

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 10th, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Schonbrod, Bob Reed, Jack Brooks, Marlin Clark, Ray Streeter, Ed Werner and Bekki Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Hercher and John Gettman

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

PUBLIC: Gus Meyer, Dora Norwood and Alene Allen

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Curt called the meeting to order at 3:00m. He welcomed Commissioner Mark Labhart to the meeting.

Item 2 review and approve minutes of 11-08-04: Bob Reed motioned to approve the minutes as written, Jack Brooks seconded, unanimously approved.

Commissioner Labhart introduced himself to the members and public present. He mentioned that Comm. Hurliman had planned on attending this meeting, but had a death in the family. Comm. Labhart handed out information titled "County Road Revenue Sources" and "Reorganization Public Works" from Comm. Hurliman, which he proceeded to read. This written statement was from Comm. Hurliman so questions should be addressed to him. Labhart felt that safety net funds would be available but felt that it would be prudent to discuss how the Dept. would organize if this was not forthcoming. The question is, if the \$1.7 million funds are gone, how would you reorganize the Department? Labhart thought that it would take 2 years before the funds might not be available. This would be a tremendous impact on the department. Curt said that there is a Priority Matrix that could be used in this instance. A sub-committee would need to be formed so those decisions could be made. Aaron said that he would be willing to work with a sub-committee. Jack Brooks mentioned the report that was done by Aaron Suko in 2002 that could be utilized in this instance. The Commissioners were provided copies of the report. The 2002 study focused on potential revenue sources that would make up some of the shortfall of the loss of the Safety Net. If the \$1.7 million were lost, there would not be money for any employees. It would be advisable to look at the priority matrix and a functional analysis of the tasks that are critical to perform. The current public laws have to be followed for a formal process to contract services. Comm. Labhart would like a realistic scenario that states what would happen if the safety net funds were lost, i.e. reduced or no employees, equipment lost, level of maintenance activities, etc. The effect is needed so it is understood what the impact would be so that the Legislatures are aware of the impact. The 2002 plan could be used and adjusted if feasible, or a subcommittee is appointed, but something has to be done. Pat Oakes mentioned that AOC is coming up with data as to how Counties are going to be affected by this safety net cut. The data is still raw, but will be shared once it is available. Comm.

Labhart suggested that Management come up with a budget showing the \$1.7 million lost, and then bring it to CRAC and if the members okay it, bring it to the BOC. Curt asked Aaron to come up with a contingency plan if the \$1.7 million is lost. Aaron said that he would use the current budget as a guide. Ed Werner suggested getting together with CRAC at that point so it could be further discussed. He expressed his concern that if the services were contracted out, the Staff with experience would not be easily replaced. Aaron agreed that he would have the figures at the next meeting. Labhart reiterated that this is all that he needs at this point, he believes that the safety net funds should stay in the County. Bob W. expressed his concern that the public is notified as well as the staff. Marlin Clark asked if any other revenue sources could be pursued. Aaron said that at this time it would only reflect the ODOT money in the budget. Bekki suggested appointing a few members to meet with Management after the initial draft has been formatted. Curt agreed that at this time it would be prudent to look at a budget without the \$1.7 million, and the impact it would have on the Road Dept. The other issues in the written statement would be dealt with at another time pending more input from Comm. Hurliman.

Item 3 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair: Jack made a motion to reappoint Curt as Chair and Bob as Vice-Chair, Ed Werner seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 4 Trask River Road Timber Harvest Safety Funding: Aaron reported that he received a plan from ODF on the harvests that are proposed in this fiscal year. The 1st payment on the first sale has been received, the next two should be coming in shortly and the last four will be in before the end of the fiscal year. The result in payment will be \$304,000 for this budget/fiscal year. This consists of the initial payment; most of the harvest monies will come in the second and third year. Comm. Labhart confirmed that the monies would come in the 2nd and 3rd year. The work on the Trask River Road will be accomplished as funds are available. A preliminary work list will be reviewed at the next meeting. The IGA copy was provided to the members at the last meeting. Curt received a request that an area on the Trask River, a farm, be modified for safety purposes. Aaron suggested that the property owner apply for a Road Approach so that the area could be modified. Aaron said that it is not in the 1st phase of the work planned for Trask River Road.

Item 5 Report Status of Cochran Road withdrawal of County Maintenance: Pat Oakes reported that based on the direction from the committee, public hearing notices have been published for withdrawal of county maintenance. The options were vacation, withdrawal of county maintenance status and a jurisdiction transfer. The only viable option available was the withdrawal of county maintenance. The ODF office in Forest Grove thought that the vacation process is still viable, but the withdrawal will still go forth.

Item 6 Road Department Repair Projects Report: Bob reported that since the winter has been pretty mild, the crew has been concentrating on regular maintenance activities. Brushing and trimming is planned for the Neskowin area. Bob and Aaron met with the Neskowin Association so that the residents would be aware of the project. Bob added that he responded to 9 letters requesting more information. Aaron said that this project

would limb obstructed areas above the road surface. The Fire Dept. has also been involved in this project.

