

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 13, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Schonbrod, Marlin Clark, Ray Streeter, John Gettman, Bekki Gardner and Alternate Gary Hercher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Reed, Ed Werner, Jack Brooks and Bruce Hagerty

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

PUBLIC/GUESTS: Gus Meyer and Dora Norwood

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Added Public Comments per Dora's request. John Gettman asked to include "New Business" and also to discuss Cochran Road. Aaron has a few discussion items that he would like added before Public Comments.

Item 2 Review and approve minutes of 07-12-04: Ray Streeter moved to accept the minutes as written, John Gettman seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 2a Old Business: John Gettman inquired on the status of the discussion of the motion to approach the BOC on the vacation of Cochran Road. He wondered if the CRAC should initiate correspondence to the BOC concerning this subject. Aaron Suko said that since this committee supports the disposal of Cochran Road the staff now has to put together a proposal of the most appropriate way to do either a Road Vacation or transfer to ODF. John Gettman thanked Aaron, and admitted that he is glad that this is not a forgotten matter. No grading will occur until the situation is resolved.

Item 3 Trask River Road (TRR):

- ◆ **Timber Harvest Safety Funding:** Aaron said that the Committee was aware the BOC were working with ODF to see if harvest funds were available to make necessary repairs to TTR. The negotiations have been completed. Aaron handed out the Intergovernmental Agreement and Board Order #04-83 to the members. This agreement consists of state timber from the Trask basin. It will be assessed at \$25/MBF in 2005 and 2006. \$20/MBF on all state timber sales sold in FY07 and later. The ODF timber sale contracts will require the purchaser to pay to the County in stages: \$10/MBF based on the total advertised volume, payable to County within 30 days of contract signing; \$10/MBF based on the total advertised volume, payable to the County prior to start of timber hauling and \$5/MBF payable to County when the harvest is complete. The final payment to County will include any amount needed to bring the total of all payments to equal \$25/MBF for all volume removed. From FY07 the initial payment stays at \$10/MBF and then \$5/MBF and again \$5/MBF. This is subject to Measure 34, if it fails this agreement is valid, if not, the agreement will likely need to be changed. \$300,000 is expected in this budget year according to ODF. \$500,000 is estimated for budget year 2006. Aaron estimates that in 2009 it should bring the total amount to \$1.6 million. There is one sale pending prior to the November elections due to bring in \$16,000. Aaron asked if there were any questions. Gary asked how the computation was made for the payment schedule. Aaron said

that he isn't aware of any special computation process. Aaron said that the bidder would probably put the county amount in the bidding process.

- ◆ **Priority of Work:** Handed out the Priority of Work spreadsheet. Aaron said that the work basically falls into a couple of categories. 1750 LF of ditch and shoulder work and 17-18 locations where dig outs will be done. A dig out was recently done that amounted to a larger dig out than was expected. A cost code is set up so that all the work that will be charged to that account. Culverts will be replaced and new ones installed. Once this is all done, a pavement overlay will be done to widen the surface from its current 18-19' to 21-22'. Ray Streeter asked if guardrails are in the plan because he had a recent experience on TRR that was very scary. The School District also approached the county to install some guardrails. Aaron said that this was not included in the estimate. The work included in the spreadsheet will cost approx. \$1.2 million. Aaron estimates that with the increased cost of overlay and unexpected additional costs of digouts etc., that it would probably be close to \$1.6 million. This equates to \$125,000/mile, while in comparison the Blaine II project is estimated at \$900,000/mile with the same alignment but including retaining walls and digging in the bank. Environmental issues have a huge impact on the cost, and was one of the reasons the previous funded repair work on TRR at about MP 9 was not done. Aaron explained that a digout consists of digging down to a certain depth and replacing road base some good material. The last digout on TRR consisted of finding another level of pavement separated with some fill material. Gus Meyer said that it is important that Measure 34 is defeated. He noted that the county could set up some advance funds. If this project is delayed, the cost will increase.

John Gettman asked why the BOC was not approached to levy an assessment against all the properties in the county. ORS 368.705 allows the BOC to do that without the vote of the people. Aaron said that he understood that Measure 5 or 50 that passed about 5-8 years ago eliminated the option to initiate taxes without going to the vote of the people. Utility tax fees can be done without the vote of the people. In 1999 when the BOC brought a levy to the people, it was defeated by a wide margin. Gettman said that the statute has not changed. Aaron will look into the ORS and report back to the Committee. If there were a move to advance some money to the fund the work would start from the closest portion in. Dora added that the bad areas are in the furthest area. The CRAC expressed consensus that Bob W. could use his judgement on the sequence work needed to be done.

Item 4 Road Department Repair Projects Report:

- ◆ **Recap of Summer Paving:** Bob reported that 5423 tons were used to lay 3.90 miles of road. It was an exceptional year with everything going well.

Item 5 Status of Ongoing Projects:

Pat Oakes reported that striping was completed 3 weeks ago by Marion County with make up work to be done on a small portion of Gist, McPhillips and 5th Street in Bay City.

- ◆ **Laneda Road, City of Manzanita:** The BOC has scheduled a hearing for September 22 for transfer of this road to the City of Manzanita
- ◆ **5th Street, Bay City:** The BOC has scheduled a hearing for September 22 for transfer of this road to the City of Bay City.
- ◆ **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Originally scheduled to be completed by November 2004, but is rescheduled for approximate completion in summer of 2005. Ray Streeter questioned the reasoning of removing concrete culverts, which have a longer life than the metal ones they are

replacing them with. Bob W. and Pat said that they were only aware of metal ones being replaced, and if concrete ones are being replaced it is probably being done so for a reason. The Committee and staff discussed the history of funding and the scope of work.

- ◆ **OTIA III Bridge Replacements:** Awarded \$8 million for replacement of bridges - Johnson Bridge on Long Prairie Road, MP 3.18, Sorenson Bridge on Blain Road, MP 2.48, East Creek Bridge on Moon Creek Road, MP 0.35, Bewley Creek Bridge on Bewley Creek Road, MP 1.43, Killam Creek Bridge on South Prairie Road, MP 2.00 and Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road, MP 0.03. A kick of meeting was held in August for Bewley, Killam and Josi Bridges. A design kick off meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21st for East Creek Bridge and the rest to follow by the end of the month.
- ◆ **Gist Road Culvert Replacement Project:** This job has been completed.
- ◆ **Anderson Road Culvert Replacement, MP 0.88:** This is at the design stage potentially going out for contract summer 2005.
- ◆ **Long Prairie Road/Hwy 101 Project:** Survey Work being done. Potentially going out for contract Spring 2005
- ◆ **Shore Drive & Pine Street:** This is a Community Paving Agreement. The citizens contributed 75% and the county contributes 25%, which is a budgeted item.

Curt asked if he should write a letter commending the BOC for obtaining funding from the Oregon State Forestry Agreement. The BOC, the State Board of Forestry and Attorney General were instrumental in getting this agreement processed. The Committee suggested that Curt write a letter. Curt asked if the monies would go to the Road Dept. directly. Aaron said it would be transferred to the Road Dept from the Treasurer as they are received. Gus said that these funds are dedicated for public safety improvement on Trask River Road.

- ◆ **Fisher Road:** Aaron said that he would like to provide the CRAC an explanation regarding the articles that were published in the local newspaper about the load limit on Fisher Road and the Fire Dept.'s inability to respond. Aaron asked if any of members recalled a discussion in 1992 about the load limit. Ray Streeter suggested contacting Jack Brooks. Aaron said he reviewed all the files and there is no clear statement as to why the load limit was imposed. The Fire Dept. just noticed that the Road was posted after 12 years. Aaron said that this is outside of his area of Professional Licensing, but based on his experience it has been his observation that instability and land sliding is not likely to be triggered by the weight of trucks on the road. He made the determination that based on Ordinance 20 which allows a permit issuance for activities outside of the normal. The Fire Dept. was given the option of being given a temporary permit, but upon the advice from their legal counsel they opted not to accept the offer and instead inform the residents of reduced service. John Gettman suggested emailing Jon Oshel if he remembered why this load limit was done, Aaron will check with him. Aaron would like a geological assessment on the road before the load limit is removed. Aaron issued a permit to a Contractor to test the location to access his property. Staff is checking the area on a daily basis.
- ◆ **Tillamook County Transportation Refinement Plan:** Aaron explained that this plan will look at alternative routes for truck traffic and freight mobility through and around the City of Tillamook and pedestrian safety and parking in the downtown Tillamook area. Bill Campbell, Mark Gervasi, CH2M Hill and ODOT coordinate this funded project. They hope to have public

input by staffing a refinement plan-working group, which would consist of 15-20 people to represent various interests in the community to meet up to 7 times with the meetings held in the evenings for a 16-month period. They hope to meet September 28th 7-9pm. They will also work with two different interest based groups for each of the specific issues. The truck-working group would consist of industry people. The refinement working group would consist of public agencies, logging industries, Port, traffic safety, Economic Development, elected officials, a member of the CRAC. Aaron would like a member of the CRAC to attend the meetings and requested a volunteer. Aaron would be involved in tracking the process and participating in the meetings. Curt will call members not present to see if they would volunteer. (Bob Reed was selected).

Public Comments: Dora mentioned that Victor and Greg who were present at the last meeting did not attend the Traffic Safety Meeting as was recommended by CRAC. Dora as well as Pat Oakes did relay their concerns to the Traffic Safety Meeting. Dora said on the Trask River Road the pedestrians are undermining the road edge. Aaron said that they are launching their boats at this area MP 5.2. Curt said that off-road motorcycles are coming onto the road by the Store and various other spots. The riders will not be using that route because of safety hazards. The general consensus is that it is better for the kids to be doing something good. Curt suggested that if Dora still considers it is an issue the Sheriff's office should be notified.

Gus reminded the committee that on the Transportation Refinement Plan the focus should not just be on the Truck drivers but also the Motorhomes and boat trailers. He asked what the flags with fluorescent pink are on Wilson River Loop/Hwy 6. Aaron this is the beginning of the development design work to improve that intersection.

Item 6 Discussion about next meeting date and agenda items: The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2004. Ray Streeter mentioned that at the Sandlake Store the public is coming in with a book showing road #'s, not sure where it is coming from. Ray to see if could bring a copy to the next meeting.

Item 7 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.