

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: March 25, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, Ray Streeter, Larry Kiser and Jack Brooks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Curt Schonbrod, Gloria Gass and Bill Howard

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

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME 2734 President

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. Bob Reed asked to add a discussion on overweight vehicles.

Item 2 Review minutes of 03-25-02: Jack Brooks motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ray Robinson seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Road Department Status: Bob Willhite reported that in addition to snow plowing the crews accomplished some maintenance tasks. There was a mudslide on Trask River Road at MP 6.2, which closed the road for a while. There is still some work to be done. The property owner's son approached the Board of Commissioners to propose that a bigger culvert, approximately 8' to 10', replace, the existing 2' culvert. The BOC directed the Road Department to look at the cost of replacing the culvert or placing a bridge in that area. Bob Willhite expressed to BOC that the adjacent north-side property owners which is Simpson and the Forestry be involved in any decisions that may be made, and if possible share in the cost. Ray Streeter asked if a bigger culvert would make a difference. Bob W. felt that the existing culvert handles the usual flow of water, but with heavy rains, the silt, rocks and logs plug the culvert. Aaron said there is still some debate about the larger culvert being designed with appropriate head walls so that the logs can be redirected which would increase the chances of passing a large item, but it is not guaranteed. A stump that does not have a direction would plug a larger culvert. The consensus was that if a bigger culvert would not solve the issue, then it is not worth the additional cost.

- | **Shoulder Maintenance Effort:** Aaron noted that no public input has been forthcoming since the newsrelease went out. The list will be coordinated with the overlay program.
- | **Priorities for Chip Seal program:** Nothing new to report.
- | **Priorities for Asphalt Overlay program:** Nothing new to report. Bob Reed asked for clarification of the MP 0.6 to 0.9 overlay plan for Trask River Road. Aaron said this is a continuation of the overlay done last year.
- | **Alder Street - Improvements & Paving, Oceanside:** Bob Willhite reported that, as weather permits, work would be done to include reseeding of the hillside. Aaron added that all the utility crossings have been completed.

- | **Community Paving Projects: Beach Crest Drive, Neskowin & Stephen Avenue, Pacific City:** Pat Oakes developed detailed estimates that were submitted. No contact from Beach Crest, but with Stephen Avenue confirmation needs to be obtained from the property owners. They have decided to go with chip seal.

4. Drainage Issues:

- | **PC Heights:** Aaron said he contacted Performance Partnership to assist with the grant preparation to DEQ for funds to hire a consultant to prepare a Storm Drain Master Plan that would address the PC Heights drainage area. The grant application would need to be submitted in mid-summer. Aaron hopes that Performance Partnership would be willing to help write the grant. Aaron suggested that Mr. Murray proceed with the work of installing a foundation drain at his home. The Road Department obtained one contractor estimator in the amount of \$9600.00.
- | **Laneda, between 3rd and 4th:** Aaron reported that Ms. Julia Johnson feels that she is adversely impacted by the drainage from the road. Her building is next to the Post Office and sits lower than the road. The cost estimate that was prepared is \$5500.00 which would provide a slotted french drain in the pavement along the frontage of her building and channel the water around and down Third Street. Aaron said that he is still not certain that the road drainage is causing her problem. He mentioned that the crew in the past has created an asphalt swale that intercepts the water off the street and carries it toward the end of the building. This was done to the easterly half of the building. Jerry Taylor who was in contact with Craig Bybee (Contract Building Inspector) who inspected the building recently indicated that he did not see penetration of water coming under the building itself. Bob Willhite said that he spoke to the occupants of the West End of the building, and he discovered that they have a flat roof with no eaves. He also noticed that the water was running down the outside of walls and going behind the brick. Aaron said that the brick also draws moisture from the ground in addition to the water coming from the top, which is not a road drainage problem but a building construction problem. On the East End of the building, on the adjoining Post Office property, rainwater accumulates several inches deep on the pavement and then runs into the sandy area 20 or 25 feet behind the building. Aaron made a site visit five days after the hard rains and there was moisture where the downspout was dumping (at the SE corner of the building), there is no indication of infiltration, spring problems or surface water that would contribute to her issue. Aaron confirmed that he would call Ms. Johnson to relay his findings. He indicated that she might approach the CRAC and/or the Board of Commissioners. Aaron said that if Ms. Johnson chooses to excavate around the brick to eliminate her problem, then permission would be granted for her to perform work in the right-of way. Bob Reed commended Aaron and Bob for the thorough work they did in analyzing her problem.

5. Project Discussion

Pat Oakes said that he presented the current project list at the recent ODOT Open House. The local newspaper, Headlight Herald plans on publishing it.

