

Morton County Road Commission Meeting
Morton County Highway Department, 2916 37th St NW, Mandan, ND 58554
October 15, 2025

Commission members Present: Jackie Buckley, Paul Tokach (telephone), Kyle Kirchmeier, Steve Tomac

Commission members Absent: Roger Hille

Others present: John Saiki, Chad Schneider, Marc Taylor, DeeAnn Taylor, Todd Norton

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chair Jackie Buckley

Steve made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Amendments were: Added Speed Limit discussion on Highway 1806 in the Riverview Heights area, add under Other: Right of Way @ Youngtown, 2026 Meeting Schedule. Kyle 2nd, motion carried.

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

3. Discuss use of engine brakes on County Road 139 west of Mandan - Since Marc and DeeAnn Taylor were in attendance we started with item 3. They are requesting a prohibition of engine brakes. The road they are requesting the prohibition is Business Loop 94, a state highway. A motion was made by Steve to write a letter to the NDDOT Bismarck District to request a review of regarding installing signs in this location. Kyle 2nd. Role call vote; Kyle-yes, Paul-yes, Steve-yes and Jackie-yes. Motion carried.

6. Other - Right of Way at Youngtown – AE2S has been working on preliminary engineering and design for the replacement of the Youngtown bridge. The adjacent property owner is against the project. She does not want to see the bridge go away. The bridge will be moved and preserved approximately ¾ mile away from its current location. Todd Norton has attempted to negotiate an agreement for Right of Way on the East Side of the bridge. The property owner will not agree and won't talk to Todd any more. Discussion involved three options; 1) Condemnation, 2) close the bridge or 3) shorten the bridge and install guardrail since the edge of the bridge would be in the clear zone of the road. Option 3) would probably jeopardize the 100% state funding, since there will be a hazard in the clear zone of a new bridge. Steve and Jackie agreed to schedule a time to meet with the land owner and attempt to explain the need for the bridge, how the 100% funding for the replacement will benefit the County and get her to agree to the project. If that fails then a letter will be drafted and advise the property owner that the bridge will be closed and removed.

1. Discuss trees in Riverview Heights Subdivision – 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. The property owner or the Association will have to pay for the tree removal and the Association will have to pay for the road repairs. The County will not pay for the road repairs.

2. Discuss school bus drop off and Speed Limit discussion at Riverview Heights – These two items are related. The school bus drops off students at the subdivision and a new park has been built to the north east of ND 1806. There is concern for the safety of the children getting off the bus and children walking across the

highway to play at the park. Citizens are requesting a reduced speed zone (45 mph) from Barretta Street and Shaw Drive. A letter will be drafted to the NDDOT Bismarck District requesting a review of this request.

4. Monthly Updates – a & b. Design Projects and Construction projects – Bids were accepted by the NDDOT for the Two bridges designed by Apex. There were 10 bids. The low apparent low bidder is Jensen Construction Company, out of Fargo. RFP for CE was posted on the NDDOT website September 16, proposals due October 23, 2025. Jackie will be assisting with the interviews. Bridge one mile south of Almont is scheduled for a November 14, 2025 Bid Opening. Youngtown Bridge is in the February, 2026 NDDOT Bid Opening. Three projects are in the November 14, 2025 NDDOT Bid Opening, County Road 136 in St. Anthony, Chip Sealing of CR 139 around Glen Ullin and Microsurface on CR 139A. IBI is working on the closed bridge, 30-164-35.0. Work should be completed this week and the bridge can be opened. Six bridges were submitted to the NDDOT for consideration for Flex Funding. We should find out late February or early March if it is like the last time. The bridges submitted are; Kinnischtzke Bridge north of Glen Ullin (Apex), Sweet Briar (Interstate), Heid bridge and Emter. Summit Avenue (CR 140) in Hebron is under construction.

c. The bridge crew is working on another bridge replacement with a CMP, north of Glen Ullin. Dirt Crew is working in pulling the shoulders on CR 139 between CR 86 and Glen Ullin.

d. Budget Update - Reviewed expenses to date for 2025. Some larger expenses will start to hit the budget, such as gravel crushing and the match for the Summit Avenue project in Hebron.

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

4. Public Comment – Chair Buckley asked for public comment. None was forth coming.

Other – Reviewed proposed 2026 Road Commission Meeting schedule. There was consensus that the schedule will work. Motor Grader bids will be accepted on October 27, 2025 in the Conference Room at the shop. Once the bids are opened, the tabulation will be completed and sent to the Road Commissioner for their review and concurrence with the recommendation. The bids will be taken to the full Commission meeting for approval on October 28th.

Steve made a motion to adjourn, Kyle 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.