

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)**

DATE: February 10, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, and Gloria Gass

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Streeter, Larry Kiser, and Jack Brooks

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

PUBLIC/GUESTS: Dora Norwood, Mary Brophy and Owen Nicholson - City of Manzanita, Janet Farstad for Jack Crider - Port of Tillamook Bay, Gus Meyer - TBWC

**Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda:** Meeting called to order at 3:05. Item 5 to follow after Item 3.

**Item 2 Review minutes of 01-13-03:** Curt Schonbrod made a motion to approve the minutes with the following correction. On page 3, Item 7, middle of paragraph, \$1M need to be changed to \$1,000,000 or \$1 Million as "M" stands for thousands not millions. Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved.

**Item 3 Road Department Status & Item 7 Further Discussion on over-width tractors:** Bob Willhite said the crew had been continuing with general maintenance jobs until the storm came in. There were 9 to 10 small slides, trees down and we lost shoulders in different areas that need to be put back. Bob said there are two projects we need to take care of that are temporarily fixed to move traffic. Washington Street in Twin Rocks had a backwash around our culvert that undermined to the centerline of the roadway. Magnolia Drive off of Brickyard was patched once, a 6' culvert needs to be replaced. Bob said on this road we own to the middle of the creek and from there it is private so we will need to look into how to handle the situation. Aaron said we would be doing some formal coordination with the watershed council for grant funds. Restoration efforts need to be included in our budget this year. The grant money would help especially with the restoration of the project on Magnolia Drive, which is a shared public/private road. Gus Meyer said the watershed council is interested in helping and he wanted to know how urgent the culvert replacement is. Aaron & Bob said we have the traffic moving at this time and with normal weather should last another year. If we do have another storm both these areas are already weak. Gus said the reason he was asking is the next opportunity to apply for a grant will not be until October which would take us out of the in stream work schedule for this year. Gus said we would not hear back on the grant application until February and the earliest we would receive any money is April. Bob Reed asked if the work is done could we receive the money after the fact. Gus said as long as we have the approval for the grant money before starting work. Aaron said the first step would be design work, which will help us to identify how big of a grant is needed.

Bob said at the last meeting he was asked to come up with costs to repair McCormick Loop Road damage from overwidth liquid manure tanker wagons. Bob

said his estimate at this time only includes the cost for materials. Bob said it would take 1,068 yards of rock and 300 tons of asphalt to fully fix the roadway at a cost of \$18,711.00. Bob said the tanker wagon being used on McCormick is 11'6" wide with a 3,500-gal tank. Bob said he has talked with the Farmer and he does not want to cut down his loads because time is money. Aaron said if you have been out to the area you could see where the outer 3' including the asphalt has been rolled. Aaron said what Bob is doing in his estimate is widening the road in this area and then re-paving it. If you add labor & equipment costs into the estimate it would double the cost so we are looking at an estimated cost of \$40,000.00 for just this one location with no funds in our budget. Ray wanted to know what we could do about these overwidth tractors. Aaron said there are exemptions in the law for agricultural vehicles and as long as they have their safety triangle they are good to go. Aaron said he has not talked to Tillamook County Creamery and asked for a volunteer to approach them to help us with costs and possible control. Marlin said he is going to bring this up at the next Farm Bureau quarterly meeting. Curt said he would talk to the Creamery. Aaron asked if we should go forward with repairing without other sources of funding in place. Bob Reed said we need to make sure we are keeping the roadway publicly safe and Bob Willhite said we have been doing that. Ray felt the Creamery should help by setting up a fund for the cost of these repairs. Bob Reed said he had received a "thank you" for the repair the crew did on Boquist Road.

**Item 5 Further Discussion on City of Manzanita's funding request for Laneda Avenue:** Aaron said since our last meeting he has had discussions with the Board of Commissioners on this topic. Aaron said he was checking to see if there was any other sources of money available for a capital improvement like Laneda and he was assured there is not. Aaron said the county's contribution to this project would be the placement of the asphalt with our labor and equipment only, not the asphalt purchase. Aaron will be contacting Jerry Taylor and working on the intergovernmental agreement. This is the document where we will actually be committing to the effort and the turnover of Laneda to the City of Manzanita before the project takes place. Mary Brophy said she has lived on Laneda for 12 years and has not seen the County do much work so she felt more could be put towards the project. Mary said earlier you were talking of putting \$40,000 on a road and Laneda is their main street. Aaron said based on the rough numbers that were worked on with Jerry Taylor the placement of the asphalt would be \$75,000.00 and if we funded the asphalt that would be another \$75,000.00 to the counties contribution. The payment on the asphalt would have to come out of the budget line item for pavement overlay. Aaron does not feel he could get neither this Committee nor the Board of Commissioners to agree to not do pavement maintenance on the rest of the county so it could go to the Laneda project. Aaron said the other aspect of this is any governmental project that exceeds \$125,000.00 has to submit by request to the Bureau of Labor & Industries a justification statement of why this project is being done with county forces rather than contracted out. Owen Nicholson said 1989 was the first time the county agreed to do this project with matched funds from a federal grant and the commissioners voted for whatever reasons to do nothing. Owen said there was some additional conversation by one of the Commissioners to have Laneda Avenue transferred to Clatsop County jurisdiction that also died. Owen said since then starting in 2000 three

cost updates have been done. The City of Manzanita has lost a \$30,000.00 grant in the process because of inaction. Owen said since 1989 a federal grant for several thousands of dollars and a DEQ grant has been lost plus a \$25,000 grant might be lost if it can't be extended. Commissioner Hurliman said the underground power is what killed this project the first go around. Bill asked when this project is supposed to get started. Aaron said our paving work is scheduled spring of 04. The request for proposals are going out on design in the near future.

Aaron said Commissioner Hurliman had a proposal to present to the Committee on additional revenue. Commissioner Hurliman handed out information on all the taxing districts in Tillamook. Aaron handed out the results of the survey from the last meeting on Member Ranking of Alternatives to Generate Additional Revenue. Aaron said he received 7 out of the 9 surveys back. Commissioner Hurliman said his proposal is to ask the taxing districts for 2% of their budget. Commissioner Hurliman said there are certain taxing districts he would not ask for money because they did not have money to give. Commissioner Hurliman said he would not ask the cities for money either but would hope they would be willing to do so for roads in their area. Commissioner Hurliman said looking at the handout if we collected from the taxing districts marked we could have additional revenue of \$51,790.00 for road repair. Commissioner Hurliman said he would be willing to campaign and take all the heat for this proposal as long as he has this committee's backing. Commissioner Hurliman would like to use the money on a chip seal program. He said after the prep work is done it would cost \$15,000.00 a mile to chip seal and we could get 4 miles of road a year done that we don't have to keep going back too. This would free up some of that money for something else. Commissioner Hurliman would like to move forward and try to get this passed. Commissioner Hurliman said the committee would need to come up with a list of the worse roads for chip sealing. Marlin does not know how we will get any money with all the other agencies out there looking as well. Aaron said to get back on to schedule for road maintenance we would need roughly one million dollars more than what we are currently receiving. Marlin said another problem is we no longer have the big equipment to do projects.

Bob Reed confirmed with Commissioner Hurliman that the proposed 2% revenue from the taxing districts was a voluntary donation. Commissioner Hurliman said the only way we can sell this proposed revenue source is to have a list of proposed roads to be chip sealed and the year they will be done. Aaron said chip seal is good on some roads because it is a preservative type application while other roads are deteriorated to the point this will not work. The roads this application will not work on need either an overlay or a full depth rebuild of the base and a new surface to bring them up to the standards for heavy loads. Aaron said we are not against a chip seal program it is just with the limited resources we've had the last several years it is not a high priority and we would rather do pavement overlay on the worse roads. Aaron said there are many roads we are constantly out patching potholes because the base isn't there to support the heavy loads using them. Bill asked if the roads we could do would contribute to the whole program. Aaron said if the chip seal was applied to some of our better roads it would seal the surface and put a new wearing surface on so they would not deteriorate as fast as they will if we continue in our current mode which is only fixing the worse roads. Bob Reed said we need to come up with a list of

roads that would benefit in this program before Commissioner Hurliman goes out to campaign, Commissioner Hurliman agreed that it would help for people to know what roads are going to be done at what time. Bob Willhite said we would need to figure traffic volume on the list of roads chosen. Bob Reed said the prep cost might be more than the chip seal. Bob Reed would like to see a list for gravel and asphalt roads that would benefit from a chip seal program. Aaron said a list would be put together. Aaron went over the Member Ranking of Alternatives to Generate Additional Revenue survey results. Aaron suggested this topic be brought up at a later meeting.

#### **Item 4 Project Discussion:**

- | Sandlake-Galloway Road: Materials are being burnt along roadside. During the high water the By-pass Bridge settled so the permanent bridge was opened and is now being used.
- | Blaser Bridge: There were some changes in the permitting requests, which put us slightly behind schedule. We are still shooting for spring bid let with summer construction.
- | Earl Bridge: We are in the final two weeks before signing the contract with OTAK Engineering for design work to enable summer construction.
- | Gist Road: We are working with Tillamook Estuary Partnership to present to the Commissioners a culvert replacement proposal. Our participation would be the handling of the contract management and the inspections of the project.
- | Blaine 2 Project: This is the second phase of the Blaine Road reconstruction by the Federal Highway Administration at milepost 9-10. They are looking at hiring a contractor in the fall. We will need to hire a Consultant to handle the right-of-way acquisition for this project that meets Federal Highways standards.
- | Arthurs Road: Board of Commissioners about three weeks ago considered an encroachment license for a retaining wall, which they denied. The Owner has been noticed to remove the wall, which is on the sewer line and in the cul-de-sac.

**Item 6 Review of Draft 2003/2004 Budget:** Pat said since the last meeting we have received packets from the Treasurer's Office saying we needed to submit our budget by February 14<sup>th</sup> five months before approval. Pat handed out copies of the draft budget. Aaron said by state law we are required to set out 1% of the revenue we get from motor vehicle fee each year into a bike fund to be used for bike/pedestrian improvements. Pat said on the revenue it appears as if we had a million dollars more over last year but that is grant money, which is designated for the Earl & Blaser Bridges. Pat said our on going revenue is actually declining slightly. Pat said the asphalt line item under operations is slightly down because of increasing costs, stagnate revenue and the reality of a budget not growing with inflation. Bob Willhite handed out the pavement overlay/patching list. Aaron said it is the same tonnage as last year's budget. Marlin asked how far a ton of asphalt goes. Bob said 70 tons of asphalt at a 1" depth 22' wide would pave one tenth of a mile. Aaron said the City of Bay City is implementing a road maintenance fee and part of their plan is to take over the roads within Bay City after we bring them up to reasonable standard. This year the two roads on their plan are 4<sup>th</sup> & Warren Avenue. Aaron said these two streets as well as the work to

be done on Laneda will be done in addition to the roads on the paving list. Aaron said the current budget and the proposed budget are very similar if you compare them. Aaron said the line item for consulting under Engineering has increased the last two years and that is due to the increased effort in putting a project together with the amount of permitting designing needed before the actual work begins. Pat said because of our aging infrastructure there are increases in some of the line items under maintenance. This is just for materials we use to keep everything in minimal condition and safety on the roads. It is almost at the cost of asphalt because we have to keep the base and structures underneath the roadway stable or putting asphalt down would be detrimental. Pat mentioned we have been carrying forward under the construction line item \$80,000.00 since 1996. This is for the Trask River Rd. slide project, which the Federal Government has now pulled. That \$80,000.00 will be used for the Sandlake Road right-of-way acquisition, which is not complete yet. One property is going to condemnation and those costs will be coming in. Pat went over some other figures in the construction line item. Bill made a motion to endorse the first draft budget. Ray seconded, unanimously carried.

**Item 8 Public Comment:** Dora said on Trask River Road it looked to her like the crew would be continuing on with paving from where they left off last year. Dora felt this area was in pretty good shape and would like to see them instead pave up near the Wilk's residence.

**Item 9 Next Meeting, date and agenda:** The next meeting is March 10, 2003

**Item 10 Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.