

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
January 19, 2022

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Kyle Kirchmeier, Roger Hille, Steve Tomac

Commission members Absent: Ron Leingang

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Dean Schmidt, Deanna Mussath (City of Mandan), Justin Froseth (City of Mandan), Cur Swanston (Crown Butte)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Jackie Buckley

Kyle made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The amended agenda involved moving items 3 and 4 to the top of the agenda, since Curt Swanston and Dean Schmidt were in attendance. Roger 2nd. Motion carried

Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Steve 2nd, motion carried

3. Crown Butte Speed Bumps Discussion – Crown Butte Association would like to install temporary speed bumps with in the subdivision. They would install them in the spring and remove them in the fall to facilitate snow plowing. The subdivision plows their streets. They plan to install speed bump warning signs at the entrances to the subdivision. The Road Commission had objections since this did not involve any County roads and they were going to install advanced warning signs.
4. Dean Schmidt Easement Discussion – the Road Commission agreed to swap 33 feet wide Right of Way where the road used to be in exchange for 66 feet of R/W where the current road is located. Mr. Schmidt agreed to pay for the preparation of the plat and the County will waive the application fee. The application will have to go through Planning & Zoning and then the County Commission for approval. Roger made a motion that Morton County will trade 33ft R/W for fee title R/W of 66 feet R/W where a County Road is located. Kyle 2nd, motion passed
2. 911 Change County Roads to Streets/Avenues – discussion for meeting when a representative from Emergency Management can attend.
1. Monthly Updates - Design Projects –Little Heart (Interstate Engineering), Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), no Change from previous month. These two bridges were submitted as candidates for the HB 1505 funding. Two additional bridges were submitted as well. Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering), final plans were submitted to the NDDOT as well as a request that the project stays in the April 2022 Bid Opening, even if the COE permit is not in hand. Solen Bridge over the Cannonball River (HDR), had our Kickoff Meeting on January 10, 2022. We discussed County Concerns, as well as schedule. It is a very aggressive schedule. We hope to keep the project in this fiscal year. With all the variables involved, it will be a challenge.

Construction Projects – All Construction Projects in 2021 are complete. Projects for 2022 have not started.

Culvert Replacements – None

Budget Update - Expenditures have exceeded the approved budget. The three line items that are most significant are salaries; County Bridge Replacements (received billing for both 2020 and 2021 from NDDOT. Had budgeted for 2021 only). Gravel Crushing crushed an additional 7,000 cubic yards in the Stegmiller pit in order to clean out that location.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.