

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: April 14th, 2003

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gloria Gass

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

GUESTS/PUBLIC: Janet Trueblood, Dora Norwood and Gus Meyer - TBWC

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order at 3:06pm. No changes to the agenda.

Item 2 Review minute of 03-10-03: Jack Brooks motioned to approve the minutes, Ray Robinson seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Road Department Status:

- | **Report on Maintenance & Repair:** Bob reported that the ATV track construction completed for the Sheriff's department. Brushing being done on Slab Creek Road. Mowing and culvert work being performed as well. Two men have been hired as replacements for two employees who Public Works. The new staff are both assigned to South County District. Aaron advised the committee that No Spray notices have been sent to the local newspaper with work planned for May. Bob handed out an asphalt repair list for the Trask River Road. He emphasized that this cost only included materials. Logging trucks primarily have done the damage. Aaron said that a further discussion would be held during the overwidth tractor agenda item.
- | **Review Chip Seal Lists:** Aaron explained that the list was handed out at the last meeting. The list was given to Commissioner Hurliman. Aaron is awaiting guidance from him regarding the funding aspect for this program. At the recent budget presentations this item was not discussed.
- | **Report on discussion with City of Manzanita and City of Bay City:** An IGA will need to be written for the City of Manzanita's Laneda project whereby the county crew will lay the pavement for the Laneda Project. The City of Manzanita will provide the material for the pavement. Aaron said that there is a plan in place for the City to assume responsibility of county roads in Bay City over a 5-year period. A meeting will be held with the City of Bay City's officials to discuss how much work is required to complete two roads that are in the current budget.
- | **Further discussion on overwidth tractors:** No further input from Curt and Marlin. Aaron noted lots of citizen input was received through the County Road Dept. office and BOC. At the last meeting a preliminary cost list was handed out and addressed to repair the damage to McCormick Loop Road. The BOC would like a solution to this issue. They are proposing to appoint a sub-committee made up of industry representatives together with CRAC members to formulate specific recommendations in the

agriculture and forest areas. These would consist of two separate committees that would deal with procedural changes and/or ordinances. A number of bridges are on the verge of needing some major work. Kansas Creek Bridge has been submitted to the state funded bridge projects program with no funding granted at this time. This bridge is continually deteriorating. This is a one-lane bridge serving five houses; it is an alternative bypass route to Hwy 6 and also is used by logging trucks. Aaron said that the two subcommittees would consist of 5-6 people each with 2 from CRAC. Bob handed out a repair outline for McCormick Loop. The total material cost for this project is estimated at \$26,275.00. Aaron explained that this would entail rebuilding the northbound lane that is being damaged by the overwidth tractors. This lane would be widened so that the damage is kept at a minimal. The other alternative to prevent further damage is to have flaggers so that the overwidth tractors could travel on the center of the road. Weight limits could be enforced but without county weight masters and only state weight masters who are in the area approx. 2 times a year this would not be feasible. There are high limits established in the ORS for e.g. 2 axles could haul up to 40,000 lbs. while a 3-axle could haul up to 54,000 lbs. The ORS does not allow limitations on size but a local ordinance can be pursued to protect the road system. Right of way acquisitions may be necessary or an easement from the landowner for the project on McCormick Loop, which is not included in the cost estimate. Labor and equipment will increase the cost of project twice more. Further discussion ensued on project details.

Item 4 Project Discussion:

- | **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Pat Oakes reported that burning of woody materials is continuing along with preparation for the summer work. Bob and Pat attend monthly meetings to monitor status of the project. Approach conditions are being monitored on Galloway Bridge.
- | **Blaser Bridge:** This is an OTIA project. Design work completed. Advertising for bid let is done with bid opening May 21st, contract selection mid June with completion of contract October 2003. Four deeds have been accepted for the right-of-way acquisitions.
- | **Earl Bridge:** OTIA project. Repair of bridge deck and asphalt. Concrete deck under the asphalt is in good condition.
- | **Gist Road:** Project design cost paid by Tillamook Estuary. BOC will need to approve the agreement between Road Dept. and Tillamook Estuary. This is for a fish passage culvert replacement.
- | **Blaine 2 Project:** Federal Highway Project. A consultant will work on right of way acquisitions. Awaiting right-of-way legal descriptions from the Federal Highway Administration.
- | **On-Call Civil Engr. Services:** Planning on hiring up to two on-call consultants for smaller projects.
- | **Arthur's Road Encroachment:** Rocks have been removed. Aaron said reshaping has been completed and gravel added to widen the surface.
- | **Whalen Island Park:** Aaron plans on briefing BOC on this project. Oregon State Parks approached the Road Dept. with the idea of developing a day use area adjacent to the County Park. The Intersection at Sandlake and Whalen Island Road would need to be rebuilt to accommodate this use. The

Road Dept. gave them an estimate for materials and labor to put in the driveway, parking spaces and paving of the intersection. The County Parks will be putting in the power underground. Discussion on adequacy of bridge.

- | **ATV Project:** Bob Reed asked if the price quoted was an accurate estimate. Bob W. said that the cost went over. Weather and breakdowns contributed to an increase of cost by approximately \$2000.

Item 5 Budget presentation discussion: Aaron reported that preliminary presentations were completed on the 9th, 10th and 11th April. No deliberations were done at that time. The first deliberations will be on the 23rd and in mid-May a formal hearing for actual approval of the budget. Bob Reed asked if the Trask River Road repair was budgeted. Aaron said it is not funded in the existing budget because it would use all the paving budgeted. McCormick Loop project is also not included. Bob R. suggested identifying the need to the Budget Committee. Aaron felt that it would be a pointless effort. Discussed changes in state motor vehicle fees based on terms of projected population, which will bring the revenue down. Other Legislation that is going through is increasing the registration and title fees so that the bridge repairs could be done. Aaron said he does not see much support for a levy at this time from the BOC. The federal forest fees are locked in through 2006.

Bob R. approached the CRAC members on who would like to join the sub-committees. Marlin Clark and Ray Streeter agreed to represent CRAC on the Agriculture sub-committee. Bob Reed and Curt Schonbrod agreed to represent CRAC on the Forest sub-committee. The crux of the committee would be to recommend improvements to protect the existing roads and the safety of the motoring public.

Item 6 Public Comment: No comment.

Item 7 Next meeting, date and agenda: Meeting scheduled for May 12th, 2003 at 3:00pm.

Item 8 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:42pm