

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 08, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Reed, Marlin Clark, Ray Streeter, John Gettman, Ed Werner and Bekki Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Hagerty, Gary Hercher, Jack Brooks and Curt Schonbrod

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: Bob welcomed all those present. Meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Aaron added items.

Item 2 review and approve minutes of 09-13-04: Ray motioned to accept the minutes as written, John Gettman seconded, unanimously approved.

❖ **Membership Status:** Aaron notified the Committee that Bruce Hagerty had resigned due to work commitments; the Alternate Gary Hercher would now be a full-fledged member. Aaron to notify Gary Hercher.

Aaron responded to John Gettman's request from the last meeting whether the BOC could set tax limits. In ORS 368.705 this is a ceiling set on property taxes through Measure 5, and the base rate is more than 5%, so the BOC cannot set tax limits without the vote of the people.

Item 3 Trask River Road

- ❖ **Timber Harvest Safety Funding:** Aaron indicated that he was very pleased that Measure 34 was defeated because the IGA with the State Forestry could now move forward. A few timber sales are advertised with this provision at this time. A sale prior to the election sold for more than it was estimated.
- ❖ **Priority of Work:** Monies would probably be received after the 1st of the year, and be accumulated so that sufficient funds are available to commence the work. Work would commence with drainage issues, culverts and deep road repair building in the early part of next year.

Item 4 Road Department Repair Projects Report: Aaron reported that the Port of Tillamook would be repairing 12th Street at the Railroad crossing on November 11, 2004. The bridge over the Kilchis by Alderbrook has settlement on the approaches, and Kiesling Bridge by the New Miami River Road has some bridge abutment scouring which will be dealt with as soon as possible. The annual funding has still not been received from the Federal US Forest Service; last year it was received in December, so the cash carry forward funds are being used, together with the ODOT receipts. As soon as the funding has been received, consideration would need to be given by CRAC to some equipment and vehicle needs. Two of the three Mowers need to be replaced, an Asphalt Grinder (material could be reused for repair) and high-mileage pickup replacements for the Foreman. The budget for equipment and vehicles is \$109,000 approx., so equipment prioritization would be necessary.

Aaron continued that the County has two rock quarries that are located in Nehalem and Cloverdale. The County is seeking proposals to crush rock. Aaron handed out a Local Access Road (LAR) gravel

list for all districts. Gravel road maintenance has been limited to 2-3 times a year. The same situation exists with the fully maintained gravel roads. Aaron would like the members to review the list and bring suggestions to the next meeting. LAR's by ORS states that the County is not liable to do much maintenance on the roads, but our County's policy is to do safety improvements. Discussed the history of the County maintaining LAR's. The cost to purchase gravel to repair the LAR's on the list would be \$126,000. Aaron reminded the Committee that this was an agenda item in the July meeting if they wanted to look at those minutes. At that meeting it was a general consensus to leave the policy alone.

John Gettman asked about the State Forestry crushing operation. This is on Forest Roads and is not public roads. John asked if the Forestry would be willing to sell their rock. The Forestry is concerned about being in competition with the local contractors and they need the resource for road repair in the Forest. Bob W. said that the distance would make the cost of transportation high. CRAC expressed concern of using the Road Dept.'s depleted funds on LAR's. Discussed the expectation of the citizens if extensive work was to be done on LAR's.

Aaron handed out a letter from a resident to the BOC, which they responded to concerning Hughey Lane and Hodgdon Road. Marlin agreed that the roads would need to be fixed since there has been more residential development. Aaron called the CRAC's attention to the second paragraph of the letter where the BOC states that CRAC would set the priority on this type of work. Aaron would like their input. Aaron said that the staff is exploring a scope of project, and also consideration of a Community Paving Agreement (CPA). Ed Werner mentioned an area that he thought needed some immediate attention. Bob agreed to schedule an onsite meeting with Ed.

Bekki felt that these two issues are related, and with the shortage of funds LAR's should not be maintained. Bob W. agreed because the County Roads need those funds. Bekki agreed that this Committee should write a letter to BOC to readdress this policy. John Gettman said a motion needs to be done, and a letter written to the BOC that the Road Dept. cannot afford to carry on maintenance of the LAR's. The BOC would then need to make a decision. Gus Meyer said the residents are contributing to the maintenance of Skyline Drive, which is a LAR. He added that before approval of subdivision is given access roads would need to be addressed. Aaron said that a LAR according to ORS 368 states that if it is outside the city it is subject to the jurisdiction of the County in the same manner as County Roads, except the County and its officers are not liable for failure to improve LAR or to keep it in repair. Another definition would be that it would be a public right of way that has not been accepted by the BOC as a County Road. Aaron reiterated that a decision would need to be made whether to invest funds into LAR, or stop maintaining LAR's completely. Bob W. said Tillamook County is one of the few Counties that maintain LAR's. Bekki said that the County maintaining the LAR's is not the only option. A shared agreement with the County or hiring their own contractor to maintain a LAR could be some of the options that would need to be looked at. John Gettman said that the City of Bay City has regulations in place when a building permit is applied for.

Item 5 Report on Tillamook County Transportation Refinement Plan: Aaron introduced Bob Reed as the appointed CRAC representative to the Citizen Advisory Group of the Refinement Plan. It is a \$250,000 grant from the State to the City and the County to carry the development of solution to the Tillamook downtown safety concerns one step further than the Transportation System Plan (TSP). The City of Tillamook has approved their TSP; Community Development is handling the County's TSP. Many consider the downtown area a safety issue for pedestrians and truck traffic. The purpose is to get the planning nailed down in detail. A consultant has been hired. A meeting has been held with a Citizen Advisory Group appointed for this Study. Traffic data will be collected and analyzed by the Consultant for recommendations. Task Force Groups have been appointed to specifically focus on

Downtown Safety and Truck Traffic which would meet with the Advisory group and the Consultants. Bob Reed said that the Parking situation is also a concern. There is a diverse group of people representing different interests at these meetings. He is attending those meetings to represent County Road interests. The next meeting is planned for December 7th, 2004.

Item 6 Status of Ongoing Projects: Pat reported on the following projects.

- ❖ **Laneda Road – City of Manzanita:** City accepted the road.
- ❖ **5th Street, Bay City:** City accepted the road.
- ❖ **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Work to extend through summer 2005. During the winter, the surface would be under asphalt. Reflectors would also be installed. Chuck of the Federal Highway updated the BOC at the regular-aired meeting.
- ❖ **OTIA III Bridge Replacements:** Design work is proceeding. Josi Bridge had to be closed immediately due to safety concerns determined by O.D.O.T.
- ❖ **Anderson Road Culvert Replacement, MP 0.88:** Design work being done by a consultant slated tentatively for construction in 2005.
- ❖ **Long Prairie/Hwy 101 Project:** Design work being done by a consultant slated tentatively for construction in 2005.
- ❖ **Shore Drive/Pine Street:** A CPA with 33 abutting owners. Job has been completed.
- ❖ **Cochran Road:** Research was done with the ORS and other agencies. The only option is the withdrawal from County maintained status. An order was reviewed by County Counsel to be scheduled to the BOC for their consideration for withdrawal from the County system. Aaron said that based on public hearing we would withdraw all county maintenance, but it would still remain a public right-of-way. It would mean that the adjoining property owners could maintain the road, or based upon ORS 376 contractors can petition the county court as a road maintenance contract.
- ❖ **Blaine II:** This is at MP6-10 it could be delayed until 2006 due to right-of-way issues and budgetary concerns.
- ❖ **Wilson River Loop/Highway 101:** Meeting held to collect public input. It was well attended.
- ❖ **Latimer Road/Highway 101:** Open House scheduled November 29th 5-8pm. Aaron explained that this has been a long-standing project that had been modified. The scope was reduced to the area of the Latimer Road intersection. NWACT decided that it was better to rescope the project than to postpone it further.
- ❖ **McCormick Loop:** Bob Reed asked about the condition of the road. Bob W. said that it is has been holding up well.

Item 7 Public Comments: Dora Norwood said that on Trask River Road between MP 3-6 they are two turnouts. She suggested more turnouts between MP6-13. She mentioned a double stripe on the road that could be removed so faster traffic could pass. Gus asked about the work crew at Johnson Bridge. Pat said that they are doing some geological technical investigations.

Item 8 Discussion regarding Future meetings, next meetings dates and outline agenda: Next meeting date January 10, 2005. Dora asked to include additional turnouts on Trask River Road at the next meeting.

Item 10 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.