

## Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes August 5, 2019

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, August 5, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M by Kraig Pennington with the following members present: Kraig Pennington, Lyle Minnick, and Ron Landphair.

A motion was made by Minnick, second by Landphair to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS: None

Engineer Jared Johnson and Interim Engineer Don Staley met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Johnson reported preliminary right-of-way easement plats for the 110<sup>th</sup> street upgrade project have been received from Garden & Associates. The Department will begin construction staking as time permits. Panels have been reset in the west span of the Riley 12 Bridge project. Wing pile were supplemented with steel H-pile at the west abutment, Johnson said. Crew is going to move equipment across the channel and begin removing panels from the east span this week, he added.

Johnson stated due to rain events last week and pushing to finish up dirt work at the Sun Valley Lake project, pipe laying crews were diverted from their projects, Johnson said.

Work order 545 requests to repair a 30" CMP down spout erosion. This project is located on 200<sup>th</sup> ave north of 118<sup>th</sup> street and is currently in progress.

The department continues with preparation of cost estimates and a damaged inventory report for FEMA damages. A FEMA site visit is tentatively scheduled for the end of August.

Johnson said Iowa is beginning to write project agreements for the NRCS EWP. These agreements are sent off to Washington for funding allocations. Damage survey reports have been received and are being reviewed by the department, Johnson said. The budget is being reviewed and DSR's prioritized. Tentatively the department is looking to do bendway weir projects at the Redding bridge and Colby Holmes bridge.

Semi's were dispatched to haul base rock for the Sun Valley seal coat project. The majority of the surface chip rock is on site. Semi's were redispached to haul base rock the end of last week to accelerate that phase. The remaining loads of chip rock will be hauled while the base rock is being graded, Johnson said. The crew regraded and lowered the vertical curve near the intersection of 130<sup>th</sup> St. and 310<sup>th</sup> Ave to improve sight distance. The department is working with Windstream to move their line to allow for ditching on the south side of the road. The existing seal coat pavement has been scarified, ground, laid out and rolled in place for the entire length of the project. The crew was able to haul in approximately three quarters of mile of base rock. Base rock is being windrowed along the edge of the road and will be laid out and graded in mile increments. It is anticipated it will take all of this week and some of next week to haul in all the base rock, Johnson added

Johnson reviewed the Baker bridge to determine if a tanker car would be feasible. The Bakers are not interested in a low-water crossing due to the equipment traveling the road.

Landowners may be agreeable to donate dirt for the project, Johnson said. He will continue to research and put together a plan to open the road up.

The Board reviewed and moved forward with approval to participate in SICOG (Southern Iowa Council of Governments).

The Board recessed at 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board returned to meet with Chip Schultz and Heidi Kuhl with Northland Securities. The group met to discuss the potential renewal of the jail bonds. The proposal provides for roughly a \$90,000 savings by refinancing the remaining balance of the bonds at a lower interest rate, while retaining the same maturity date of 6/1/2027. The Board will review the information and discuss further at their next meeting.

Sheriff Rob Haley met with the Board to recommend the Chief Deputy Appointment of Nathan Nickle. Also present: Chris Spurrier, Sherry Wiley, Bo Greene, Taylor Greene, Jodi Haley, Stasia Nickle, Nathan Nickle, Zach Shafer, Darrell Dodge and Mike Galloway.

Pennington began by outlining the Boards involvement in the approval of Sheriff Haley's recommendation, as very limited. As department head, Haley has authority within his right to appoint whomever he chooses.

Bo Greene began by expressing concerns with the recommendation. Greene stated Landon White has 9 years' experience and he has 5 years' experience with the department along with a degree in criminal justice. Greene questioned how they both could be passed up for the position with Nickle only having been certified for 8 months. Greene went on to express concerns with the timing of notification of the intent to appoint. He feels the plan to appoint Nickle has been in place since last fall, ahead of his graduation from the academy.

Mike Galloway stated the approval of the appointment is simply an administrative function. The Board really has no choice as by Code, Haley has the authority to appoint whomever he chooses. The Boards approval is simply a budgetary check and balance to ensure funds are available for the request.

Zach Shafer questioned how many agencies require credit checks. Galloway stated he is unsure of the those who do.

Pennington stated the Board intends to support Sheriff Haley's decision. He went on to state the county, specifically the Sheriff's department, needs to work as a team that can trust and support one another.

Landphair reiterated a team environment is imperative at the Sheriff's office. You never know when you will be in a situation where backup is needed and trust is not there, Landphair said can be a real issue.

**RESOLUTION RC19-134**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to participate in the FY20 planning and economic development programs of Southern Iowa Council of Governments.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Minnick and seconded by Landphair stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 5, 2019.

**RESOLUTION RC19-135**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the recommendation of Sheriff Rob Haley to appoint Nathan Nickle as Chief Deputy for the department.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Minnick and seconded by Landphair stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: All. NAYS: None.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved August 5, 2019.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Minnick and seconded by Landphair to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Board of Supervisors

  
Ringgold County Auditor