

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: January 13, 2003

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gloria Gass, Ray Streeter

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

PUBLIC/GUESTS: Janet Trueblood, Dora Norwood, Craig Wakefield, Jerry Taylor, Owen Nicholson, Mary Brophy and Frank Wolf - City of Manzanita, Gus Meyer - TBWC, Mary Ann Miles, Annette Berger, Joanne Jene, Jack Crider - Tillamook Port

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting to call to order at 3:02pm. Item 6 to follow after Item 2 and Election of Officers to follow Item 7.

Item 2 Review minutes of 12-09-02: Jack Brooks moved to accept the minutes as written, Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 6 Report on meeting with City of Manzanita's Manager re Laneda Avenue: Bob welcomed Jerry Taylor. Jerry Taylor, the City Manager of Manzanita introduced Frank Wolf and Mary Brophy and Owen Nicholson. Jerry handed out information on the Laneda Avenue Improvement Project and went through the handout. The citizens of Manzanita improved general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$740,000 for improving Laneda Avenue between Division Street and Ocean Road. Jerry stated that he would like a contribution from the county, since this is a county road, to buy down the levy passed by the votes. It could be in the form of a cash contribution for the paving portion of the construction or use of county crew to do the paving. Aaron reminded the CRAC that they suggested he meet with the City. He congratulated the City for their commitment in getting the levy passed. Aaron would like a recommendation from the CRAC so that he could take it to the BOC on what type of assistance could be given to the City. This would be for budget year 2003-04. He explained that when the road is upgraded the county would then transfer ownership of the road to the City. He said that the county could provide the labor and equipment to pave Laneda. He estimated that the cost of labor and equipment would be \$75,000, which is covered by the budget. This would mean deferring from other maintenance tasks, but the contribution would be made. The cost of the paving material would be approx. \$75,000, which is still a negotiable item. The time frame for completing the job should the county crew complete the paving would be approximately 8 days. Aaron said there is always a potential for delay, but he expects that it would be completed in the Spring and with the type of work involved he does not foresee too much of a delay. Aaron indicated that there is room for negotiation to move the improvement to include another block. Ray expressed his concern about the portion from Hwy 101 to Division that would not be improved. Discussions ensued about prior requests for funding commitments made by the City to the County. Aaron also pointed out that the CPA/LID's

budgeted funds could be tapped into a specific budgeted amount is not used. Aaron asked for a consensus from CRAC how they would suggest the project is supported. Bob Reed said that the investment for this project would be a deciding factor too. Jack Brooks motioned to table making a recommendation until the next meeting; Curt seconded, unanimously approved. Bob Reed commended Jerry Taylor and the citizens of Manzanita for getting this bond levy passed.

Item 3 Road Department Status & Item 8 Discussion on overwidth tractors: Bob Willhite reported that the crew is performing general maintenance jobs. Bob expressed his concern over overwidth and overweight manure wagons damaging the roads and shoulders. Illustration (photos) of a damaged portion of McCormick Loop road was handed out. Marlin said that he understood that the balloon tires used do not damage the road. Mention was made that the wagons do not have lights and pose a safety hazard when encountered at dark. Suggestions were made that the operators make the wagons legal either by reducing their weight or obtaining a special operations permit so that the impact to the road is kept at a minimal. Aaron said that they are operating under the fold of the law, but nevertheless they are causing damage to the roads. Bob Reed advised obtaining an assessment of the damage in monetary terms and then taking it to the Farm Bureau or TCCA. Aaron said that the local government would have deal with this situation.

Item 4 Project Discussion by Pat Oakes:

