

**Morton County Road Commission Meeting**  
**Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37<sup>th</sup> St NW, Mandan, ND 58554**  
**November 17, 2021**

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

Commission members Absent: None

Others present: John Saiki, Dean Schmidt, Brad Pfeifer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Ron Leingang

Roger made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The amended agenda involved addition of discussion of an email Jackie Buckley received and John added review and approval of the proposed schedule for 2022. Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

Roger made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried

1. Monthly Updates - Design Projects –Little Heart (Interstate Engineering), Youngtown (AE2S Engineering), no Change from previous month. Bridges on CR 140, BRC-3004(053) (Sauber Engineering), permit applications have been submitted. Ron and John Sauber are scheduled to meet with property owners regarding Temporary Construction Easements and Right of Way acquisition. Solen Bridge over the Cannonball River – Scope & Fee negotiations were started with Bolton & Menk, but after three submissions, they were too high. After review of their second submission, negotiations were dropped with Bolton & Menk and started with HDR. HDR submitted an acceptable Scope & Fee and execution of the contract was started. The preliminary engineering work will start in the near future.

Construction Projects – Final for the Microsurface project on CR 139 (ASTECH) Microsurface is 95+% complete. Bridge Replacements by County Forces for 2021 are complete. Graveling, 150 miles, is complete. Willow Road Reconstruction and Overlay is complete and the invoice from Northern Improvement has been received and forwarded to Auditor Rhone for processing. Budget Spreadsheet was reviewed.

2. Gravel Crushing Royalties - Royalties were last increased in 2015, from \$ 1.25 to \$ 2.00. Adjacent Counties are paying as follows: Burleigh \$ 2.50 per yard, McLean \$ 2.10 per yard, Mercer \$ 3.64, Grant County is \$ 2.00. It is desirable to increase the Royalties since many property owners with gravel are asking about increases and some property owners will not allow the County to crush gravel on their property for \$ 2.00 per yard. There are some areas where the Highway would like to contract with property owners for 2 to 3 years in advance, so we can plan our gravel crushing better. Roger made a motion to recommend to the full Commission to raise the Gravel Crushing Royalty to \$ 2.50. Jackie 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried. John will now present the recommendation to the full commission.

3. Email from Toman's – The email stated that the property owners would like to see CR 136 improved using recently approved infrastructure funding. They would like to see the road paved. Since the cost to pave a road is approximately \$ 1 million per mile, the volume of traffic doesn't justify the cost of pavement. Jackie will respond that the road will be maintained, but pavement is too expensive.
4. 2022 Scheduled of Road Commission Meetings – a schedule of proposed dates for Road Commission Meetings was presented. After review, there did not appear to be any conflicts. Roger made a motion to approve the schedule, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Fisher/Rhone Section from September Meeting – Jackie stated that the decision from the September meeting, was no longer valid. After presentation of the item to the full commission, it was within and would be presented to the Planning & Zoning Committee for their review recommendation.

Kyle moved to adjourn, Jackie 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.