- ❖ **Report on Rock Crushing Contract:** Five firms were interested in this project. Nesko Rock was the successful bidder. The plan is to start mid-February for completion in March.
- ❖ **Discussion regarding Gravel Road Maintenance:** Pat reported that Bob is accumulating volume figures for maintaining gravel roads in ideal conditions. Jon Oshel from AOC is formatting accumulative picture for each county. It is a very subjective evaluation. Gravel road conditions change easily due to the weather. Presenting an accurate picture could enable us to get some funding.
- ❖ **Discussion of Trask River Road Turnout:** Aaron said that he reviewed with staff the question of turnouts. In the early 1990's several turnouts were constructed. Turnouts are not part of this ODF funding project. Aaron suggested that if this committee feels that it should be pursued, than he recommended forming a sub-committee whom would meet and see if additional turnouts are needed. Dora Norwood, who brought this matter to the committee, feels that it would enable slow drivers to use turnouts so faster drivers, could go on. Aaron said that paving the shoulder would not be as expensive, but if ditching is involved or obtaining more right-of-way, it would be very costly. Bob W. said that there are standards in line on how to construct turnouts. Curt suggested that staff come up with suggested areas for additional turnouts. Aaron said that additional turnouts would be funded by maintenance funds. Bekki said when the road is widened it might not be necessary to have additional turnouts.

Item 7 Report on Tillamook County Transportation Refinement Plan: Bob Reed reported that traffic studies have been done. They will be a downtown parking and safety workshop scheduled for January 19th 7-9pm and a truck study route workshop scheduled January 26th, 7-9pm. They are both to be held at the ODF office.

Item 8 Status of Ongoing Projects

- ❖ **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Pat reported project is shutdown for the winter. Ray Streeter said that scotchbroom is growing everywhere. He also mentioned a ditch causing an issue for truck drivers being able to use the two turnouts by Sandlake Hill. Pat to pass this on the Project Manager of the Federal Hwy Project.
- ❖ **OTIA III Bridge Replacements:** The following bridges are in the process of design work. East Creek, Bewley, Killam and Josi Bridge are slated for 2005 construction; Johnson and Sorenson are slated for 2006 construction.
 - **Johnson Bridge on Long Prairie Road, MP 3.18**
 - **Sorenson Bridge on Blaine 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**
 - **Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road, MP 0.03**
- ❖ **Anderson Road Culvert Replacement, MP 0.88:** OTAK is working on the design. Final plans and permit submission expected soon for construction 2005. This is a fish friendly culvert project.

- ❖ **Long Prairie/Hwy 101 Project:** This is adding of the eastbound deceleration lane and a deceleration lane from Hwy 101 turning into Long Prairie. Planned to have this go out to bid in the spring of this year.
- ❖ **Blaine II, MP 7-9:** Federal Highway Administration is improving this roadway. Our role is the acquiring of needed right-of-way. The initial proposal was 100 ft, but our response was to go with a lesser width to curtail public reaction. Blaine I had a lot of negative public input, so a narrow right-of-way would put a stop to some of that.
- ❖ **Wilson River Loop at Hwy 6 and Latimer Road at Hwy 101:** Public input is being sought. Latimer Road will be constructed in 2007 and Wilson River Loop in 2007/2008. Members agreed that the WRL/Hwy 6 construction is much needed for safety reasons. Bob Reed suggested that since this road is being used as a bypass, it should be turned over to the State. Aaron to approach Carol Richardson from ODOT to see if they would accept the jurisdiction transfer. ODOT's recent policy is not to take on any more roads.

Item 9 Public Comments: Dora Norwood objects to Gary Hercher as a member of the Road Advisory Committee. He is doing some work on the dike by her property. She told him to stop and he has not. Water is now coming into her pasture. Being a member of the committee gives him some prestige.

Gus Meyer commented that on Trask River Road – Green Creek and Samson Creek Culverts would be a project that Tillamook Bay Watershed would undertake. It is about 60% complete before being ready to submit to bid. There needed to be some design changes. Funding still needs to be looked at.

Bob Reed asked about the letter that the OC responded to about Blaine Road. The original letter is not included. Bob Reed suggested that the original letter be included as well. Aaron recalled that it was a school class project that the BOC chose to respond to.

Dora asked about the Individual Voluntary Services form. Aaron said that all volunteers would need to submit an application for liability purposes.

Item 10 Discussion about next meeting date and agenda items: March 14, 2005 at 3pm. Aaron would like to include the Trask River Road, Budget and Comm. Hurliman's Proposal Request as Agenda items. Ray Streeter asked to include a discussion about the intersection of Alderbrook/Hwy 101. Traffic Safety Commission will be meeting January 17th, 2005.

Comm. Labhart thanked the members for serving on this committee and appreciates the time and commitment it takes. He added, that he listens to their input.

Item 11 Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.