

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
November 19, 2025

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Paul Tokach, Steve Tomac, Roger Hille

Commission members Absent: Kyle Kirchmeier

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Natalie Pierce, Cindy Moos, Larry Moos, Leon Glasser, Patty & Mark Barreth, Anthony Rhoden

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

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amendments was: Added St. Anthony Commercial Park under 8. Other. Paul 2nd, motion carried.

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

1. Discuss planting shrubs on county property – Anthony Rhoden would like to plant shrubs on county property, lilacs or other similar shrubs. Speed limit is 25 mph in that area . The NDDOT does not require any setbacks, shrubs cannot be on DOT Right of Way. The Road Commission recommended the following plan: a). Contact MDU for a locate, b). develop a plan and bring it to a future Road Commission meeting, c). order your shrubs now from the Soil Conservation Service for delivery in the spring. None of the commissioners objected to what he wanted to do.

2. Discuss Monte's Rancho's 6th Addition – The owners would like to reform lots from 3 to 5 lots. There is currently a road on 20 feet of Right of Way, much too narrow for current standards. Acquiring 20 additional feet of Right of Way on each side of the road was discussed, as well as future development to the north. The owner of lot 1 stated he would like the existing Right of Way to be vacated. There is a structure currently in the road Right of Way, but the road does not extend north of the structure. The Road Commission was unanimous in stating the County will not consider Right of Way vacation. Steve made a motion: recommend approval of plat with 3 lots, 40 feet total Right of Way from the Centerline of the road as shown on the plat and an easement for Crown Butte Coop as also shown on the plat. Roger 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Discuss Youngtown Bridge Right of Way – Steve contacted the adjacent property owner opposed to the bridge replacement by telephone. Since she is opposed and she will not negotiate the needed Right of Way purchase or the temporary construction easement. She stated she didn't think the bridge needed to be replaced. She also said the road is close to her house. Steve and Jackie will make a visit in the near future to further discuss the need for the replacement bridge.

4. Discuss Infrastructure Grant – The Road Commission agreed we should pursue applying for one of the available grants for improving the road by the feed lot that is scheduled to be enlarged. We will follow up regarding the application process, what is covered, what is not, etc.

5. Discuss Riverview Heights Trees - There are 10 Cottonwood trees in the subdivision whose roots are growing under the road and causing damage to the asphalt. The trees will have to be removed and the asphalt removed, tree roots removed and asphalt patched. No decision will be made regarding the trees until the annual meeting in May. Jackie also said the school bus is dropping off children on ND 1806 and the children have to cross the highway. She said it should be address by the school district and the bus company. The County should not get involved in this matter.

6. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Bids were accepted by the NDDOT for the bridge designed by Sauber Engineering, south of Almont. There were 9 bids. The low apparent low bidder is Gladen Construction, from Laporte, MN. RFP for CE was posted on the NDDOT website November 7, proposals due December 2, 2025. Jackie will be assisting with the interviews. Interviews were held for the two bridges that Apex designed. Youngtown Bridge is in the March, 2026 NDDOT Bid Opening. Three projects were in the November 14, 2025 NDDOT Bid Opening, County Road 136 in St. Anthony, low bidder is Northern Improvement, Chip Sealing of CR 139 around Glen Ullin, Morris Sealcoat and Microsurface on CR 139A, Astech from St. Cloud was the low bidder. IBI has completed work on the closed bridge, 30-164-35.0. Bridge is now open with no restrictions. Six bridges were submitted to the NDDOT for consideration for Flex Funding. We should find out by the end of the year. Construction on Summit Ave. (CR 140) in Hebron is done.

c. County maintenance work is wrapped up.

d. Budget Update - Reviewed expenses to date for 2025. Some large expenses such as, gravel crushing, match for Summit Ave and asphalt patching were approved at the last County Commission meeting and will hit next month. No bill from IBI, yet, the bridge has reopened.

e. Hebron Bond Claim Update – Asked the States Attorney to follow up. No updates.

7. Public Comment – Chair Buckley asked for public comment starting at 11:10 ending at 11:12 am. None was forth coming.

Other – St Anthony Commercial Park. Discussed lack of progress in the construction of the roads. Also discussed the approval of the plat at the last County Commission meeting.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Paul 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.