

Ringgold County Board of Supervisors Minutes September 28, 2020

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, September 28, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: Ron Landphair, Lyle Minnick and Kraig Pennington.

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

Assistant Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to provide secondary roads updates. Mowers continue around the county, Johnson reported. The Board clarified that J23 is striped from Diagonal west to highway 25 and confirmed that the seal coat portion from 169 to Diagonal is not. Johnson confirmed this as well. The Board was asked by an individual if funds could be budgeted to stripe the seal coat portion of J23 to allow for increased safety. The initial purpose of not striping seal coat roads around the county is simply due to cost. Johnson will research this and report back.

Mowers have continued to mow making passes on paved roads, Farm-to-Market gravels, and busier gravel roads. As vegetation growth has slowed mowers are now trying to mow fence to fence where practical.

The Total Patcher was out working last week on P46 down by the rock quarry and P38.

Work order update:

WO 484: Replace deteriorated 18" concrete culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Temporary gravel patch installed. Blacktop services is anticipated being here end of this week first part next week to place asphalt surface. Located on P68 south of J25. (Complete)

WO 483: Replace deteriorated 18" concrete culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Temporary gravel patch installed. Blacktop services is anticipated being here end of this week first part next week to place asphalt surface. Located on P68 south of J25. (Complete)

WO 487: Replace deteriorated 36" CMP culvert with new 36" ADS culvert. Temporary gravel patch installed. Blacktop services is anticipated being here end of this week first part next week to place asphalt surface. Located on P68 south of 220th street. (Complete)

WO 630: Replace deteriorated 24" CMP culvert with new 24" ADS culvert. Temporary gravel patch installed. Blacktop services is anticipated being here end of this week first part next week to place asphalt surface. Located on P68 south of 220th street. (Complete)

WO 633: Replace deteriorated 42" CMP culvert with new 42" ADS culvert. Located on 270th Street east of Hwy 169. (Complete)

WO 631: Clear brush and re-shape ditches as required for one-half mile. Starting from Hwy 25 and then east for approximately one-half mile on 220th Street. Replace deteriorated 18" CMP with new 24" ADS at east end of project limits. (In Progress)

Project closeout documents and construction cost reimbursement were submitted for the NRCS EWP project.

The concept statement has been submitted for the ER Redding Weir Project. The project has to go through the NEPA/SHPO review process. The department spoke with Location and Environment Bureau of the Iowa DOT about the project, and after cursory review of the project they thought this should be a pretty straight forward review. The department will begin preliminary plan development as time allows. Turn in date for preliminary plans is December 15, 2020.

Last week the contractor was able to install reinforcing steel and place concrete for the interior barrel section floor, end section floor, and north apron with curtain wall of the Routh Box Project. This week the contractor is planning to pour the south end section floor and south apron with curtain wall. It is anticipated the contractor will begin forming the culvert barrel walls and slab this week, and could potentially be ready to pour a barrel section. The contractor was paid \$102,284.82 last week. Payments are being run through the farm to market account.

The department is proposing the construction of an 80'-0 x 26' C.C.S. bridge at a 30-degree skew at Jefferson 9. A notice to bidders was published in last Wednesday's Mount Ayr Record News and Diagonal Progress papers. Bids are due to the Auditors Office by no later than 9:00a.m. Monday October 5th. Bids will be opened immediately after the turn in deadline at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

The crew spent two days last week on the J55 seal coat project site sweeping and rolling the new seal chip surface. With cooler temperatures forecasted additional time spent rolling the roadway is not anticipated.

The Board reviewed Windstream Utility Permits for approval.

The Board reviewed the Calhoun-Burns and Associates FY21-22 bridge inspection contract. The agreement is for two fiscal years for the following amounts: FY21 \$20,740; FY22 \$22,550. Pennington stated he would like to see prices from other vendors that provide the same service. Johnson stated he is aware of only one other company. It is Johnson's recommendation to move forward with Calhoun-Burns for the project. The Board moved forward with approval.