- | Sandlake-Galloway Road: Contractor started burning the stockpiles today. Monthly meetings are still being held.
- | Blaser Bridge: OTAK Engr. is the Consultant. Final specs are being developed to be ready for Contractor invitation to bid by the end of February 03. OTIA funded project.
- | Earl Bridge: Currently advertising for design consultants. This is for the repair of the road surface and the abutments next to the bridge to get the load restriction removed. OTIA funded project.
- | Cascade Trace Bridge: Bridge is open to traffic, final inspection pending.
- | Encroachment License on Arthur's Court: A public hearing will be held at the BOC meeting January 15, 2003 at 9:30am. This is for a retaining wall built on the right-of-way.
- | ODOT Public Hearing held January 9, 2003: Bob Reed and Aaron thanked the members who attended the meeting. The issue that was discussed at length was the replacement of a culvert of Hwy 6 at MP 23. The project is due for a June construction. Options are to either close the road for 5 days or a partial closure for construction period of 30 days. The other projects that were discussed were the intersection of Hwy 6/Wilson River Loop, widening of Suppress and Long Prairie/Hwy 101 intersection to expedite the projects. A request was addressed to ODOT to consider bring the project date closer. Kathy McMullen/ODOT Manager said that she would be holding more public forums. Bob R. read the letter that was sent to ODOT as per CRAC's recommendation.

Item 5 Submission of Speed Zone Review Requests to ODOT: Pat handed out the request worksheet. Pat informed the members that ODOT has the authority of

creating and regulating speed controls on county roads, excluding residential areas that are over 500 ADT. Pat went through the worksheet.

- | **Sandlake Road:** Annette Berger expressed her concern about the excessive speed on Sandlake Road. Mary Miles suggested that the speed be 35MPH up to Beach entrance at the South edge of TDM and then review a transition speed to the stop sign at the intersection of Sandlake and Ferry Road. Pat cautioned that asking for an extended length might not be accepted. He understands that this is a legitimate concern. Jack Brooks motioned to accept the speed change to include the transitional request; Larry Kiser seconded, unanimously approved.
- | **Chance Road:** Larry motioned to accept the changes, Jack seconded, unanimously approved.
- | **Tillamook River Road:** Jack motioned to accept the changes, Bill seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 7 Further Discussion of the Road Department Funding Workshop materials:

Aaron handed out the scenarios to generate additional revenue table. He thinks that the next budget year would be similar, with limited paving and project work. He reiterated that no revenue is obtained from Property Tax or from State Timber Harvests. Aaron handed out a ranking sheet for possible alternatives for additional revenue. He asked the members to respond and return. He explained each alternative. This is so that the focus could be on the most likely revenue source. He asked for volunteers to develop a study on the alternative chosen. He said that the BOC are not willing to support any alternatives. Commissioner Josi previously assisted the CRAC in trying to pass a levy, which was unsuccessful. A well thought out approach that is supported by all the CRAC members would then be presented to BOC before they would address the issue. Property Tax Levy would generate a \$1 million a year based on .50/\$1000, which would also benefit the Cities. The Property Tax Fee would be similar to the Solid Waste Fee, which is \$12/year for property that generates \$210,000; a \$50 fee would generate approximately \$1 million with the cities getting a share. The Local Gas Tax add on would be .12c/gallon. The Load or Road mile Tax was suggested by Commissioner Hanneman based on Columbia County's tax on gravel generated in the county. The administrative cost would be high to initiate and process this tax. Any tax levy is good only for a 5-year term. Aaron mentioned that a citizen wrote a letter to him suggesting this alternative that by charging .01c surcharge for every unit of product that the TCCA processes would generate \$2 million a year. The Recreation and Entertainment Tax would include lodging, marinas and or/parks. There was a citizen group that was focusing on this issue but Aaron is not sure of their status. The Utility Fee is based on utility consumption. City of Tualatin classifies its residences as Single-Family Dwelling or Multi-Family Dwelling, the commercial businesses are assigned a charge based on historic traffic generated volume. The City of Bay City is working on a fee and would be collected with water service charge. Aaron said based on the feedback received from the ranking sheet a decision would be made as to which the revenue sources to study further.

Item 7a Appointment of CRAC Officers: Bob R said this is in accordance with the bylaws. Jack Brooks motioned to keep the same officers, that is, Bob Reed as Chair and Curt as Vice Chair, Ray Robinson closed the nominations; Marlin seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 9 Public Comment: Joanne Jene thanked the Road Department for grading and gravelling Norwester and Cedar Roads. Aaron said that he encourages citizens to inform the Road Dept. of any of their issues. Aaron advised the CRAC that Senators Wyden and Smith's would be conducting a town hall meeting on January 21 at 6:00-7:15pm at the Fairgrounds and all are invited.

Item 10 Next meeting, date and agenda: The next meeting is February 10, 2003

Item 11 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm