

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

DATE: March 06, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Bob Reed, Bill Howard, Jack Brooks, Norm Myers, and Marlin Clark

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

PUBLIC: Dan Larson/Shiloh, Diane Waldron, Don Averill/Averill Trucking, Jay Williamson/CJ Excavating, Dora Norwood

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME Union

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. Bob Reed suggested that the committee talk about Cape Meares Loop and the Hwy Safety Seminar.

ITEM 2 MINUTES: February 14, 2000 minutes accepted but not approved, no quorum.

ITEM 3 FINAL REVIEW OF COUNTY FUNDING POLICY FOR COUNTY/COMMUNITY PAVING PROJECTS - JON OSHEL: Discussion on budget constraints, caps, and fairness issues. Policy accepted by members present, to be approved when there is a quorum present. Jon mentioned that as of today the Road Dept has not received a paving project proposal from any citizen group.

ITEM 4 CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON AGGREGATE MINING FEE AS POSSIBLE REVENUE FOR COUNTY ROADS - JON OSHEL: Jon pointed out that his memo indicated timber and aggregate hauled on all Tillamook County roads which is not separated by State, City, Private, BLM, Forestry roads. DOGAMI would not release information by pit use because the information is confidential. Jon added that the fee if approved would be used to maintain the roads damaged by the aggregate haulers. Marlin pointed out that the other truckers that use the road should be taxed too. Don Averill said that he pays approximately \$1.32/mile PUC tax and felt that if this tax went through it should be imposed on all trucks. Don said he personally felt that the trucks were paying their fair share for their usage of the roads and would not support anymore taxes. He understood that the roads need additional revenue but not through this source. He further said that the paperwork nightmare that PUC generates would also be the County's nightmare should this go through. Don concluded that he wanted the members of this committee to know his situation should they decide to pursue this. Tim said that the Commissioners were asked to consider this source of revenue and it would be remiss not to bring it to the CRAC for their input. Don stated that the fairest tax is the one in the legislature right now and he hoped that would go through. Dan Larson and Jay Williamson said that the legislature should be approached to see about changing the percentage of the revenue that Tillamook County obtains. Jon said that according to studies, the truckers are paying their fair share, the economic impact when one entity is taxed could reverberate should this tax be collected. Bob added that Columbia County is collecting this tax and is successful at this time because they have a larger quantity removed. Bob Reed thanked Don, Dan and Jay for coming and said that should the

committee decide to pursue this, all those affected by the tax would be contacted.

ITEM 5 ROAD STATUS REPORT - JON OSHEL: Sandlake/Galloway Road project is close to obtaining the environmental approval. The loan papers for the right-of-way are at the Justice Department awaiting their approval. Blaine Road - draft documents for the environment assessment are close to being ready. Cape Meares Loop - A public meeting was held February 29 to obtain input from all parties concerned. CJ Excavating, Shiloh together with the County is prepared to fix Bayocean Road and this helped ease public tensions at the meeting. Negotiations are being had with Shiloh to purchase the right to use the detour road. He added that DOGAMI stated that the slide area is still moving. The BOC would like to keep the road opened and suggested paying for the use of the road. Bob Reed said that if he had a quorum he would make a motion to approve the continuance of negotiations with Shiloh.

ITEM 7 DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ROAD DEPARTMENT BUSINESS PLAN - JON OSHEL: Jon said that knowing the unit cost would improve efficiency and could be used as a funding source for entrepreneurial ideas. To manage the budget knowing the unit cost helps improve the quality and quantity of the work and questions can be answered more clearly. Jon said that Mary Cramer has had a chance to review this and added the concept to match budget line item, which would be good but may not be possible. Jon said he checked around the State but no one has gone through this process. Jon suggested putting in an RFP in the Daily Journal of Commerce to get qualified applicants. Bob Reed asked if this would help identify efficiencies of a function adding that it would be useful tool. If the right consultant were available it would be useful to review the components and functions of any department. Jon said that the road department has a history on asphalt paving but it would be useful to get a unit cost of all maintenance tasks to increase efficiencies and contracting out charges. Jack asked if a staff member could work on the unit cost issue adding that practical knowledge and staff participation is very helpful. Jon said he did not have enough manpower to do the entire study in-house. Bill Howard and Norm Myers concurred that the crew needs to have input in this process. Jon would like the Consultant to have knowledge of maintenance activities, computer programs and be able to talk to the Operators. Jon said he had budgeted approximately \$50,000 for this process. On Jack's question about what will be achieved doing this process, Jon responded that it could achieve a 10-20% cost savings on some activities. Bob Reed said that the Committee has to give Jon Oshel some guidance to continue looking at obtaining a consultant. Tim said he is in favor of this plan because efficiency would be improved and entrepreneurship ideas may be forthcoming. Janet mentioned that the Health Department did the process and it has helped them determine the cost of programs. Tim asked for a recommendation because the budget is due and Jon needs to budget this item. Bob Reed said this committee should not have input on budget items but would recommend this expenditure. Members present concurred. Jon said that he would come up with a proposal.

ITEM 6 DISCUSSION OF ROAD CREW PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR CALENDER YEAR 2000: Jon went through the priority matrix and said he listed the projects according to the matrix. Members suggested that PC Heights Drainage project be held for discussion as an agenda item. East Beaver Creek project will be

done by county forces. BayOcean Rd - shoulder work to be moved to Priority 5 to be with the culvert project. Latimer road elevation project to be moved up to Priority #1 because of possible flood problems. Tim asked if Jon could check with the owner if he would be willing to share the cost of Curl Bridge repairs.

ITEM 8 BUDGET DISCUSSION - JON OSHEL: Jon handed out Status of FY2001 Budget Development memo and a comparison of 2000 Vs 2001 budget years. He explained that at present the preliminary budget is \$380,000 out of balance. Tim said that he felt that \$362,000 of O&C monies should be dedicated to the road department. He asked if the committee supported him pursuing this. Members all concurred that Tim should pursue this. Bob Reed asked if there was a consensus that this group supports the presentation of an out of balance budget, all members present agreed. Jon to add an "unknown revenue source" to balance the budget per the Advisory Committee's recommendation.

ITEM 9 CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT - BOB REED: This item postponed due to lack of time.

ITEM 10 PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane Waldron said that she is very impressed with the Road Department and its leadership. She added that she has been "deselected" by the BOC and will no longer be part of the CRAC. She handed out a copy of the BOC letter and draft of her response. Norm Myers and Bob Reed talked about the Hwy Safety Training stating that they learned a lot from it. Norm Myers said that he had reviewed Leslie Burckard's proposal of reader boards on ORS 6, the repair costs would be high should the boards get damaged. State Forestry is putting in a radio station that could be tapped into, installing emergency phones on route and getting better cell phone range accessibility are other ideas that are being taken into consideration. Dora Norwood asked for a revised list of members and mentioned that Michael Wissenfluh had attended only one meeting and Irene Ertell was seldom seen at meetings. Jeanette said that Irene called and apologized for not making this meeting but she has been a regular attendee.

ITEM 11 NEXT MEETING LOCATION/DATE/TIME: The next meeting will be held in North County on April 10, 2000 at 3:00pm. Jeanette to notify through next month's Agenda the location of the next meeting.

ITEM 12 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.