To clarify a type-o in the September 21, 2020 minutes. Resolution RC20-171 should read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby the IDOT agreement for DOT-initiated detour of primary highways onto local roads. 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 September 21, 2020.

Mike McLain and Geraldine McLain met with the Board to discuss the recent purchase of Ringgold County Abstract by Abstract Title Co. McLain explained they intend to continue with the lease agreement in place up to April 1, 2021 until they fully relocate to their current location on Fillmore St.

Auditor Waske excused herself for the 10:30 a.m. agenda item. Deputy Auditor Korbie Rinehart served as Board Secretary. The Board moved forward with approval of agreement in case LACV-506683 because the county insurance carrier has limited coverage to the settlement that has been agreed upon. County Attorney Clint Spurrier was present as well.

Auditor Waske returned to session at 11:00 a.m.

The Board reviewed the members for the Historic Preservation Commission. The Board moved forward with the appointment and terms as follows:

Skylar Burdette – 2 Years
Kay Carey – 2 Years
Abbey Elliott – 2 Years
Jan Johnston – 2 Years
Tony Mercer – 3 Years
Kim Scharfenkamp – 3 Years
Gary Scott – 3 Years

Auditor Waske presented the Board with two proposed resolutions, prepared by County Attorney Clint Spurrier. Both proposed resolutions provide for the confidentiality of the Courthouse Security Plan and Security of Recordings. The Board moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION RC20-176

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Windstream Utility Permit.

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 September 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-177

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the Calhoun-Burns and Associates FY21 and FY22 bridge inspection contract.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such.

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Minnick, Landphair. NAYS: Pennington.

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved September 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-178

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the agreement in case LACV-506683.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Lyle Minnick and seconded by Ron Landphair stating such.

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

ATTEST: Korbie Rinehart, Deputy Auditor. Passed and approved September 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-179

WHEREAS, the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve to appoint the following people to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Skylar Burdette – 2 Years

Kay Carey – 2 Years

Abbey Elliott – 2 Years

Jan Johnston – 2 Years

Tony Mercer – 3 Years

Kim Scharfenkamp – 3 Years

Gary Scott – 3 Years

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 September 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-180

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with the judicial branch, have prepared a courthouse security plan that provides protocols and procedures for various security concerns and disaster scenarios; and

WHEREAS Iowa Code § 22.7(50) provides that courthouse security plans can be considered confidential documents if disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize life or property; and

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors determines that public disclosure of the County's courthouse security plan could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the lives of County employees and other persons present in the courthouse and/or County and personal property by providing members of the public with the protocols and procedures to be utilized for security purposes and in emergency situations.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(50) the County's courthouse security plan, including any attachments or documents supplementing said plan, constitute confidential documents and will not be available to the public.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the determination that the courthouse security plan is confidential will not preclude copies of the said plan being provided to the County's elected officials, department heads, law enforcement officers, or representatives from the judicial branch.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon passage and shall apply to any prior versions of the County's courthouse security plan.

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 September 28, 2020.

RESOLUTION RC20-181

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors has installed security cameras in the courthouse; and

WHEREAS the video and/or audio recordings from these security cameras are not intended to provide a permanent record, but instead are only intended to be utilized on a short-term basis, so these recordings are not retained for a particular period of time; and

WHEREAS the public's knowledge of the location and coverage area of these security cameras will reduce the effectiveness of these cameras for security purposes; and

WHEREAS public access to these recordings can allow members of the public to learn the protocols and procedures utilized for security purposes and in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS the video and/or audio recordings from these security cameras should be considered confidential because disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize life or property.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(50) the video and/or audio recordings from the County's security cameras located in or on the courthouse constitute confidential recordings and will not be available to the public.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the video and/or audio recordings from these cameras will not be retained for any specified period of time.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon passage and shall apply to all video and/or audio recordings from these security cameras.

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 September 28, 2020.

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

There was no further business. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm.

ATTEST: 
Board of Supervisors


Ringgold County Auditor