

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.R.A.C.)

DATE: January 10, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cramer, Marlin Clark, Norm Myers, Bill Howard, Diane Waldron, Curt Schonbrod, Bob Rieke, Jack Brooks, Rich Gitschlag, Bob Reed

STAFF: Jon Oshel/Director, Tim Josi/Commissioner, and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. No changes to the Agenda.

ITEM 2 MINUTES: November 03, 1999 minutes approved as written.

ITEM 3 ROAD STATUS REPORT - JON OSHEL: Jon said that the two recent winter storm damages are approximately \$400,000 to \$600,000 of which \$250,000 is eligible from the Emergency Relief Fund. The fund has no money until the congress appropriates additional funds. He added that when not doing storm repairs the crew has been doing chuckhole repairs, he handed out a report. Jon explained the emergency fund process. Emergency relief is appropriated at \$100M a year nationwide and is usually spent in the first month of the federal fiscal year. If and when a disaster occurs the Feds concur that the project is eligible but since no money is available the funds can be "borrowed" from other funds until the emergency funds are available. At this time, ODOT has agreed to loan monies for the Tierra Del Mar Slide, Trask River Slide and the Miami Foley Slide until the Feds come up with the funds. The criterion is only to do projects that would be done anyway. Tim stated that he would like the CRAC to develop a policy on how much should the road department go in debt, and if an emergency occurs how should the project be prioritized; adding that public opinion would have some bearing to any policy. Jon to bring with him to the next meeting the amount that has been expended on future promises from the federal government and ODOT. Jon said that there are two issues, how deep should we go in debt and triage the criteria's of road closure openings. Tim said that at that time the CRAC should be called in to help come up with a decision but bearing in mind that the public needs to be aware that this decision is made because of lack of funds. Bill Howard said the people he talked to are not happy with the road department stating that "they are too many chiefs and not enough Indians". Discussion held on whether to go for another road levy. Mary said that the Nov 99 road levy results 65% to 35% proved that the public are expecting the road department to come up with a plan instead of going out for a levy. Rich said that people are expressing their dissatisfaction with the federal and state government by taking it out on the county government. Marlin asked about the County's contingency fund. Tim said the funds are mostly earmarked.

ITEM 4 REVENUE PRODUCTING OPPORTUNITIES - TIM JOSI: Tim approached the road department employees recently and asked them to come up with possible revenue sources since the road levy failed. He intends to discuss potential revenue sources and a revenue-raising source. If the decision is to make the

road department entrepreneurial a unit cost, game plan and a market plan has to be established. Tim said that they are looking for grant revenue to fund a consultant, if this is not possible then a discussion needs to be had whether to take it out of the Road Dept or General Fund budget. Tim said the entrepreneurial ideas together with state timber revenues, possible gas increase, backfilling of timber revenues from the federal government may be the solution and if it is not sufficient, the public can then be approached again. Consensus was reached not to go to the ballot in May 2000. Discussed having a "Friends of the Road Department" and getting different agencies involved using the safety angle.

It was agreed that to serve all of the county CRAC meetings should be held in the north, south and Central County. As a result the next meeting is scheduled at the Pacific City Kiawanda Senior Center on February 14, 2000 at 3:00pm. This will give the public an opportunity to voice their suggestions and opinions. Tim plans on doing a 15 minute presentation on the budget.

Jon also said that \$1M for Right of Way purchase for a \$8M Sandlake/Galloway improvements project is in the process of being borrowed from a bank. Tim said he would like to see a policy in place for future projects.

ITEM 5 FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION REVIEW - JON OSHEL: As the Countywide system plan is developed it will address this issue. The committee would like to know the criteria used to move a road from a local to collector, ADT to include truck traffic, different times in the year i.e. summer Vs winter. Jon to bring the information to the next meeting.

ITEM 6 POLICY DISCUSSION - MARY CRAMER:

- a. Community Paving Agreement: For a Local Improvement District - A formal contract is made with the county if 60% of the property owners are agreeable to the agreement. It costs the road department \$5,000 to set up, and at this time a policy decision has been made not to include it in the final price. The road department pays 50% of the cost of paving and the administration cost. The question should be whether federal timber monies should be used to match private funds when we are in a crisis. Or should we turn down monies from a private source to improve a county road. Need to find the cost savings, is it beneficial? Jon to come up with the figures.
- b. Conversion of Paved Roads to Gravel: The questions raised - what is it going to cost to maintain the paved road, what is the cost to tear it down and what is the cost to maintain a gravel road. Jon to come up with the figures.

ITEM 7 PUBLIC COMMENT: Dora mentioned that Trask River Road has four places where the road is sliding and one spot where the road is being undermined. She said she would also like the Director of Public Works to tour all the county roads twice a year.

Curt asked Jon if the roads have deteriorated any further. Jon said it is not as bad as he had anticipated, it is about 20% on the surface condition over last year.

Bob Reed has a presentation on the strengths and his concerns of the road department, which he will present as an agenda item at the next meeting.

ITEM 8 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. Next meeting at Kiawanda Center in Pacific City on February 14, 2000 at 3:00pm.