on the road, and moving forward from there, without tearing up the road. Malone stated by using the claycrete as used on the fairgrounds road, the level of cracking will be much less. Base stabilization is key in road surfacing, Malone said. Malone stated it will cost roughly \$24,000 per mile for oil for the P68 project and \$10,000 per mile in surface rock. Claycrete will be about \$40,000 for 3 miles. Shields stated he plans to start the P68 project on July 16th. In doing this road, Malone intends to push the Sun Valley resurfacing project to FY20. Shields stated there is a lot of work that needs to be done on these roads prior to surfacing; such as ditching, culverts, etc. Malone and Shields clarified prep work will begin in FY19 on the roads at Sun Valley; 130th street east of P64 and 300th ave between J20 and 130th street. They will be tore up, pipes placed and reshaping will occur. Resurfacing will then take place in FY20.

Pennington asked what the crew will be working on between now and the start of P68. Malone responded the crew will be working on pipes, bridges, mowing and spraying.

Dykstra is hesitant to spend \$300,000 on P68. He feels by using the current base in place will save a significant amount of money. Using the claycrete in the base will be cheaper than applying a third round of seal coat, Malone said.

Malone reported part of the crew is now working on the Bedier Bridge (Union 7).

The Board tabled setting a date for the condemnation hearing for the 240th street project as they have not yet heard from the Judge.

The group discussed the employee contract for Road Superintendent Rod Shields. Shields and Malone will review the current agreement then present proposed changes at the meeting next week.

Malone requested that an exception be made to the handbook with regards to comp time accumulation and payout. Currently, the handbook provides that all comp time be paid out prior to July 1st. Malone is requesting that the department be able to carry over 40 hours each fiscal year and not be paid for the hours. The Board is in favor of this and will make the necessary changes in the employee handbook when reviewed this fall.

With regards to personal days, currently the Union provides for four personal days, where non-union employees have two days. With the union agreement transitioning to the non-union employee handbook July 1st, Shields questioned how to handle personal days. Waske explained that the personal days will be based on each union employee's anniversary date. They will have until this time to utilize their balance, including anything over two days. At that time, they will transition to the non-union handbook and have two personal days moving forward.

The group discussed equipment needs and the potential to cost share with a surrounding county. Malone stated this is an option that he can research.

RESOLUTION RC18-107

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves claims to be paid Wednesday, June 20, 2018 (see separate claims register)

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 June 18, 2018.

RESOLUTION RC18-108

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors hereby approves to allow an exception to the employee handbook for the union employees in that 40 hours of comp time may be carried over to the next fiscal year.

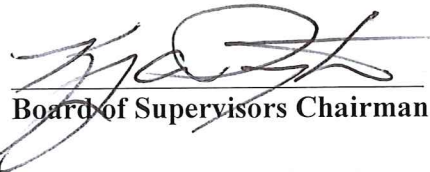
THEREFORE, a motion was made by Paul Dykstra and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 18, 2018.

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 3:56 p.m.


Board of Supervisors Chairman

ATTEST: 
Ringgold County Auditor