

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 8, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Curt Schonbrod, John Gettman, Steve Macartney, Bob Garrigues, Gary Hanenkrat, Gary Hercher (late arriving) and Darcy Jones (late arriving)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC: Gus Meyer, Dora Norwood, and Joanne Jene

Item 1. Meeting called to order by Curt Schonbrod at 3:00 p.m.

Item 2. Minutes for December 11, 2006 meeting approved

Item 3. Discussion regarding the appointment of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Nominations for Curt Schonbrod as Chairperson and Gus Meyer as Vice-Chairperson. Moved by John Gettman. Gus Meyer declined nomination. John Gettman amended nomination to remove Gus Meyer and add Gary Hanenkrat as Vice-Chair. Bob Garrigues seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding conflict of time of meetings for some members. It was discussed and determined to stay the 3:00 to 5:00 pm for now. Discussion also regarding the use of Alternates in the event there is not a quorum. Decision to continue as is and will re-address if it becomes a problem.

Item 4. Budget Update by Liane Welch . Addressed article in Headlight Herald. Pat Oakes & Liane Welch are working with the Commissioner's going through the current budget and looking at any options for revenue sources. Liane is communicating with the public as to the impact of what may happen to our roads due to budget cuts and what is important to them.

Discussion: John Gettman said he could not find in the statutes that "General Fund" money could not be used and would like more research done on this.

Can the County create a gas tax? A previous vote in 1992 was voted down.

Creation of a "Road District"?

System Development fees such as heavy load fees?

Question by John Gettman, Are we going to discontinue the "Overlays of City and County roads? Liane stated that those commitments will be finished due to previous agreements.

Suggestion by Dora Norwood: Perhaps the public could buy Potholes like the Library sells bricks.

Question by Stephen Macartney : Is any other county agency affected by this shortfall? If so, can we work together with them? This is affecting a majority of the Counties in Oregon to some degree.

Input: Liane Welch: What services will be cut? Office hours, staff reduction? Provide emergency services only. Long term commitments will be finished.

Darcy Jones feels there are too many personnel involved with the road approaches in Tillamook County. He stated that one person can do this job Pat Oakes disputed this comment. It was then explained by Pat and Liane how many of the staff there are to work the different areas of the County. The engineering staff has more responsibilities than just road approaches. We have a staff of three in Engineering including Pat Oakes.

Item 5. Encroachment Presentation and handout by Pat Oakes.

Item 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Deer Road citizen Bob Kratz expressed concern about why the top of the road had not been paved while the rest of the road has been paved, since this is a county maintained road, Liane state that there is chip seal on the road now and due to priority matters paving is not an option at this time. If he and other residents would like to gravel that portion of the road, the County would do the prep work.

Joanne Jene, Oceanside Neighborhood Assn.

- a. Expressed her appreciation for the work that was done on 1/2/2007 when Dean Thompson from the road department filled potholes in the area.
- b. Strongly suggested that we consider a System Development Fee and look into how other Counties implement this. She states that the Commissioner's can implement this without a vote.
- c. There has been talk of the property owners paying for the paving of Norwester Rd. What is the criteria and what do they need to do? Pat Oakes told her to contact him if she has anymore questions regarding this as there are two policy agreements currently on the web site that she can look at.
- d. Personal concern of Joanne's is the application of additional gravel and paving on the road to Cape Mears Lighthouse. Green Crowe Co, which manages the pits in this area is submitting an application to the Planning Department. This will be reviewed by the Board of Commissioner's on the 21st to review and make a decision. Tillamook County Land Use Ordinance Section 3.094 needs to be looked at if Greene Crowe is going to have potential increase in activity. Concerns about what the impact will be on the roads, to the water sources, noise and the long term effect of Bay Ocean Road. Perhaps a different road route could be used. Group discussion entailed what the overall impact and maintenance would be regarding sharing costs and policies to impose fees. Currently there is a Transportation Impact Fee.. Caution needs to be taken not to force local businesses out of business otherwise the products will come back to our area from somewhere else.

Dora Norwood requested an update on the Johnson Bridge. Pat Oakes informed the group that the advertisement of bids starts January 17, 2007. Opening of bids will be February 7, 2007. Bids will be evaluated and not chosen by low bid only. Project will be considered with or without a detour bridge. More review will be at the next CRAC meeting

Item 7. The next meeting is scheduled February 8, 2007 at the Commissioner's conference

room.. **Item 8. Meeting adjourned 5:03 pm**