

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 13, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Curt Schonbrod, Vice-Chairperson Bob Reed, John Gettman, Darcy Jones, and Robert Garrigues (late arriving)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Streeter and Gary Hercher

STAFF: Liane Welch, Director; Pat Oakes, Engineering Project Supervisor; Bob Willhite, Operations; and Kay Saddler, Recorder

PUBLIC: Robert Kratz, Dora Norwood, Gus Meyer, Gary Hanenkrat, John Coopersmith, Stephen Macartney, and Commissioner Mark Labhart

Item 1. Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order by Curt Schonbrod at 3:02 p.m. and he stated that there will be adjustments to the agenda, due to a lack of quorum and public comments to be addressed.

Item 2. Review and approve minutes of 9-11-06: Once quorum was present, John Gettman moved to approve the minutes with corrections. Bob Reed seconded the motion; unanimously approved. Corrections were made as follows:

Item 3b) Gary Hercher mentioned that the Commissioners need to give some latitude so things do not ~~lie dominate~~ *lay dormant*.

Item 8) ~~Darcy Jones expressed his concern about Brooten Rd, that he considers it the most traveled road in South Tillamook County, which is sinking. Darcy Jones continued to compare Brooten Rd to South Prairie Rd, stating if it was South Prairie Rd, it would be fixed by now. Darcy Jones continued saying that Public Works does not need to be doing paving else where, but needs to be doing Brooten Rd. Darcy Jones expressed his concern about Brooten Rd, which he considers to be the most traveled road in South Tillamook County, which is sinking, and said that Public Works should be working on Brooten Rd, not Resort Dr, since it is the more used road.~~

Item 3. Introduction of Liane Welch, Public Works Director: A warm welcome was extended to Liane Welch. Liane shared her education and work experience background and why she chose to apply and accept employment in Tillamook County.

Item 4. Advisory Committee Members:

- ◆ Resignations of Clay Cook and Marlin Clark: Curt Schonbrod acknowledged their resignations, adding that both represented the Central area. The Board of Commissioners has advertised their vacancies and interviews are being scheduled for November 28, 2006, from 1-5 p.m.
- ◆ Discussion of member re-appointments by Board of Commissioners: Pat Oakes explained the procedure as he understands it for reappointments and blank applications for those members expiring December 31, 2006, were made available for submission to the Board of Commissioners. It was asked, if members were not interested in being re-appointed, to submit their letter of intention, so the Board of Commissioners may consider the position(s) later this month during the interview process; however, indications were that the current members wish to remain on the

County Road Advisory Committee (Committee). A discussion about length of terms, when Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are selected, and what other members had heard about reappointments was also held.

Item 5. Road Department Maintenance Report:

- ◆ Trask River Rd Repairs: Bob Willhite shared that the paving project has been completed for this year; however, with S-C Paving running out of hot mix, the balance of the second layer of asphalt will be extended to the spring paving projects. Remaining work on Trask River Rd includes the shoulders and chuck hole repair.
- ◆ Paving Status: Bob Willhite explained that the roads that were designated to be done were completed and on time, and the only road from the “Other List” completed was Long Prairie Rd, paving the same amount of miles (between 4 and 5) as paved last year. There was a brief discussion explaining the difference of the two lists and the history behind the Committee selecting Long Prairie Rd to be done over the others roads suggested. Bob Willhite reminded the Committee that decisions were made by the former Director, based upon the Committee’s recommendations and they should start thinking now about what recommendations will be combined with the District Foremen’s list, for discussion in the spring for developing next year’s paving list. Curt Schonbrod commented that plans are being made to have a meeting with the new Director to review and establish procedures and policies, if needed; plus discuss the purpose and role of the Committee.
- ◆ Overlays of County Roads within City Limits: Pat Oakes explained that with the paving projects and striping of Cherry and Elm Streets and High and College Avenues completed, the next step, of the Inter-Government Agreements between the Cities of Manzanita and Bay City and Tillamook County, is being scheduled. It will take several meetings to complete the hearing process to transfer these roads to their respectful city government. John Gettman stated that an outstanding job was done on Tillamook Avenue and he wanted the crews to know it.
- ◆ Recent Storm Damage Update: A brief time-line of events and actions taken was given by Liane Welch, Bob Willhite and Pat Oakes. The storm came in over the weekend, with the heaviest rains occurring on Monday, November 6, 2006, and continuing through Wednesday, November 8; the rain total was just under twenty inches in a 48-hour timeframe. Primarily, the North and Central Districts received the most damage. Damage was not major, like in 1996, but the clean-up is continuing and the real extent of the damage is not known. On Tuesday, the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was activated until the high water started receding around 6 p.m. Pat Oakes was the Tillamook County Public Works (TCPW) representative at the EOC. On Wednesday, TCPW went into “assessment mode” with the engineering staff and crews assessing and reporting damage. After Governor Kulongoski’s declaration of a state of emergency and authorized the use of state resources for flood response in Tillamook County on November 7, 2006, a preliminary estimate of damage in the amount of \$518,000.00 was submitted by TCPW. This amount is more than last December and January’s storm damage. Much damage was thought to have occurred because something upstream in the Wilson River has changed, causing wash outs and re-direction of the river flow. Many road shoulders have been undermined by the high water, and of course, more pot holes have formed. With the high wind storms happening so soon afterwards, falling trees are the biggest problem the crews are dealing with now. Most closures involved only one lane of traffic, except for Bixby Rd (in South County), where the road washed out around the culvert. At this

