

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: June 18, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Ray Streeter, Larry Kiser, Gloria Gass and Jack Brooks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Robinson

STAFF: Aaron Suko/ Public Works Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Bob Willhite/Operations Superintendent and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. Bob Reed said that the meeting had been rescheduled because the Director was not available, and to get a better perspective of the current resurfacing program. Fair Booth discussion and Dust Control issues to be added to the agenda.

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

ITEM 3 ROAD DEPARTMENT STATUS: Aaron confirmed that the resurfacing program includes 8,000 tons of paving. Paving has been completed in the North District, which included portions of N. Fork, Foss, Falcon Cove and Miami-Foley roads, presently paving in Central District, and when completed will move on to South District. Aaron explained that the crew from all the districts combines to do the paving. The members said that they received positive comments on the crew's positive attitude and excellent work.

ITEM 4 PROJECT DISCUSSION:

- A. LANEDA AVENUE:** Aaron Suko met with Val Folkema of the EDC (Economic Development Committee) and Jerry Taylor of the City of Manzanita to explore funding options. Aaron had asked the BOC if monies would be available for the design of the project, but at this time the BOC has not committed any funds. Aaron said he is delaying putting together an intergovernmental agreement until the funding for the design of the project is figured out. The project is on a stand still at this point.
- B. MIAMI-FOLEY ROAD SLIDE REPAIR:** Pat Oakes said that ODOT and the Contractor have indicated that work is due to begin July 9 to last for 7 weeks. There will be one-lane traffic with 20-minute delays. There is a weeklong night closure planned that will be notified to the media as soon as it is known.
- C. LONG PRAIRIE ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING:** Pat Oakes that the crew completed the work with the exception of the striping. Striping is planned for mid-August.
- D. DUST CONTROL:** The list is updated annually. A Physician's note is required to be eligible for the program. The application of dust control

is expected to be accomplished in July.

5. BUDGET 2001-2002 REPORT/STATUS: Aaron Suko thanked Bob Reed for attending the Budget Meeting June 15, 2001. The Road budget was approved as recommended by CRAC with the addition of the STP funds, i.e. \$450,000, brings the approved Road budget to \$3,906,000. No monies were obtained from

O & C Lands fund this year. General Fund 2002/2003 picture looks bleak. It would be highly unlikely that any O & C Lands monies would be available next year. Bob Reed said that the Budget Committee suggested that the CRAC look at other possible revenue sources. Aaron added that the equipment purchases made possible by the STP funds would be pursued for purchase in the Winter of 2001. Aaron in answer to Marlin's question stated that \$1.8M is dedicated to personnel services. The staff is required primarily for basic maintenance and response capabilities for winter storms and floods. Members had a discussion on contracting out v/s in-house. Aaron reiterated that having experience staff who know the roads especially during emergency response is invaluable. Discussion on available contingency ensued.

6a. TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING REPORT: Pat Oakes reported that the matching funds for the radio transmitter on Hwy 6 may not be available so the grant funds may have to be returned. Pat mentioned that there would be a vacancy on the committee due to a member leaving.

6b FAIR BOOTH: The history of the road department's involvement in the fair was discussed. Members debated whether it would be beneficial to do a fair booth, and the consensus was that would be good for public image. The fair is on August 8-11, 2001. Members suggested a county road map, comment cards, revenue and expenditure charts, pictures of regular maintenance and catastrophes, updated flyer to include CRAC members with contact information. Sign up passed around for manning the booth.

7: TILLAMOOK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN (TSP) REPORT: Bob Reed reported that it is a 20-year plan based on transportation issues which identify key intersections and road improvement sections. There are twenty agencies involved in this plan. The contractor hopes to make a presentation on the focus of the priorities. The next meeting is scheduled in late July and/or early August 2001.

8. DISCUSSION OF NETARTS COMMUNITY MEETING: Aaron said that the meeting would focus on the congestion issues experienced during Memorial weekend. A low tide and other consequences happening at the same time caused this traffic congestion.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time

10. NEXT MEETING, DATE AND AGENDA: Commissioner Hurliman said that he would like CRAC to prioritize projects, i.e. paving, maintenance, equipment needs, review budget and address revenue issues. Aaron asked for input from the Committee on the direction of the meetings. Policies and procedures could be the focus and, staff could develop alternative methods, which would be presented for input so these methods could be tested. Aaron remarked that the department uses primarily using asphalt overlay as a repair technique

but will evaluate other options such as chip seal and bituminous surface for gravel roads. Bob Reed said that researching into alternative materials would be appropriate, and that the day to day operations is not something CRAC should be involved in. A maintenance plan by the Road Department, when done is a cost saving tool especially at times of financial difficulties. The members discussed the bylaws of the committee. Bob Willhite would like a discussion on the "abandoned vehicles" issues on the county roads. Aaron suggested that the staff for the next couple meetings bring some of the key ordinances that the Road Department operates under so that the members can understand these ordinances. In the fall, perhaps alternative maintenance procedures can be presented to the committee. Aaron also suggested that the meeting in August could be skipped in lieu of CRAC manning the fair booth in August. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2001.

11. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm