

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 8th, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Schonbrod, Marlin Clark, Bob Reed, and Ray Streeter.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clay Cook, John Gettman, Gary Hercher, Darcy Jones.

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Bob Willhite/Operations, Pat Oakes/Engr Project Supervisor, and Emily Holt/Recorder.

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood and Gus Meyer.

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order by Curt at 3:00pm. Agenda reviewed.

Item 2 Review and approve minutes of 03-13-06: Bob Reed moved to approve the minutes as written, Ray Streeter seconded, unanimously approved. Curt Schonbrod asked if the minutes were up to Dora Norwood's satisfaction and she indicated that they were but mentioned that there wasn't a quorum. Minutes were approved based on no quorum.

Item 3 Road Department Repair Projects Report:

Storm Repairs: Bob Willhite reported that work is still being done to complete the FEMA information to see if the County would receive ER money.

Bilyeu Culvert & other work: Bilyeu culvert is in place and completed. Grand Avenue which is a gravel road to be ditched and the road widened weather dependant. Pat Oakes reported that Bilyeu repair is completed. C&M was hired to pave Bilyeu. Reed questioned if Bilyeu intersection was completed. Willhite clarified said that if funds are available the intersection would be done.

FEMA & FHWA ER Coordination: Oakes reported that the last three weeks were spent with the representative from FEMA. He took them on onsite visits, also provided a cost accounting spreadsheet as requested. The project worksheets should be coming from FEMA to sign off after review from the Salem office. Collectors and Arterials come under the FHWA jurisdiction. The three sites that meet qualification for emergency relief funds are two sites on Foss Road and a guardrail issue on Tillamook River Road. Hope to receive 90% of reimbursement from FHWA. With FEMA the hope is to receive 75% reimbursement of a total of \$150,000. The 1996 storm took some drastic costs cuts before the County was reimbursed.

Trask River Road Repairs/ Spring (Current Fiscal Year) Paving: Long Prairie Road paving project 800' from US 101 to be completed before repairs begin on Trask River Road. Trask will then begin with grind outs and other repairs. Aaron Suko has not heard back from the contractor for soil nailing but it is still being looked into. Willhite added that he would still like to look at a soil nailing project. Long Prairie Road paving project will begin tomorrow, weather permitting. Fairview Drive and, Cape Meares Loop between Hwy 131 to Anderson Creek, Cape Lookout Road sunken areas, and the intersection of 3rd Street and McCormick Loop are being looked at for a thin overlay. Willhite confirmed that all the projects were in Central District. Streeter asked if trees could be cut at some of the lookout areas on Cape Lookout Road for the view. Willhite said that it is under the jurisdiction of State Parks. Streeter requested that the drainage be looked into on Long

Prairie Road. Schonbrod asked if the gravel supply was adequate, Willhite indicated that the gravel supply was adequate at this time. Reed asked if the old surface areas on Long Prairie could be grinded and used for shoulder work. Willhite stated that it acts as a support and a 2" overlay would work on that surface. Reed said that he noticed that paving contracts have laser machines to compensate for low spots. Willhite said that the 1956 machine that is being used does not have the capability. The well experienced crew and the existing road helps stay the course. Pre-leveling is sometimes done, for e.g. Pennsylvania in Bay City. Suko said Trask River Road revenue was estimated at \$1.7 million. The monies from the 1st year's sales, two payments have been received. The final payments not received. The 2nd year's sales are very slow. The September and July sale received first two payments. This is approximately 1/3 of the money. Suko suggested that the members look at the Trask River Road Budget submission. It will take approximately 4-5 years before all the monies are received. Discussion continued regarding why the timber sales are slow.

April 11, 2006 Meeting with USFS on the Joint Road Maintenance Agreement: Suko and Willhite met with USFS to review the cooperative agreement of 1996. Willhite and Suko went over the list of county roads that USFS would maintain. The Forest Service roads are Mt. Hebo Road (residential area) start @ 1 Mile up; Bunn Creek .25-1 mile; Slab Creek Road the first 4.5 is county; and the rest is USFS for 1-2 miles which the county would maintain. The USFS to do the far end of Galloway, where it branches to go into the Park; Clarence Creek Road – 1 mile; Borba Base Road, the county would maintain the first 1.5 miles, the rest the USFS; Farmer Creek, the county would do the first mile and 3/10, and USFS will take over from then. Gus Meyer inquired if the agreement has worked in the past. Willhite said the agreement has saved both agencies money.

Marlin Clark reported that water stands between Hughey Lane and Hwy 6. Willhite said it would be hard to raise just that area. Schonbrod said in his opinion more water would back up.

Item 4 Status of Ongoing Projects:

OTIA III Bridge Replacements:

Johnson Bridge on Long Prairie Road, MP 3.18: Design process. Construction 2007. Army Corp permit needs to be obtained.

Sorenson Bridge on Blaine Road, MP 2.4: Expecting next Wednesday photo documents. Bid advertisement 17th May, to open Mid-June. Army Corp permit needs to be obtained.

Killam Creek Bridge on South Prairie Road, MP 2.00: Completed with some vegetation issues still pending.

Josi (Jossy) Bridge on Kansas Creek Road, MP 0.03: Opened last month. Final inspection on Wednesday.

The bridges are close to budget. Johnson Bridge has a plan to include a detour bridge, but project might need to be down scaled. This 6th bridge might be tough. Suko said that there is a saving situation in that interest rates are going up. Treasurer has reinvested and earned interest, it helps the situation.

If more funds are available, Willhite said that areas on McCormick, Fairview, Cape Meares Loop and Whiskey Creek would also be thin patched. Suko mentioned that asphalt prices are increasing from \$36 to \$48 which is a 25% increase over budget. Higher fuel prices are also taking affect. It might mean that they will not be any monies available for spring paving next year. Streeter asked if the BOC would consider helping the Road Dept. The

members present stated that the BOC were not open to it when proposed in 2002. Schonbrod said he received a very chilly reception last time.

Anderson Road Culvert Replacement, MP 0.88: The permit process has not started.

Long Prairie/Hwy 101 Project: BOC to consider ROW acquiring for ODOT and County by ODOT. Fall 2006 construction.

Blaine II MP 6-8: Right of way appraisals of the first five are done. They are eleven or twelve parcels.

Wilson River Loop at Hwy 6: The preliminary design for project just started.

Latimer Road: ODOT lost the Project Manager, Jamie Lane. Project is on standby till they find a replacement. Suko added that there is a separate order for the railroad crossing. Initial proposal for repair of crossing has been done by the rail section of ODOT at MP 0.6. Suko added the railroad crossing, when completed will be a signalized gated crossing. Meyer mentioned that John Gettman stated that they are working on moving a water main on Latimer. Oakes had suggested that Gettman contact ODOT to identify what ODOT needs.

Item 5 Report Status of 06-07 Budget/Item 6 Report on Federal Safety Net Funding Status:

Suko reported that 2006-2007 was not changed from what was presented to CRAC. May 23rd thru May 24th review of the budget. The budget is balanced, no monies were asked from general fund. June 21st the BOC adopts the budget. July 1st budget can be spent. If budget is over spent, the Treasurer would need to get approval from BOC. May 31st is end of requisitions and last invoice dated June 14th so the monies are expended in 2005-2006. Marlin Clark asked if more money is coming from the Gas tax. Suko said that the Gas tax is based on a set fee per gallon. When price goes up, people will consume less, counties get less. Clark suggested that the Road Dept. go in with the Schools to get extra money. The roads need to be fixed. Oakes said that it should be a citizen based tax. Suko said that the BOC are working on the issue to negotiate to modify allocation formulas for state forest revenue to get more of the harvest monies to be paid out to the local government. This would benefit the fire, water, sewer districts and possibly the road fund. The BOC hopes to get these extra monies before going to the citizens. Clark said the roads are getting unsafe to drive. He does not think that the BOC are trying to help the Road Dept. Suko said that the Federal Safety net fund which comprises 40-50% of the budget expires this year. One proposal for the new bill is on a declining scale with 75% funding for the first two years, then a 50% reduction and a 25% reduction for the last two years. Senator Smith and others are working together to get the bill reauthorized. Senator Smith suggests continuing resolution and then fight through a new bill after the current election year. Suko cautioned that the Road Fund is 1Million short to keep up with level of maintenance. The BOC is beginning to voice agreement that the Road Dept. needs more funding. Reed said in the 2007-2008 budget preparation the Federal Safety Net bill would need to be accounted for.

Item 7 Public Comments: Norwood said that motorbikes have started up on the Trask destroying the shoulders. Norwood put up barricades/straw bails, but they were taken. Norwood recalled that the Public Works Director asked Ed Grimes to look into this matter. Pot holes are 1' deep to 2-3' in diameter; Trask River Road needs help after 2 Miles. Suko did not bring to the meeting how much Trask River Fund has received in revenue. Willhite said that hot mix is being used today for patching on Trask River Road. Suko stated there is a shortage of asphalt rock. Willhite said there are other roads that need to be fixed. Hot mix is much cheaper than premix and lasts longer. Suko said that \$300,000 in 2006-2007

budget would be used for soil nailing to do shoulder work to allow widening, if not then it could be used for pavement overlay.

Reed asked about the Fence Right-of-Way policy. Suko confirmed that it was approved through the advisement of the Farm and Forest Committee. Foremen have a copy of the policy. The water tank has been removed at the Maack farm, but the concrete filled fence and gate posts have not been removed. A 2nd letter was sent. It has to be removed by the end of May, if not the BOC suggested hiring a fencing contractor to replace with traffic friendly wood post.

Norwood said that she is upset that Suko seems so concerned about the water tank when the motorbikes create such a hazard. There is not shoulder left and it is undermining the road. She wanted to know why it did not phase him. Suko said that in his opinion it did not describe a roadside hazard, definition a structure on the roadway that the motoring public could run into. Traffic safety is the issue. Norwood stated that this is a new access which should require permits. This water tank issue is in line with some stone fences – cannot understand the inconsistency. Schonbrod could not see damage on Norwood's fence by Motorbikes. Suko asked where the fence relative to the ROW is. Norwood said it was surveyed before she put the fence up. The Board Order that the BOC approved puts the ROW on the responsibility of the property owner.

Item 8 Discussion about next meeting date and agenda items: The next meeting to be held September 11, 2006 due to the lack of issues and quorum. Meeting adjourned at 4:34pm.

Item 9 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Transcribed by Jeanette Steinbach