

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
February 16, 2022

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The amended agenda involved adding discussion of purchase of a new Forklift. Kyle 2nd. Motion carried

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

- 1.a. Monthly Updates - Design Projects –Little Heart (Interstate Engineering), Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), Youngtown has been funded by the NDDOT as part of the HB 1505 Bridge Funding. Morton County submitted applications for four bridges and we were successful in receiving funding for this bridge. Since last meeting we have received authorization from the Commission to spend ARPA/HB 1505 funding on bridges. Five bridges were selected and John contacted consultants regarding all five designs and is expecting scope and fee documents for all of them by the end of the week. Sauber Engineering submitted their scope and fee document right before the meeting started. The project near Hebron (two bridges) is ready for the April NDDOT Bid Opening. The COE permit has been received, the plans and specs have been submitted to the NDDOT. The bridge at Solen work completed is Topographic Survey, SOV letters have been sent. Soil Boring have been completed, developing memo for rehabilitation vs reconstruction.
- b. Construction Projects – Final for the Microsurface project has been submitted to the Bismarck District for processing. I have received two requests for clarification. I have submitted the information requested.
- c. Culvert Replacements – None
- d. Budget Update – 2021: 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. There have been a number of increases in the prices for items used in the shop. For example, hydraulic fluid has increased from \$17.00. per gallon to \$31.00.
2022 Budget was reviewed, relatively few transactions have been recorded.

2. County Policy for Opening and Closing of Roads and Section Lines – Natalie presented draft policy. Roger was concerned about Century Code not being referenced. Natalie said we can alter requirements of Century Code based on our Home Rule Charter. Steve asked to have more time to review. Road Commission is concerned there is a document on the Morton County website that has not been reviewed and approved by the County Commission. The item will be revisited at the March Meeting, after the Road Commissioner have had an opportunity to review the draft document.
3. Discuss Extended Warranties for Motorgraders – Chad presented the need for extended warranties. Two Motorgraders are due to be replaced at the end of the year. The lead time for new equipment is exceeding a year in many cases. An extended warranty would be an option to cover repairs that may be needed after the warranties expire on these two motorgraders. Kyle recommended that we wait and see how the budget works out. This is due to the warranties costing \$7300 per machine, which is not budgeted.
4. Discuss City of Glen Ullin request for ARPA funds – Roger recommend how we paid for the work in Glen Ullin back in 2017-2018. The question was asked, did the City not get any ARPA funds. John is to contact Moore Engineering and discuss what they are wanting and how they are funding the rest of the project. Were any ARPA funds distributed to Cities?
- 5 Earlier this week, the drivetrain for the Fork Lift failed. The Fork Lift is a 1963 model Yale that the Highway Department bought used in 1976. Parts are hard to find. FM Forklift personnel doubt if they would be able to get parts, getting parts at a salvage yard might be a better option. The forklift is used by both the Highway Department and the Weed Department and is used almost daily in work around the shop. Roger would still like to look at what repairs are needed and proceed with repairs while pursuing a new fork lift. Ron made a motion approving the purchase of a Heli Forklift for approximately \$35,000 with the approval of full commission. Roger 2nd, motion carried, John will get the Request on the agenda for the February 22, 2022 Commission Meeting.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Roger 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.