time, most County roads are open; Cape Mears Loop, Bay Ocean Rd, and Bixby Rd had been closed due to damage or slides, but are now passable.

Item 6. Status of Ongoing Projects:

- ◆ OTIA III Bridge Replacements: Pat Oakes gave a briefing on the projects:
 - Johnson Bridge on Long Prairie Rd, MP 3.18: A lengthy discussion was held about the process, with and without a temporary detour bridge being constructed, timeframe forecasted, and the need of proper wording of the bid. Estimated cost for the replacement bridge is still over budget, due to inflation of fuel, rebar and concrete; it may not be an option for inclusion of a detour bridge during the forecasted 2 years of construction. The current bridge is about 270 feet and Gus Meyer expressed his concerns with the construction of a standard 5-pillar temporary detour bridge, and the effects that will have on the change of the hydro-diametric of the Trask River. Commissioner Mark Labhart articulated the Board of Commissioner's interest in hearing the opinions and recommendations of the Committee regarding the Johnson Bridge replacement and other projects. It was decided that a presentation will be given next month by Liane Welch to the Committee, so a recommendation can be given to the Board of Commissioners in a timely manner, prior to the bid process beginning.
 - Sorenson Bridge on Blaine Rd, MP 2.48: This replacement project is currently under construction, with Holm II completing the "in water" work and has plans to add the top "T" structure of the pier that supports the middle of the bridge in December. Full work will continue in the spring, with completion projected for next fall. The work site is being monitored and checked weekly for erosion, safety checks, and storm damage.
- ◆ Anderson Rd Culvert Replacement, MP 0.88: It was explained that due to the conflicting workload of the TCPW crews, this project will probably need to be contracted out for completion next summer and needs to be added to next year's budget as an expenditure.
- ◆ Long Prairie Rd/Hwy 101 Project: This project is funded by an Oregon Transportation Infrastructure Act grant. Even with the delays, the project bid is still under consideration for spring of 2007, with summer construction. One-lane closures are expected during construction on Long Prairie Rd, but it will remain open. As part of the project, an Inter-Government Agreement with the City of Tillamook is being discussed that involves the city's water main and the installation of conduit during the construction. Pat Oakes will be presenting the information for this Inter-Government Agreement to the Board of Commissioners later this month.
- ◆ Blaine II Project: This project will be between mile post 6 and mile post 10 of Blaine Rd. Nine out of the ten right-of-ways has been negotiated, with the tenth one in the acquisition process. A "plans-in-hand" meeting is being scheduled in December with the Federal Highway Administration.
- ◆ ODOT Projects:
 - Wilson River Loop at Hwy 6: Oregon Department of Transportation Area 1 wants to re-look at the preliminary design and access issues that had been recommended by prior staff/management and meet back with Tillamook County Public Works within the next 60 days. Depending on the design selected, the cost could be \$2,000,000.00 instead of the estimated \$12,000,000.00. If that type of saving is there, the question to be discussed is: Can the money saved, stay in the County to be used for other projects?

- Latimer Rd at Hwy 101: Currently, the right-of-way acquisitions and utility issues are being worked on. Information from the ODOT Rail Section, concerning the Latimer Rd railroad crossing safety improvements, is slow on coming, after the signing and amending of the Inter-Governmental Agreement. The under-funding issue for this has been addressed by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner's Update: Commission Mark Labhart "wanted to say on the record to Bob Willhite, Liane Welch, and Pat Oakes, how much the Commissioners appreciated the "beyond the call of duty" the road crew did during this last event. It is very much appreciated. You always do an outstanding job and we do not say enough how much we appreciate, so thank you very much for the good job."

Commissioner Labhart shared that the Board of Commissioners had received a large number of applications from people through out the County, who want to serve on the Road Advisory Committee and they looked forward to filling the vacancies. The Commissioners, along with Liane Welch and Curt Schonbrod, will hold interviews on November 28, 2006, and the plan is to make the decision for the appointments later that day.

Preliminary storm damage estimate for Tillamook County is 7.4 million dollars. The plan is for the State of Oregon to submit the figures to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA will send Damage Assessment Teams to the different Counties and then make their recommendations to the President. Public facilities receive 75% cost reimbursement. Storm damage this time was mostly in Central County with some water damage in North County. Senator Smith has already made contact with the Commissioners and is watching this matter closely.

Item 7. Public Comments:

Bob Krauz expressed his concerns about Deer Rd, off Hwy 131 (Netarts Hwy). Currently, only three-fourths of the road is paved; the top portion is not and is in bad condition and would like to know what can be done about it? When paving was done, the paving did not go to the end of the road, but went down some other roads/driveways instead and wanted to know why? Liane Welch, being unfamiliar with this area and how the Committee prioritizes the paving projects, offered to look into the condition of Deer Rd and get back to Mr. Krauz. A brief discussion followed, explaining how in some communities, where it does not have thru-traffic for the general public, the option of doing a "Community Pavement Agreement" is offered, where the community residents pay a portion of the cost to have the County pave their local access/private roads. This program is on a "first-come, first serve" and available if the County's limited funds for this is still available.

Dora Norwood asked Curt Schonbrod if he received any feed back regarding his "Letter to the Editor." In response, Curt shared that only his Dad, who was very proud of him, provided feedback. Dora also shared that the new pavement on Trask River Rd is much better, had cut her drive time a good half-hour, even though there are three pot holes that were not taken care of.

Stephen Macartney, speaking on behalf of the Oceanside Community, wanted to thank the County Road Department for their responsiveness to their concerns, especially for the new signage. Pat Oakes said he would be sure and pass the message on to Tom Abbott, in the County's Sign Shop.

Liane Welch presented a letter from Jim Carlson, Chair of the Netarts Citizens Advisory Committee, regarding the repaving of 5th Street Loop, adjacent to the fire station. Copies of the letter were given to the members in attendance, with those absent to receive it in next month's packet.

Bob Reed explained that this is the same street he lobbied last year to have on the paving list. Now that the Sanitation District has completed their work in the road right-of-way, he hopes it will be on the paving list, since the Fire Department and Emergency Services use this street.

A motion regarding Johnson Bridge was made by John Gettman; hearing no second, following a discussion on a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, the motion died.

Pat Oakes shared that he had tentatively scheduled a workshop with the Board of Commissioners regarding the encroachment policy, the interpretation of the policy and what latitude the staff has for making decisions. Since it is the role of the County Road Advisory Committee to advise the Commissioners, Commissioner Labhart suggested that Pat make the presentation to the Committee prior to the Board of Commissioners. Pat will reschedule the workshop and include his presentation at the next meeting.

Darcy Jones expressed his concern about the "build then ask for permission attitude" within the County Road right-of-way within developed communities. An example of this was the trees being planted in the road right-of-way, that have now grown enough to prevent trucks, like the fire department's and even his own construction vehicles, from traveling the roadway without causing damage to the truck mirrors. Some developed communities are not allowing the trees and other vegetation to be cut or trimmed as it is along most County roads. Further discuss was held regarding right-of-way issues, which will be included in the encroachment presentation.

Item 9. Discussion about next meeting date and agenda items: Next meeting would be Monday, December 11, 2006, from 3-5 p.m. Agenda will include the presentation regarding the Johnson Bridge, followed by a discussion for creating a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, and the presentation regarding the encroachment policy. With interviews on November 28, 2006, the possibility of welcoming new members should be included on the agenda.

Item 10. Adjourn: Curt Schonbrod adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.