

**TESTIMONY FOR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
ON ANNUAL REPORTS AND SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

Chairman Representative Ruby, vice-chairman Senator Oehlke and members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Leslie Korgel and I am the McLean County Auditor. Thank you for having this hearing today.

My testimony will be in two parts. The first part will be on the annual transportation report as required by N.D.C.C. Section 54-27-26 and the second part will be on funding provided by H. B. 1012, H.B. 1358, H.B. 1176 and S.B. 2103.

In your materials I have included a copy of McLean County's report for the year of 2015. This is a fillable report and is fairly straight forward in the mechanics of data entry. The toughest part of this process is fitting my information into the categories available on the report. An example on the revenue side is in the receipts from state government. There is only one line (16) that you can describe a fund. Otherwise everything has to be lumped together under lines 14, 15 or 16. Funding from H.B. 1176 and S.B. 2103 would have to be lumped together. The same thing happens on the expense side on line 34. There are additional lines on the form that could be used to add additional information. Also on the recap portion of the form unless there is a federal reporting requirement, lines 1, 2 are meaningless. If you are getting reimbursed for spending funds to collect bills that are due because of highway maintenance that is still a highway purpose. Line 2 would fall into the same category, the funds are supporting something that is connected to a highway purpose.

The big question with any of these reports: Is anybody tracking the information on the state level or federal level? I know that can be a little difficult because everybody has a different idea of what belongs in a category. For instance in the expenditure category there is capital outlay- construction with four sub categories and there is also maintenance. I put the construction dollars into maintenance because we are

fixing roads that are already there. You could put those funds into system preservation or System enhancement and operation. I would suggest that you only have a new facilities category for capital outlay for new roads. The rest would go under maintenance. I suspect that would make people unhappy at the federal level though.

The second part of my testimony involves special transportation funding from the 2015 Legislative Assembly. I have included in your report a map of the projects we have done or are doing in McLean County along with a summary of projects. Included in that information are projects from H.B. 1012 and H.B. 1358. The reason I have included projects from the 2013 legislative session is to give you an idea of the projects that have been done and how they tie together. The projects have included overlays, graveling, subgrade repairs and major culvert repairs. As you can see in red a lot of the 2013 dollars were spent upgrading roads in the oil producing area and then we did some of our roads that were in the worst condition. A major project was the overlay of 5 miles of road from White Shield north to state highway 37. This brought the road up to 105,500 lbs. rating. The road was being used to haul scoria to the oil patch. We also put in a turn lane into the Blue Flint ethanol plant. This was done for safety reasons to allow the semi loaded with corn easier access to the grain handling plant.

The funds from the 2015 legislative assembly are projects shown in yellow and tan. Again these are roads that were in the worst condition and also helped finish up additional miles from what was done with the 2013 funds. So far approximately \$12,000,000 has been spent with 183 miles of road being improved. An important item for McLean County that does not show on this report is that these funds have allowed McLean County to add miles to these projects and complete several other projects. These projects have included graveling, culvert and bridge replacements.

Thank you Chairman Ruby. I would be available to answer any questions.

## Summary of Projects

HB-1012 ~ 32.7 of graveling and subgrade repairs to meet 105,500lbs

HB-1358 ~ 13 miles of graveling and subgrade repairs to meet 105,500lbs

HB-1358 ~ 0.22 mile asphalt overlay to Max Elevator to meet 105,500lbs

HB-1358 ~ 5.059 mile asphalt overlay Roseglen south to White Shield to meet 105,500lbs

