

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

DATE: April 9, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Jack Brooks, Ray Streeter, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, Larry Kiser, and Gloria Gass

MEMBERS ABSENT: Curt Schonbrod

STAFF: Aaron Suko/ PW Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Bob Willhite/Operations Superintendent, Commissioner Chuck Hurliman, and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME Local 2734 President

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Agenda accepted as written.

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

ITEM 3 INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Bob Reed introduced and welcomed Aaron Suko, the new Director of Tillamook County Public Works. Members introduced themselves. Aaron Suko said that he started work for the County on April 2, 2001. He would be transitioning with HLB, Inc. during the month of April where he has been employed for the last 3 years. Prior to that he was a 30-year Public Works Design Engineer, Planner and Project Manger at Fort Lewis Installation Army Base and at the Naval Facilities Shore Command for Washington/Alaska/Oregon. He is a licensed Civil Engineer in Washington and Oregon. Aaron said he is glad to be on board. He added that all the staff has done a great job in keeping things running. Jack Brooks said that Aaron had joined a really good team.

ITEM 4 ROAD DEPARTMENT STATUS: Bob Willhite stated that general maintenance is being done on all roads. The deceleration lane on Long Prairie is on hold until the Port completes its installation. Pat Oakes said that the right-of-way acquisition on Sandlake/Galloway project is ongoing. Trask River Slide project is still progressing. Miami-Foley slide repair incorporating the detour. The bid to open April 18, 2001.

ITEM 5 BUDGET STATUS UPDATE: Aaron stated that the presentation to the Budget Committee work sessions would be on March 18 at 2:30-3:30pm. On May 17/18 the Budget Committee would be deliberating on the budget. On June 15 at 9:00am the BOC would approve and adopt the budget. Larry Kiser asked if all the meetings would be open to the public. Aaron said they are work sessions but in keeping with BOC open door policy he was sure that public could be present. Pat said the intention is to present the change that was approved by CRAC at the March 18 presentation. Pat wanted to clarify that at the last CRAC meeting it was suggested that a news release be sent out on the budget. He added that the policy is to send all news releases to the BOC before submission; the BOC sent it out for publishing. There has not been

any negative feedback on the news release. A citizen asked Larry Kiser if Laneda Avenue is on the paving list. Aaron Suko said that storm drainage improvements would have to be done before paving is scheduled. He understood that Jerry Taylor of the City of Manzanita plans on applying for a grant. Aaron said a preliminary study has been done but there are some wrinkles that need to be ironed out. Larry Kiser asked if the county and the city would share in the cost of this project. Aaron said he hoped that a grant would cover most of the costs.

Gloria asked if it was possible to put "Old Woods Road" on the paving list. The Emergency Vehicles would rather go the longer route to avoid the damage to their vehicles. Jack Brooks mentioned that there is a potential for higher volume of traffic if Hwy 101 is closed. Bob said that he hoped to take Aaron onsite soon. Gloria said that the shoulders are very scary and asked if it could be converted to gravel. Bob said it depended on Aaron Suko and how feels about the conversion process, but he would rather have a paved section. To add Old Woods Roads to the list would be dependent on the BOC allocating extra monies to the Road Fund for paving, and also to the Director. Aaron said that it is a priority to him to get a handle on all the projects, so paving can be done soon. Members discussed the sidewalk improvement in the City of Rockaway that was paid by the property owners. Gloria indicated that she has received a call of praise for a job well done on Ridge Way.

ITEM 5 TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING REPORT: Bob said that he had attended the last meeting. They are still working on Highway 6 safety improvements to include cell tower, rest areas and a highway information sign.

Bob Reed suggested that when Aaron has had a chance to understand the Road Department, perhaps at future meetings it could review policies, priorities and long and short-range plans. Aaron said that project lists would be reviewed at the next meeting. Aaron asked if there was a mission statement, and if so Pat could post it on the web. Bob Reed said that the BOC adopted the Operating Procedures of the CRAC on 10-04-00.

ITEM 6 PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

Chuck Hurliman said that he would like a cost analysis done of what is required to get Laneda Road up to standard. Discussion ensued about the different funds and availability of funds from general fund.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING, DATE AND AGENDA: Next meeting May 14, 2001 at 3:00pm. Bob Reed asked that at the next meeting he would like to review any revisions to the budget, and any comments provided that could be useful in assisting the CRAC petition the BOC for additional funds for the Road Department.

ITEM 8 ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm