

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 14th, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Schonbrod, Bob Reed, Gary Hercher, John Gettman, Ray Streeter and Jack Brooks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marlin Clark, Bekki Gardner and Ed Werner

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

PUBLIC: Donna Lane, Ardath Stout, Don Stout, Dora Norwood, W.J. Williams, Myrt Williams, Gus Meyer, Ed Grimes and Adrian Kloak

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Curt called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. No changes to the agenda.

Item 2 review and approve minutes of 01-10-05: Bob Reed motioned to approve minutes as written, Jack seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Trask River Road (TRR) Timber Sale Harvesting: Aaron introduced himself. The BOC had requested that a public meeting be held in conjunction with the Road Advisory Committee meeting. to answer any questions on the Trask River road safety improvement project. In early 2004 the BOC working with the State Board of Forestry signed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to provide for some maintenance and repair on the TRR. Aaron summarized the agreement in the letter sent to all residences on TRR earlier. Aaron explained how the funding was appropriated from the sale of timber, and when the funds would be distributed. He went through the project list that was part of the IGA and that was also mailed to all residences. Dig outs would check for the failure of a particular area, and if inadequate base material, it would be dug out and filled with good material and then paved. Some culverts would be replaced and culverts to be added for drainage purposes. 2-3" overlay would be then on the repair project from MP 2.5 to MP 12.5. The intent is to use the road department crew because the funds would be sporadic. All expenses for this project would be tracked separately.

Public Input: A couple of questions on whether regular maintenance would continue. The department would benefit from this fund because the employee's salary would be offset to do the safety work. Aaron said maintenance to include pothole repair, some shoulder grading, ditching, mowing, shoulder vegetation, storm response, striping and traffic signs would continue. At MP 5.23 the boat launch shoulder repair was part of the TRR safety worklist. Aaron responded to the inquiry whether there is a budget for TRR and said that at a budget is not established for any particular road. The cost accounting system would be able to track what is spent on a particular road. The numbers were brought to this committee before. Aaron recalled that \$175,000/year was spent on TRR in the past. There is not a large disparity between the mileage on the different roads. Cochran Road was just disposed off because of high maintenance cost and isolated location. The members were invited to drive the road. Bob Reed said the major portion of the

monies would not be available until 2006. Aaron confirmed that the 2005-construction season work on the TRR would be a slow, deliberate process with the major improvement to be seen in 2006. A concern was expressed on the narrow width of the road on the upper portion. Aaron said that the goal is 22'. The improvements are being done because it is recognized that unsafe conditions exist. A question was raised on why the work is being commenced on the lower section when the top section needs it more, and if this were a safety improvement it would seem more logical to start at the top. Curt said that the volume of the traffic is higher on the lower end. This issue was discussed extensively and both issues were considered before a decision was reached. TRR Park brings in a lot of traffic and the area at MP 9.1 is very unsafe. Curt said repairs were planned in that area, but because of environmental issues the repairs could not proceed. The Foreman, Ed confirmed that MP5 to MP6.5 is narrower compared to the area at MP 9.1.

Item 4 Staff report on impacts of a 1.7 million-dollar revenue reduction: Aaron explained that at this committee's January meeting, Commissioner Hurliman through Commissioner Labhart made an appeal to this committee to set up a working committee. This subcommittee was to improve the Road Dept. on the basis of the \$1.7 million being dissolved, and also no additional revenues being available. After much discussion, no volunteers were forthcoming to form this subcommittee. Aaron went through a PowerPoint presentation on the impact of a \$1.7 million revenue reduction. Aaron worked with the 2004-2005 budget. The funding matrix was used to set the priorities. Aaron used the organization chart that was presented with the 2002 study for a possible reduction. This would reduce personnel by 9, with 2 operating teams. Minor projects could still be done. The materials, services and capital outlay would be affected. The other option would be \$2 million with 11 FTE as per Commissioner's Hurliman's previous dissertation. Aaron said this would be possible if maintenance work was eliminated; reduce administration staff, keep sign man for liability, with one operations district with 3 people that could do anything. They would be responsible for storm response, contract inspection, minor patching and roadside vegetation control. Everything would be contracted out. Revenues would be less, could contract equipment maintenance and do no work for the Solid Waste dept. At this staff reduction, someone would have to administer the contracts. Aaron said that he is open to any ideas that could be presented to the BOC. Bob Reed said that this should not be allowed to happen, all effort should be made to keep the safety net funds available. Curt planned on approaching the BOC to see where they stand on this issue. Gary Hercher said there isn't a pool of contractors available for stand by work. Aaron said that it would be possible to consolidate all districts and sell the equipment, but that it would be an irreversible change. Pat said that some matching fund grants would not be available. Curt thanked Aaron for the presentation.