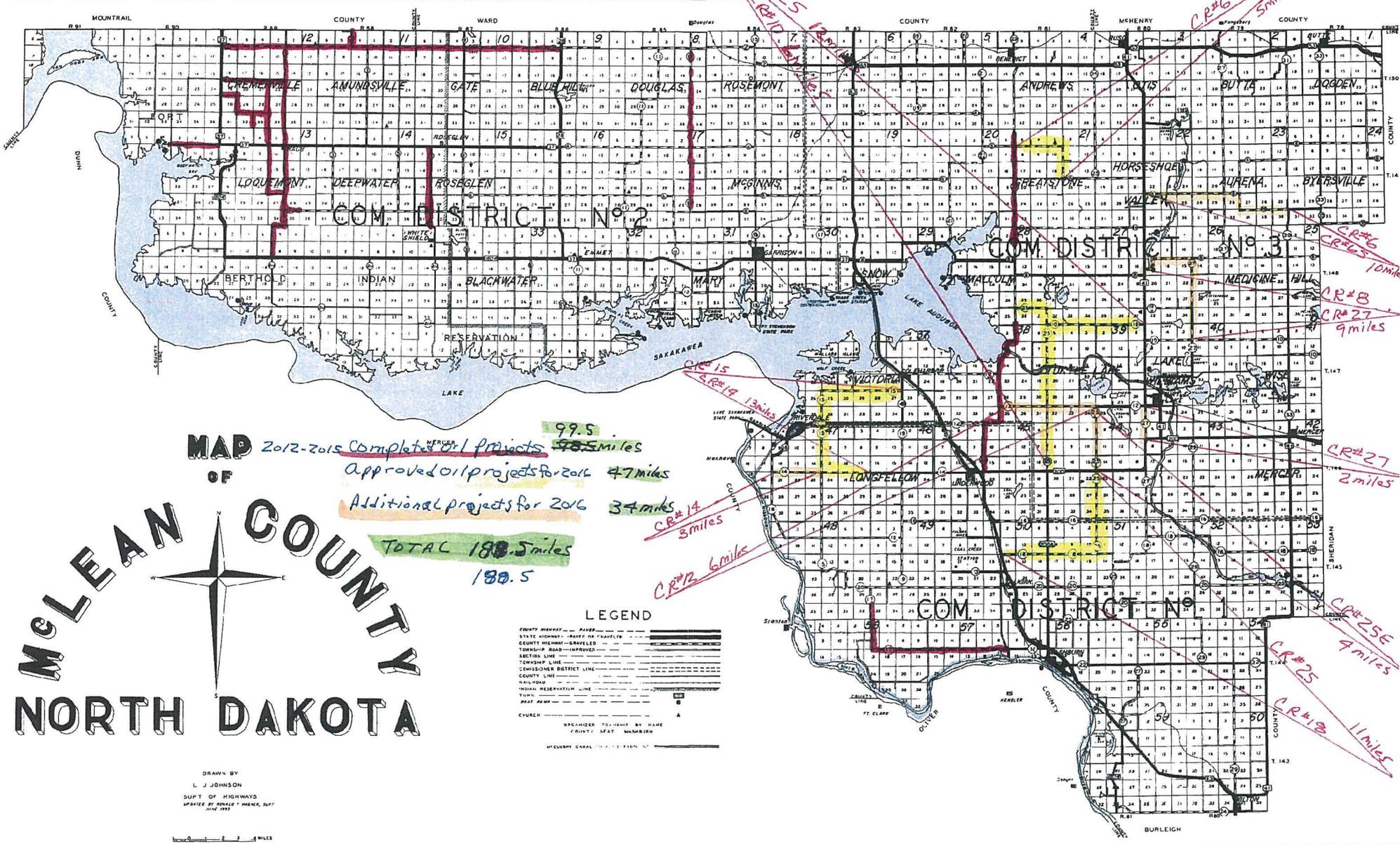
HB-1358 ~ Large culvert replacement to increase loading capacity on roadway

HB-1358 ~ Turn lane into Blue Flint Ethanol plant

SB-2103 ~ 50.9 Miles of graveling and subgrade repairs to meet 105,500lbs

HB-1176 ~ 81.1 Miles of graveling and subgrade repairs to meet 105,500lbs

Approximate total miles improved = 183 miles



**MAP** 2012-2015 Completed Oil projects **99.5**  
 Approved oil projects for 2016 **47 miles**  
 Additional projects for 2016 **34 miles**  
**TOTAL 180.5 miles**  
**180.5**

