

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes June 29, 2020

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, June 29, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Kraig Pennington, Ron Landphair and Lyle Minnick.

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

Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Johnson stated the 240th street project should be wrapped up this week, provided weather cooperates. They placed the last of the granular surfacing material last week. It is planned to seed and mulch this week followed by seeding silt fence for ditch checks.

Johnson used the patching crew last week to assist in inventory ahead of the State Auditors arrival. The patching crew will be out this week on the lake road north of Mount Ayr then they will head to P68.

One round of mowing has been completed on all paved roads in the county. Mowers began the second-round last week. Blade men have been operating mowers in the northeast and southeast territories.

The new sealcoat road near Sun Valley Lake continues to be monitored. Some bleeding has been noted, Johnson said. Additional chip rock will be spread in the required areas this week, he added.

Work order 598, replaced a deteriorated 42" CMP and downspout with a new ADS and revetment flume is now complete.

Work order 529, replaced a washout concrete box culvert with a new CMP is now complete. This is the 316064 FEMA site, Johnson said.

Work order 519, replacing a deteriorated CMP with a new ADS is in progress.

Two FEMA projects have been obligated. The department finished their review of project number 110492 and signed off on it last week. One project is pending final review while the other project for work already completed is still pending EHP review, Johnson said.

The department is planning and will begin working the FEMA repairs into the schedule.

With regard to the NRCS EWP project, the contractor plans to begin once conditions are suitable to work, Johnson said. The department has been in communications with Keller Excavation. The official late start date of July 13th is nearing, Johnson said.

The department has begun project development for the Redding Weir.

The Stephens easement for the Washington 20 project has been finalized. Johnson said he would continue to work with Stackhouse to finalize that easement.

After discussion with the IDOT they are going to let the department continue with project development beginning with check plans. As proposed by Johnson, it is allowed under the clause that a sharing agreement between Madison and Ringgold County be executed prior to letting.

A preconstruction meeting for the Routh Box project was held on June 18th at the Engineers office. Gus stated they plan to begin end of September and anticipate the project continuing to the middle of November.

The crew began construction last week on the Rice 20 project, Johnson said. The west weir pile was driven to plan bearing. Excavation for the west abutment was completed to plan elevation and abutment pile were laid out. A temporary run around was installed on the north side of the bridge for use during construction, Johnson said.

The plan for this week is to drive the west abutment pile then move to the east side and begin driving east pier pile. While driving pile at the east pier part of the bridge crew will work on forming and placing reinforcing steel for the west abutment footing.

Johnson reviewed with the group a bid from Blacktop Services to assist in roadway patching around the county. Since this company will be in the area working on other projects, Johnson received the following bid from them: \$24,900 for P68, P27 and J23 by the Knowlton Bridge.

Johnson reviewed a utility permit for approval.

Judge Greenwood met with the Courthouse Security group along with department heads to discuss the reopening of court services and county facilities. Judge Greenwood stated the Advisory Order issued suspended all court services until July 13th. However, these services could resume sooner if the courthouse were to open and is approved by the District Court Administer. The group reviewed the checklist for resuming court operations. It is the intent of the Supervisors to reopen county facilities on July 6th. Adequate floor markings will be placed to allow for appropriate social distancing. Appointments will be required for driver's license, vital records and passports.

Tracy Stephens with the US Census Bureau met with the Board to discuss the process for the 2020 Census. She explained the importance of everyone completing the census. Results affect funding healthcare programs, infrastructure, education and various employment programs locally. Stephens will provide information that can be shared through various county resources such as social media and the website.

Auditor Amanda Waske reviewed with the Board the May month end report for her department. The Board then reviewed and moved forward with approval of the FY21 appropriations. The Board approved to remove delinquent tax on Mount Ayr City owned parcel 005585.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board met with Sun Valley RIZ Board Project Manager Jon Vennink and RIZ Board Member Bob Weeks to discuss project plans for future funding. A tour of the lake was given, explaining the upcoming dredging project and showing areas in need. Vennink stated he hopes to start the project in the Spring of 2021, provided weather and schedules cooperate. The RIZ Board submitted to the Supervisors a request for renewal of the current RIZ agreement, extending it for another 20 years. The Board will review the process and follow up with the RIZ Board.

RESOLUTION RC20-128

HEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the bid from Blacktop Services for roadway patching on P68, P27 and J23 by the Knowlton Bridge. THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-129

HEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Alliant Energy utility permit as presented by Engineer Jared Johnson.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-130

HEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Auditors May month end report as presented by Auditor Amanda Waske.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-131

HEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the FY21 Appropriations.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-132

HEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to remove delinquent tax on Mount Ayr City owned parcel 005585.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Kraig Pennington and seconded by Lyle Minnick stating such.

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

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved June 29, 2020.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm.

ATTEST: *Ron Lanphair*
Board of Supervisors

Quanda Wasie
Ringgold County Deputy Auditor