

## **TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*DATE:* August 21, 2007

*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Vice Chairperson Gary Hanenkrat, John Gettman, Gus Meyer, Bob Garrigues, Stephen Macartney

*MEMBERS ABSENT:* Gary Hercher, Darcy Jones, Jerry Dove, Curt Schonbrod,

*STAFF:* Liane Welch, Director, Pat Oakes, Engineering and Gaile Harris, Recorder

*PUBLIC:* Dora Norwood

**Item 1.** Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm. Long Prairie Rd Update added as item 3a, presented by Pat Oakes. Impact Fees added as item 6a per request of John Gettman.

**Item 2.** Minutes for July 16, 2007 meeting approved as written.

**Item 3.** *Johnson Bridge Update by Pat Oakes.*

*Pat presented to the Board, the recommendation from the committee members that the Johnson Bridge plus road approaches, no detour be completed. Any shortage is to be taken out of the County General Fund Contingency. The Board's decision is to do the structure only, no road approaches, and any excess funds will be used to buy and stockpile materials and build the approaches at a later time. Pat has notified the consulting engineers to modify the design as to the structure only.*

**Item 3a.** Long Prairie Road Update by Pat Oakes.

*Bids for the Long Prairie Road Project were in May of 2007. The bids were over the engineers estimate by 37%. We are now working with ODOT of how to address the shortage of funds of approximately \$500,000.00. The Board's recommendation for this project is to re-bid in the winter and time it at the same time as we get confirmation of the Christmas Tree fund money, SB994.*

*We will re-open the bids and if we do get the confirmation of the Christmas Tree fund money, we will take the remaining dollars from that fund and make the full amount for the Long Prairie project. The complete cost of this project is between 1.3 to 1.4 million dollars. We are short \$280,000.00 for this project. We look at getting \$880,000.00 from the Christmas Tree fund.*

*Gus Meyer stated that we do not want to ruin our contract base. John Gettman commented that he is continuing to push Tim Josi to use reserve funds.*

**Item 4.** *Paving Maintenance Status Report by Liane Welch.*

*Most of North County paving projects have been completed except for a couple of small FEMA projects. Central County is completed except for Brickyard Road. We have stopped paving for 2 weeks as of August 20<sup>th</sup> to do Fish Window work from storm damage of the November 2006 storm, then back to paving. South County will be re-*

*started after Brickyard Road is done. Bayocean Road and Whiskey Creek Road have been widened and paved.*

*Pat Oakes added that as far as the Fish Damage Projects from the November 2006 storm:*

- A culvert was replaced at Gods Valley appx mile post 7, upsized for fish passage.*
- Culverts replaced on East Creek Road appx mile post 2 and at East Beaver Creek.*
- Guard rail work and rip-rap on Falcon Cove Road at mile post 4.*
- Cronan Creek Bridge which is close to the Clatsop County line. Foss Creek Road mile post 15.7, rip-rap repair has been done.*

**Item 5. County Service District for Roads and Funding Update by Liane Welch.**

Liane handed out an Agenda regarding the permanent tax rate of which she will be discussing at the first public hearing for Sustainable Funding on August 29, 2007 at the Tillamook County Courthouse. Also given out was an Organizational Chart of the current (27.5) and 4 potential future employees and their positions. A graph showing the amount of asphalt needed (\$700,000.00) to pave 10-11 miles a year.

Discussion among the members: Gary Hanenkrat likes the idea of adding staff, and thinks that a lot of the road work can be done by the Road Department instead of contracting the work out. John Gettman asked if any new employees would fall under the PERS retirement program. Liane stated they would. Gus Meyer stated that if we are going to ask for a levy and add additional staff, the community he talks with will not approve it. And could we possibly delay the fact that additional staff will be added. Liane stated that staff will be added only if the permanent tax levy passes. If it does not pass, half of the current staff will be laid off. Gary added the high costs of contracting out road work if the staff is cut. Steve Macartney added how the economy of the county could be affected if a permanent tax levy fails, such as many of the business owners. Gus added that the people believe that contracting out the work is where we should go and that more work would be done that way. Steve asked how we would be affected by inflation if the permanent tax rate succeeds. Gus asked about our permit fees. Liane added there could be a possibility of raising some of our permit fees. John Gettman brought up that he and Bill Campbell discussed that they were coming up with a plan to submit to the Commissioners regarding System Development Charges. Liane stated that you can't use System Development Charges for maintenance. John went on to say that there are two parts for a System Development Charge, one part that allows you to increase the capacity and one part that lets you maintain the system. Liane was not aware that SDCs could be used to maintain the system.

Liane asked the members for help on refining her presentation to the public. Gary Hanenkrat suggested that she present what needs to be presented without numerous options, not stating the "what ifs" just present the facts. John Gettman suggested the levy amount asked to the voters be \$1.50. Gary feels we should use two figures to choose from, that \$1.50 is too high.

Liane then handed out three summaries showing revenue figures of all the districts that get State Timber money, at \$1.10, \$1.20 and \$1.50 per 1000, including expenditures with revenue summary for the next ten years. After reviewing these, Gary

Hanenkrat asked Liane which one she would recommend. Her comment was \$1.10. Liane went on to say that at this rate, 10-11 miles of road could be overlaid per year. Gary agreed with the \$1.10 figure. Gus stated his concern about other projects other than over-lay. Liane stated that if we get this money, she plans to have in place a comprehensive way to manage the system and expand the tools we use for maintaining roads. Steve Macartney made the motion to go forward with the recommendation of \$1.20 as a permanent tax base. Motion was seconded and passed.

Gary Hanenkrat's concern is that we go to the Commissioners with an actual recommended amount and not one they might reduce. Liane asked the members how they wanted the recommendation presented. She will write up the memo for Curt to sign which will be presented to the Commissioners. Liane also asked for as many of the CRAC members to attend the public meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> as additional support.

**Item 6.** *Public Comments: Dora Norwood complimented Gary Hanenkrat on his job as Chairman for this meeting. She then read an article from the Oregonian regarding "Tolls". Dora suggested toll bridge fees for Johnson Bridge to pay for the construction. And asked if the paving could be finished on all of Trask River Road.*

**Item 6a.** Impact Fees: This item actually was discussed in item 5.

**Item 7.** Next meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, 3:00pm at the Commissioners Conference Room, 201 Laurel Ave., Tillamook

**Item 8.** Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

*Transcribed by Gaile Harris*