# McLEAN COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA



**LEGEND**

COUNTY HIGHWAY - PAVED	-----
STATE HIGHWAY - GRADE OR PAVED	-----
COUNTY HIGHWAY - GRAVELLED	-----
TOWNSHIP ROAD - IMPROVED	-----
SECTION LINE	-----
TOWNSHIP LINE	-----
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT LINE	-----
COUNTY LINE	-----
RAILROAD	-----
INDIAN RESERVATION LINE	-----
TOWN	-----
PLAT NAME	-----
CHURCH	-----

OREGONIZED TOWNSHIP BY NAME  
 COUNTY: SPAT. MARRISBURG  
 McLENNY CANAL TO THE EAST

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 L. J. JOHNSON  
 SUPT. OF HIGHWAYS  
 WRITTEN BY HAROLD J. HANCO, SUPT.  
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**North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner  
Transportation Funding - Online Entry  
Submitted**

**Confirmation Number:** CR10021711    **Return Type:** COUNTY    **Calendar Year:** 2015  
**County:** MCLEAN COUNTY    **Township:**    **City:**  
**First Name:** LESLIE  
**Last Name:** KORGEL  
**Address:** PO BOX 1108  
  
**City:** WASHBURN    **State:** NORTH DAKOTA    **Zip Code:** 58577-1108  
**Phone:** 701-462-8541    **Email:** lkorgel@nd.gov

Item	Local Government & Private Contributions	State Government	Federal Government	Total
<b>A. Beginning Balance</b>				\$1,847,255.74
<b>B. Receipts</b>	\$1,224,962.73	\$6,595,023.60	\$4,199.89	\$7,824,186.22
1). Less Amount used for Collection Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2). Less Amount used for Non-Highway Purposes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3). Less Amount used for Mass Transit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4). Total Receipts used for Highway Purposes	\$1,224,962.73	\$6,595,023.60	\$4,199.89	\$7,824,186.22
<b>C. Expenditures</b>				\$7,749,449.47
<b>D. Ending Balance (Line A + Line 4 - Line C)</b>				\$1,921,992.49

**Receipts from Local Government**

1. General Fund Appropriations	\$0.00
2. Property Tax and Assessments	\$1,005,558.67
3. Sales Tax	\$0.00
4. Other	\$31,500.00
5. Misc. Local Receipts	\$186,704.06
6. Bonds - Original issues	\$0.00
7. Bonds - Refunding Issues	\$0.00
8. Notes	\$0.00
9. Specify	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1,223,762.73

**Receipts from State Government**

12. Highway Taxes	\$1,380,895.57
13. State General Funds	\$167,984.27
14. Other State Funds	\$455,888.02
15. Misc. State Receipts	\$657,836.82
16. Specify Oil Impact funds	\$3,932,418.92
<b>Total</b>	\$6,595,023.60

**Private Contributions**

10. Contributions	\$1,200.00
11. Specify	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1,200.00

**Receipts from Federal Government**

17. Federal highway Administration	\$0.00
18. Other Federal Agencies:	
a). Forest Service	\$0.00
b). FEMA	\$0.00
c). HUD	\$0.00
19. Specify Flood control	\$4,199.89
<b>Total</b>	\$4,199.89

**Road and Street Transportation Need Expenditures**

20. Capital Outlay - Right of Way	\$0.00
21. Capital Outlay - Engineering	\$0.00
22. Capital Outlay - Construction:	
a). New Facilities	\$0.00
b). Capacity Improvements	\$0.00
c). System Preservation	\$0.00
d). System Enhancement and Operation	\$0.00
23. Maintenance	\$3,920,417.19
24. Traffic Control Operations	\$0.00
25. Snow and Ice Removal	\$0.00
26. Other Road and Street Services	\$0.00
27. General Administration and Engineering	\$134,076.66
28. Highway Law Enforcement and Safety	\$167,665.70
29. Debt Service - Bond Interest	\$0.00
30. Debt Service - Bond Redemption	\$0.00
31. Debt Service - Note Interest	\$0.00
32. Debt Service - Note Redemption	\$0.00
33. Transfer Payments to State	\$0.00
34. Specify State oil impact project	\$3,527,289.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,749,449.47</b>

Item	Opening Debt	Amount Issued	Redemptions	Closing Debt
35. Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
36. Notes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
37. Specify	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

