

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

DATE: February 12, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Jack Brooks, Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Bob Reed, Larry Kiser, Ray Robinson and Gloria Gass

STAFF: Pat Oakes & Bob Willhite/ Interim Management, Commissioners Chuck Hurliman and Paul Hanneman, Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME Local President

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

ITEM 2 REVIEW MINUTES: Jack Brooks moved to accept the January 08, 01 minutes as written, Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved.

ITEM 3 WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Members introduced themselves, new members were welcomed.

ITEM 4 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: Ray Robinson nominated Bob Reed as Chair, Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved except for Bob Reed who opposed.

Bob Reed nominated Curt Schonbrod as Vice-Chair; Jack Brooks seconded, unanimously approved.

ITEM 5 ROAD DEPARTMENT STATUS: Bob Willhite stated that the crews were doing regular maintenance activities in all districts. Bob said that maintenance on equipment is pretty high because of the age of the equipment. Curt asked why were the crews brushing in the winter? Bob Willhite responded that the roadsides are mowed during winter as well, and brushing will occur as needed to control the growth.

Pat said that the Cascade Trace Bridge (off Slab Creek Road in Neskowin) project is at design stage. Miami-Foley Road, which failed in 1997, was accepted as a federal aid project. The project is beginning this summer. The previous plan called for complete road closure but since this condition was not acceptable the Engineers are redesigning it, and the County Road Department will bear the additional cost. Trask River Road project is at design stage. Sandlake-Galloway Road is a \$8.5M project with the County having to bear the cost of acquiring the right-of-way. There are no major long-term closures but a 3-6 hour closure is with advance notice, is possible. The usual delay would be no more than 30 mins.

Bay Ocean Spit: Bob Reed handed a copy of a letter that Mr. Hadley that was published in the Headlight Herald. Commissioner Hanneman stated that Mr. Hadley plans to get all the agencies together to come up with a viable solution. Commissioner Hurliman said that Mr. Hadley wanted the County to cut the brush by hand, but for economical reasons that's not feasible. Bob Reed suggested using the jail crew. Pat said that using the jail crew is not

free, Bob Willhite added that the jail crew is not allowed to use a power saw. The access is primarily maintained for emergency vehicle access.

Paul Hanneman said that the interview for a Public Works Director is set for February 23, 2001. Pat Oakes and Bob Willhite each have their own responsibilities and duties so would be glad to have a Director on board. The interview panel is to consist of the Board of Commissioners and, the Personnel Director. Commissioner Hurliman said he had got some feedback from the crew as well as Pat and Bob.

Pat said that with the Cascade Trace Bridge project during public input the question would be raised as to whether a full closure or not is an option.

Bob Reed said that he took photographs of the road crew at work for the Headlight Herald's Day in the Life series.

ITEM 6 PAVING PRIORITIES: Bob Willhite said that when the paving list is completed they would be putting the requests in the equation according to the need. Bob Reed mentioned that the members need to be aware of the requests received. Bob Reed to respond to the Bay City request on the members' recommendation. Larry Kiser requested that Laneda Avenue be put on the list because of the condition of the road. Pat said that \$400,000 of S1608 guaranteed additional revenue would be used to balance the budget at 5000 tons of thin layer of asphalt for 3-4 miles. If additional funds are available from the General Fund or the proposed increase of .02cents per gallon gas tax increase will be allotted to two critically needed pieces of equipment, a mower and a 10 yard truck and the balance for paving. Bob Reed asked for a paving list and the priorities used.

ITEM 7 PUBLIC IMAGE: Bob Reed stated that the public always tends to look at the negative efforts instead of the positive efforts and that is something one should be aware of especially if you are wearing the County Road employee hat. Commissioner Hurliman said that he hopes to get a video of each department activities so that the public can understand the workings of each department. Bob Reed said he would be willing to come to any of the staff meetings if need be. Pat Oakes said that all meetings are posted on the Public Works website, traffic safety and the roads advisory committee meetings.

ITEM 8 TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING REPORT: A suggestion was made that Norm Myers receive a copy of the CRAC minutes since he is the Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee.

ITEM 9 PUBLIC COMMENT: Dora said that Burden's Towing has to deal with the costs of towing abandoned vehicles. The storage of the vehicles is an issue too. Ray Robinson said that he was under the impression that the State is willing to clear the title. Dora suggested that the Commissioners need to deal with this issue and would like it addressed as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Larry Kiser asked if the Utility Agencies are responsible for maintaining their crossings? Pat Oakes said that there is a year's maintenance and other safeguards in place as part of the permitting process.

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING, DATE & AGENDA: Next meeting scheduled for March 12, 2001 at 3:00pm at the Board of Commissioners Conference Room. The agenda to include 2001-2002 Budget and Abandoned Vehicles, Dora to invite Mr. Burden to the meeting.

ITEM 11 ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.