- | **Cascade Trace Bridge:** Bid opening to be executed next week.
- | **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** 13 contractors submitted bids. The Engineers estimate was \$9.27M and the low bid was \$8.6M with the high bid at \$14M. Pre-construction meeting to be held mid-April. R-O-W acquisition with the exception of one property owner is completed. They may be some issues with monuments that the Surveyor is willing to deal with.
- | **Blaser Bridge:** \$1.2M was approved by ODOT bond money with 100% reimbursed to the county. They will be a total closure in the summer of 2003 during construction of the new Bridge. When the intergovernmental agreement signed by ODOT is received this would allow advertisements for consulting engineers to commence. Aaron said that this would take a lot of staff time.
- | **Trask River Road MP 9.1:** Trask River Road stabilization project began in 1997. A meeting was held last week with ODOT for scheduled construction next year.
- | **Sandlake Slide:** There is still an R-O-W issue that is not resolved.
- | **Title II, Forest Service Projects:** Aaron said that grant submission would be done in early May. Projects that qualify include road repairs, bridges and culverts that also serve a forest area. Bob and Pat would be checking sites to verify qualification. Members suggested Slab Creek, Bunn Creek, East Beaver Creek, Wolfe and Farmer Creek Roads that might qualify for the grant.
- | **HBRR project submission:** This is federal money designated for bridge replacement or repair, and the bridges Josi, Bewley, Sorenson selected for funding would be submitted by April 20. This program requires the county to provide 20% match monies.

Pat confirmed that the two speed reviews approved by the CRAC were submitted to ODOT.

Aaron mentioned that under the OTIA preservation funding, ODOT obtained funding for a preservation project on Hwy 131 from Tillamook to Oceanside. The project consists primarily of 9 miles of resurfacing.

Ray Streeter asked if there was anything being done about the slide area on Cape Meares. Aaron said that DOGAMI placed that area on an active slide map and they are not prepared to explore any further. They state that it is the county's responsibility to fund a geo-technical study, which the county cannot afford. Discussed the brush cutting planned for Bayocean spit. Bob W. said that this is done to keep the road opened for emergency vehicles. Bob Reed said that there is an advisory committee being formed to discuss use of the Bayocean spit area.

6. 2002/2003 Budget Presentation Discussion and Approval: Pat said that the budget presentation for the Road Department is to be on April 24. Deliberations will be done after all the presentations have been made. Aaron invited Bob Reed to attend the presentation. Bob Reed asked if O&C funds from the county would be available for the Road Department. Aaron said he understood that the O&C funds could be used by the Commissioners should they decide to put some additional funds into the Road Department. Aaron invited the members to pursue this with the Budget Committee - Mr. Olson, Mr. Carter and Mrs. Underwood and the Commissioners. Aaron Suko mentioned that a

pavement grinder is the only equipment included in the present budget. Aaron said a spreadsheet and a slide showing potential problems and issues that are not covered by this budget, such as, Cape Meares Loop, PC Heights would be presented at the meeting. Ray Robinson suggested lease-to-own options for equipment. Aaron Suko agreed that would be an option to explore especially with the Vactor equipment that is very expensive to buy. Ray Streeter asked about the possibility of buying used equipment. Aaron said that a used dump truck was bought at a good price which was below budget, but the money saved was used for a new Mower bought through the state cooperative purchasing program (CPP) which is an established competitive price. Bob W. said the Vactor was budgeted at \$40,000, but at today's prices a used Vactor runs about \$80,000. Bob Reed asked for an update of the equipment purchased. Aaron said a 1989 used dump truck with 119,000 miles was purchased at \$32,500. A new mower at \$96,000 and a pickup at \$13,800, a replacement for a totaled county car, are being purchased through the CPP. Aaron said he hoped to have the purchases completed by the end of this fiscal year, and if not funding will be carried over. Bob Reed asked if there was any money leftover for additional resurfacing. Aaron said that with 4 months to go the carryover is about \$481,000 which is slightly under the projected carry over. This does not leave monies for resurfacing or any other large projects. The shoulder maintenance program and hot patching would still be done. Bob Reed suggested that at the budget committee presentation it would be beneficial to show that the Road Department is looking at different ways to stretch available funds, i.e. the chip seal program. Aaron said that even though it costs twice as much to do an overlay program, these roads have a higher traffic volume, but the more chip seal roads that are done on usually lower traffic volume roads the more the asphalt roads are deteriorating. It is a difficult issue to approach.

7. Public Comment: Bob Reed asked whether overweight trucks are being checked for their weight limits because of the damage they cause on the roads. Bob W. said they are checked 2-3 times a year by the State. He added that to have an assigned officer would cost the road department more than what the program would obtain in revenue.

8. Next meeting, date and agenda: It was decided not to have a meeting until after the budget presentation. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2002 at 3pm.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm