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west from the 310th Street and P64 intersection. (In Progress). The department received the

final delineation report for the Liberty 25 project from Impact 7g last week. The wetlands in the ditch areas on the preliminary wetland map were reclassified as simply wet ditches in the final report after further discussion and review. The department is working on finishing the submittal to the USACE with the requested additional infor-

Only the south two sites now remain to be surveyed for the P27 project.

Johnson presented the Board with the bid from Caliber Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$345,359.26 and recommended they award the associated contract(s) for the sidewalk project in Diagonal. The Board moved

forward with approval.

The Board tabled approval of claims.

### RESOLUTION RC24-72

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the TAP-R-C080(86)--8T-80, hereafter referred to as

"the project" is in the best interest of Ringgold, lowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as PCC Sidewalk; and WHEREAS, the Board has

sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and fol-lowed the steps as required by the Code of lowa for

notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Ringgold Coun-

ty and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RE-SOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Caliber Concrete, LLC in the amount of \$345,359.26 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Ringgold County, lowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Jared Johnson, P.E., the Engineer for Ringgold County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. None. ATTEST: Amanda Waske,

Auditor. Passed and approved April 29, 2024. A motion was made by Tay-

lor and seconded by Holmes to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

There was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

STEVE KNAPP Board of Supervisors ATTEST: AMANDA WASKE Ringgold County Auditor



## Ringgold County Board of **Supervisors Minutes**

May 6, 2024

The Ringgold County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday, May 6, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. with the following members present: Colby Holmes, Randy Taylor and Steve Knapp.

A motion was made by Holmes, second by Taylor to approve the agenda.

AYES: Unanimous NAYS:

Engineer Jared Johnson met with the Board to discuss secondary roads updates. The sign truck was out working to repair downed, damaged, and/or deteriorated signs.

EMA purchased another order of street signs. The crew worked to install these signs when conditions were wet and muddy.

Spot rock was hauled to the Northwest and North Central

maintainer districts. Road closure signs deployed after the storm event were

picked up out of the field. The crew worked to cut up and clear trees that had fallen in

Broken planks were replaced in Ringgold County bridges Poe 14, Poe 23, and Washington 5.

Work order updates: W.O. 1208: Roadway patching on J23 between Clearfield and Diagonal. Last week the crew finished forming and poured the 1st section of paving. Wet and muddy conditions last week prevented finishing the remainder of over excavation and placement of granular subbase in the 2nd and

3rd sections. (In Progress). W.O. 1202: Clear brush and re-shape roadside for approximately 0.5 miles. Located along 310th Street and P64, north and west from the 310th Street and

P64 intersection. (In Progress). The department has submitted the additionally requested information to the USACE for review on the Liberty 25 proj-

The crew mobilized the smaller crane to the Tingley 27 site in order to unload and stockpile culvert sections on site once

they are ready for shipment. The department has obtained all right of entry agreements from the adjacent landowners for the Jefferson 26 project.

The department has obtained consultant proposals for the Phase I Survey for the P27 South project. Impact 7g is the low-cost proposal and will be

awarded the work. The Diagonal sidewalk project is TAP funded with the City of Diagonal providing match funds. The County has agreed to be the project sponsor and aid the city in development and construction of the project. This project replaces deteriorated stretches of the sidewalk in Diagonal. The department has transitioned the contract to awarded by LPA in DocExpress. Upon submission of the required documents by the Contractor the department will sign

the contract. At 10 a.m. Holmes moved to open the public hearing for the proposed FY24 budget amendment. Second by Taylor. Motion carried. There were no public comments. A motion was made by Taylor, second by Holmes, to adjourn the hearing at 10:10

The Board, along with Assessor Melinda England and Deputy Auditor Korbie Rinehart, met via remote session, with Sarah Dickmeyer with Schneider Geospatial to review two add-on modules with Beacon. Dickmeyer presented the Board with a tax estimator and property tax distribution

module. Both add-ons come with a fee. The group was also presented with the options to include online applications for homestead credits and military exemptions as well as the ability to change an address. The Board elected to maintain Beacon as it currently is at this time.

Representatives with Options Exteriors stopped in to visit with the Board about roof damage to the courthouse following the April 26th tornado. The Board is coordinating with the county insurance adjuster and will be in touch with the representatives.

Public Health Director Becky Fletchall met with the Board to present the proposed amended 28E agreement for the Heart of Iowa Region. The amended agreement provides for the consolidation of two regions to the Heart of Iowa beginning July 1, 2024. With the realignment approved by the Legislature this year, the future of the regions is unknown entirely at this time.

Auditor Amanda Waske presented the Board with the proposed amendment and appropriations. The Board moved forward with approval.

The Board reviewed claims paid Wednesday, May 1 and moved forward with approval.

RESOLUTION

## RC24-73

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the amended 28E agreement for Heat of Iowa

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Randy Taylor and seconded by Colby Holmes stating

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS:

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 6, 2024.

## RESOLUTION RC24-74

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve the FY24 budget amendment.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Randy Taylor stating such. The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS:

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 6, 2024.

#### RESOLUTION RC24-75

WHEREAS the Ringgold County Board of Supervisors do hereby approve claims paid Wednesday, May 1.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Colby Holmes and seconded by Randy Taylor stating

The vote on the resolution: AYES: Unanimous. NAYS:

ATTEST: Amanda Waske, Auditor. Passed and approved May 6, 2024.

A motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes. Motion

was no further business. A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 12:28

> STEVE KNAPP Board of Supervisors ATTEST: AMANDA WASKE Ringgold County Auditor

## **CLAIMS**

3E Electrical Engineering, Ch Generator Inspection, \$936.60.

Energy, Alliant Depts, \$2,388.85. Brian Bickel, Twp FY25

Meetings, \$20.00. Brian Mobley, Twp FY25 Meetings, \$20.00. Business Forms & Systems,

Tr Tax Paper, \$390.06. Card Service Center, Sh Office Supplies-Training, \$864.00.

Carmen Davidson, RCSS Phone-Recreation, \$60.00. Chanelle Cole, RCSS

Phone, \$53.51. Cintas Corp, Jail Floor Mats,

\$51.10. Cintas First Aid & Safety, SR- First Aid Kid, Gloves,

\$344.69. City Of Diagonal, SR- Farm

To Market Transfer, \$964.71. City Of Kellerton, SR- Farm To Market Transfer, \$774.50.

City Of Mount Ayr, Varied Depts, \$1,654.15. Clearview Homes, Sh Jail Meals Feb-Mar, \$5,950.00.

Curt Jackson, SR- Cell Phone Use, \$30.00. Danielle Triggs, RCSS Phone, \$30.00.

David W Pearce, WRD Contract Labor, \$756.00. Diagonal Building Products,

SR- J23 Patching, \$44.52. Dollar General, RCSS Custodial Supplies, \$58.24.

Galls, Sh Apparel, \$201.15. Hannah Saville, VA- Spring School Training, \$152.13. Hewlett's Quality Lawn Care, WRD Pest Control,

Holiday Inn - Airport, Sh Apco/Nena Conference,

\$1,145.76. ICIT, Treasurer IT Conference, \$350.00.

Infomax Office Systems, Cty Copier Agreement, \$1,764.34. Inland Truck Parts Co., SR-Hanger Bearing, \$72.42.

Iowa Fire Equipment Co., WRD Fire Ext Inspection,

Iowa Prison Industries, SR-Min Maint, Level B, \$4,868.00. ISACA, Aud Summer Conference, \$250.00.

James Brand, VA- Med Transport, \$112.00. Jared Johnson, SR- Cell Phone Use, \$30.00.

Jim Karp, RCSS Phone, Justin Frost, SR- Cell Phone Use, \$30.00.

Justin Hansen, PC Mowing, \$1,000.00. Kim Stark, RCSS Phone,

\$30.00. Kristin Lambert, RCSS

Phone, \$30.00. Lawson Products Inc., SR-

Parts, \$205.64. Lincoln's Lawn Care Inc,

Jail Pest Control, \$97.98. Logan Contractors, SR- J23 Patching, \$9,059.75. Lucky Lanes, RCSS Recre-

ation, \$54.00. Mail Services, Tr Postage & Print, \$187.00.

Mainstay Systems Inc., Jail Monitor, \$185.00. Mark Budach, Varied Depts,

\$635.00. Mark Rychnovsky, Twp FY25 Meetings, \$20.00.

Martin Schnoor, SR- Cell Phone Use, \$217.24. Mary Swank, Twp FY25 Meetings, \$20.00. Mediacom, Varied Depts,

\$726.93. Melinda England, Asr Mileage, \$37.52.

Michele Chase, Atty Court Reporting, \$52.00. Mike Kempton, RCSS

Phone, \$30.00. Motorola Solutions Inc., E911 Ellston Radions,

\$4,806.84. Mount Ayr Record News, Varied Depts, \$2,001.61. Mte Office Center, Asr Card-

stock, \$20.55.

Napa Auto Parts, Varied Depts, \$2,688.01. Nevin Collier, WRD Cell Phone, \$20.00.

Patricia Clemens, Ch Custodian Cell May, \$30.00. Radar Road Tec, Sh Radar Certification, \$350.00.

Ringgold County Auditor, sr Postage, \$96.64.

Ringgold County Hospital, It Phys Capacity Exam, \$103.00. RK Fuels Inc., SR- Gasoline And Diesel, \$3,985.94.

Ryan Bailey, Twp FY25 Meetings, \$20.00. SIRWA, Varied \$101.80.

Snap On Tools Corp, SR-Hand Tools, \$41.25. Solvent Web LLC, Ph Website Directory, \$220.00. Southwest Iowa

RCCB Electric, \$413.00. Star Equipment, Ltd, SR-26 In X 165 Cured, Blade, \$1,460.00.

Stewart Tire, Varied Depts, \$4,206.84. Susan Frye Court Reporting , Atty Court Reporting, \$235.00.

Tammy Rychnovsky, Twp FY25 Meetings, \$20.00. TK Elevator Corporation, Ch Elevator Service, \$298.04. Toney's Welding Service LLC, WRD Mulcher Repair,

\$10,713.77. Transit Works, SR- Calibrated Level, \$170.00. Tyler J Church, RCSS Mow-

ing, \$500.00.

US Bank, RCCB Supplies,

\$2,636.63.

Valsoft Corporation Inc., Aud-Rec Digital Records,

\$150.00. Walnut Creek Greenhouse, Ch Flowers, \$57.27.

Wendell R Wallace, Twp FY25 Meetings, \$20.00. Willson & Pechacek, Asr Le-

gal Services, \$250.00. Zachary Hague, IT Office Furniture, \$534.99. Total.....\$74,190.10

## DEPARTMENT, FUND AND APPROPRIATED AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES FOR FY23-24

AMENDED MAY 6, 2024 Supervisors.....\$205,365.00 Auditor.....\$262,774.00 Treasurer.....\$220,714.00 Attorney.....\$153,764.00 Sheriff.....\$1,413,630.00 Clerk of Court.....\$3,000.00 Recorder.....\$146,041.00 Jail.....\$605,371.00 Enviorn. Health......\$25,190.00 Secondary Roads. \$6,284,965.00 Veterans Affairs......\$59,141.00 Conservation......\$330,790.00 Public Health......\$503,125.00 Weed Commissioner..\$5,504.00 Social Services......\$9,300.00 General Assistance...\$14,000.00 Medical Examiner....\$22,000.00 Libraries.....\$24,007.00 Historical Society......\$5,000.00 RC Support. Serv....\$407,161.00 Pioneer Cemetry......\$16,000.00 Insurance.....\$278,000.00 General Services.....\$130,476.00 Data Processing.....\$242,325.00 Fair.....\$20,000.00 Mental Health.....\$20,263.00 Juvenile Services......\$7,000.00 Solid Waste.....\$24,000.00 Non Depart.....\$1,163,225.00 Total.....\$12,608,131.00

# Presidential disaster request

Governor Kim Reynolds has requested an expedited Presidential Disaster Declaration for nine Iowa counties where significant damage was sustained from severe weather that occurred on April 26, 2024.

The governor requested funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program and the activation of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Program for Clarke, Crawford, Harrison, Mills, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, and Union Counties.

Funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program provides disaster-affected homeowners, renters, and businesses access to programs and services to maximize recovery, including assistance with housing, personal property replacement, medical expenses, and legal services.

The U.S. Small Busi-Administration ness (SBA) Disaster Loan Program provides homeowners, renters, businesses, and most nonprofit organizations in the affected counties whose property was damaged or destroyed by this disaster, the ability to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the SBA.

In addition, the governor requested funding to conduct hazard mitigation activities for the entire state.

3 THINGS WE LEARNED LAST WEEK.

10 TORNADOES DON'T ALWAYS SOUND LIKE FREIGHT TRAINS.

2) WE HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE

FRIENDS THAN WE EVER IMAGINED.

BUREAU INSURANCE, YOU PROBABLY

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE

FOR ALL OF THE HELP AND SUPPORT

3) IF YOU DON'T HAVE FARM

# Motorcycle fatalities: An alarming trend

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) and the Iowa Department of Transportation are partnering to bring attention to a rising trend in motorcycle fatalities and encourage riders to be prepared and protected.

In Iowa, motorcycles make up just 0.3% of all registered vehicles and 0.33% of all vehicle miles traveled. Yet, in 2023, motorcycle fatalities accounted for 16% of total fatalities.

The fatality rate for registered motorcycles in Iowa is 10 times higher than the national average.

Similar to the way seat belts provide protection for vehicle passengers, helmets are a simple and effective way to reduce the likelihood of injury or death for those on two

According to data from the past five years, 74% of people killed on motorcycles in Iowa, were NOT wearing a helmet, while the national average is 38%. Iowa is one of three states in the country with NO helmet laws.

Additionally, the completion of a rider education and training course can increase confidence as a rider and ensure a safer riding experience. According to A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa's website, a motorcycle rider's judgment is critical. In single-vehicle crashes, rider error is the most common cause. Crashes with other vehicles also occur because either one or both operators make errors in judgment. Many collisions and injuries could have been avoided if the motorcycle rider had known when and how to swerve or brake.

Iowa's Motorcycle Rider Education (MRE) Program includes two levels of basic rider courses for new riders and a returning rider course for those who have ridden in the past but haven't been on a bike in several years.

All three courses include time on a motorcycle to apply the following

• Mental preparedness • Perception develop-

• Situational awareness · Risk evaluation and

evasive strategies · Basics such as riding in a straight line, turning,

shifting, and stopping. Courses are offered across the state. Whether you are on two wheels, four wheels, or more, it's everyone's responsibility to practice safe habits and Share the Road.

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