

## **Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes March 2, 2020**

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, March 2nd, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Lyle Minnick and Ron Landphair.

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

Kraig Pennington joined the meeting at 9:10 am.

Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Rock was stockpiled in the yard for spring shouldering activities. Bridge postings were also completed in the field. After a conversation with Calhoun Burns & Associates (CB&A), they agreed to allow Union 6 to remain open. CB&A will inspect this bridge on a six-month inspection cycle. The county is to look at the bridge after any significant flow event, Johnson said.

Both skid loaders and excavator have been out working on cutting brush. They have been working in the Northwest territory specifically to the northeast and southeast of Diagonal. One skid steer attachment came loose and is currently in the shop for repair. Once this is completed the brush cutting crew will be moving to the central territory.

Blademen have been out in their territories cutting brush away from bridge ends and signs.

The crew has been working to repair a severely undermined backwall at Grant 17 which resulted in void in the roadway, Johnson reported. The bridge was closed as a report. The backwall has been excavated out and sheet pile prepared and delivered to the site. The project will consist of driving sheet pile to extend the backwall and then re-anchor the abutment and wings.

In the middle of the mitigation review regarding FEMA DR-4421 a new mitigation advisor was assigned to the Ringgold County projects. The department coordinated with the new advisor answering all questions he had with respect to our projects. No estimated timeline for completion of the review was given.

The department has been working on the weir layout for the NRCS EWP project. Interim Engineer Don Staley is currently reviewing the weir layout. EOR is still waiting on suitable conditions to conduct their field work. All right of entry agreements have been received, Johnson added.

With regards to the Lincoln 19 bridge project, the west half of the bridge is completed, including the west pier and abutment along with removing the causeway and placing revetment for west abutment slope protection. The crew was able to complete the east abutment repair and drive 60' of pile at the east pier. The east causeway was built allowing access to the east pier for cap installation. The plan for this week is to add 35' of pile to the east pier and then drive the additional pile. If bearing is obtained, they will install the new cap, then remove the east causeway and place revetment on east abutment slope.

Justin Frost has been working on the Washington 20 project and has the situation plan nearly completed. The department coordinated with Rob Stackhouse and Jerry Stephens about the possibility of extending the grading to the west to improve the grade of the hill adjacent to the bridge. Both landowners were in support of the project and willing to sell some right-of-way to accomplish this, however, they both would like to see exactly how much ROW is required before committing 100% to the ROW needs. Frost collected the additional survey required to extend the grading of the project. The department then developed a new grade line meeting IDOT design requirements, proposing reducing the downhill grade from 11% to nearly 7.5%. The department will prepare cross sections which will show the ROW needs and then present and discuss with the landowners.

The Routh Box project is planned for and April letting date. Final plans, OPC, PDC and bid item application have been uploaded into TPMS.

Johnson briefly discussed the new foreman position he is considering implementing but was not sure if the position had to be advertised. He will find out before considering any candidates for that role. Johnson also discussed the Shop Foreman position currently held by Mike Higday and if obtaining a CDL would be a requirement of the job. He would like some more time to research before he making it a requirement.

Johnson presented five Windstream Utility permits for approval from the board.

Treasurer Debra Cannon presented to the board the semi-annual report for publication.

The board discussed Adair County's wind turbine ordinance that was recently passed. Additional county revenues, taxes, and other pros, cons, and concerns were discussed when considering the possible addition of wind turbines to Ringgold County one day.

The board approved claims that were paid February 26, 2020.

The Board approved a 3% Wage Increase in accordance with the Secondary Roads Union Agreement, effective July 1.

#### **RESOLUTION RC20-53**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the utility permits as presented by Assistant 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: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved March 2, 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION RC20-54**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the County's Semi-Annual report for publication presented by Treasurer Debra Cannon.

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: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved March 2, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RC20-55**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the claims that were paid Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

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: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved March 2, 2020.

**RESOLUTION RC20-56**

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the proposed 3% wage increase per the Secondary Roads Union Agreement effective July 1, 2020.

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: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved March 2, 2020.

A motion was made by Pennington, second by Minnick to approve the Feb 24<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pennington, second by Minnick to table approval of the minutes today. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

ATTEST:   
Board of Supervisors

  
Ringgold County Auditor