Item 5 Proposed 2005-2006 Budget: Proposed Budget 2005-2006 handed out to all the members. Aaron said that they are 4 different funds. The budget was submitted 02/28/05 to the Budget Committee. The next action by the countywide budget is scheduled for April 6-8. Indirect cost allocation services are at \$183,000. TRR fund was discussed. Gary said that with the existing dry conditions, timber might not be available. John asked if additional right-of-way (ROW) could be obtained on the TRR to widen the road, and were property owners approached. Aaron said no contact has been made with property owners. Blaine 2 the cost to widen, clean up drainage and overlay brought the cost to \$900,000/mile. The FEMA project died on TRR MP 9.1 because of some environmental issues. Pat explained that environmental rules are getting

more stringent, but TRR is about 130 years old. John asked how the indirect cost allocation was done. Aaron said the cost for the services of Personnel, I.S. Treasurer's and BOC is applied from a cost accounting model that it is being applied by the county treasurer. Curt said that he questioned this in the past and he felt that this is not a fair cost. Aaron further explained that the unappropriated fund would be carrying forth a balance. The unappropriated funds could be used as a cushion if the Federal Safety net fund arrived late or is unavailable. John Gettman asked why gravel was being used on Local Access Roads (LAR). Aaron said that it has been a policy to do minimal maintenance on LAR's. John asked if this policy could be revisited with the BOC. Aaron advised the committee that sanding rock would have to be purchased and replaced this budget year. There are 31 employees with 1 employee on family medical leave. A new employee has been hired to take the place of FML. Jack Brooks motioned to accept the proposed budget as presented; Ray Streeter seconded, unanimously approved.

John Gettman asked how the budget committee would understand the proposed budget based on the submission, and the Road Dept.'s services. Aaron said the Public Works Director is responsible to balance the budget. John expressed his puzzlement as to how they could make decisions without more detail on what services are provided.

Gus Meyers suggested pursuing other funding sources for grants. Pat Oakes said monies are being perused from OTIA, HBRR. Grants have been applied for and denied. Aaron Suko agreed with Pat's summation and he expressed his disappointment that the Study done in 2002 was not utilized in that the only discussion had been how to do cutbacks, and not how to look at pursuing additional revenue. Capital improvements have not been accomplished unless it is by a specific grant. Gus will forward resource information to the Road Department.

Item 6 Road Department Repair Projects Report:

Report on Rock Crushing Contract: Bob explained that Nesko was awarded the bid to crush the rock at \$4.05 a yard in south county and \$3.90/yard in north county. 20,000 cubic yards would be stock piled at each location.

Discussion regarding gravel road maintenance: Bob to provide a list of roads that would need gravel. Aaron said it would be a good time then, to talk about the policy with the BOC.

Discussion of Trask River Road turnouts: Bob said that the last turnout is at MP 9.3. He could not find a safe area for another turnout. Dora suggested that at MP 10 a turnout could be constructed. Bob said that it is an intersection and corner. This matter is closed.

Review preliminary 2005-2006 paving list: Paving list handed out. It would consist of 4.19 miles. Discussed the portions of the roads being done. This list does not include projects being done on city streets and TRR, which are special projects. John suggested incorporating them in one list. Bob R. suggested that Nielsen Road going southerly needs about 200' of paving done. Bob W. to check that area. Aaron reported that the City of Manzanita would like some county roads in the city improved, and once they are, they would be taken over by the city.

Curt expressed thanks from a citizen on Kilchis River Road for the quick response to the shoulder repair request. On TRR the culvert placed by Deswart's the water is being drained onto private property. The drainage was intended to be directed to the property.

Item 7 Status of Ongoing Projects Pat reported on the following projects

- ❖ **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Contractor to return when weather is more consistent – early May. Ray mentioned the noxious weeds with ribbons tied to them. Pat forwarded this issue to Federal Hwy. Ray thought that the fill placed might not be suitable and would the Federal Hwy take responsibility if it did not hold up. Pat said they are being constantly monitored.
- ❖ **OTIA III Bridge Replacements:** Bewley, Killam and Josi – a public information meeting is planned for March 28th at 5pm at the Forestry building. Bridge closure/detour would be discussed. East Creek bid let April.
- **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:** Consultant finishing design. 2005 construction time.
- ❖ **Long Prairie/Hwy 101 Project:** Design coordination. Potential for 2005 construction.
- ❖ **Blaine II, MP 7-9:** Federal Hwy project. They wanted a 100' ROW. The Road Dept. suggested 80' so impact is less. Construction planned for 2006.
- ❖ **Wilson River Loop at Hwy 6:** Meetings with design teams for design alternatives. Public meetings to be held noticed in the newspaper.
- ❖ **Latimer Road at Hwy 101:** Design still being processed.

Item 8 Coordination with ODOT: Postponed

Latimer Road, Wilson River Loop for State jurisdiction: Postponed

Hwy 101 at Alderbrook Loop road safety improvements: Postponed

Item 9 Public Comments: None at this time.

Item 10 Discussion about next meeting date and agenda item: The next meeting is scheduled for May 09, 2005.

Item 11 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm