

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.R.A.C.)**

Date: April 26, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cramer, Marlin Clark, Norm Myers, Bill Howard, Bob Reed, Curt Schonbrod, Bob Rieke, Ray Streeter, Diane Waldron

STAFF: Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Dave Krebs/Services Superintendent, and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood, Bob Miles, Janet Trueblood (Union), George Urrey (Union Shop Steward)

**ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA** Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

Mary thanked Jeanette for providing an updated member's list, which included the newest member. She asked members to verify that their addresses and telephone numbers were correct.

**ITEM 2 MINUTES:** February 22 and March 22, 1999 minutes were submitted for approval. Minutes were approved as written.

**ITEM 3 SUBCOMMITTEES:** Mary reported on the Budget subcommittee's last meeting. She stated that as usual they had more questions than answers. The reason being that after figuring the cost per hour for the different jobs i.e. chuckhole repair and striping, the striping figure came out at \$279.00 per hour, which Jon re-identified that the contract work is put in a lump sum, and not separated out. Jon will be working with Dave to come up with a better and more accurate cost. The expenditures report by district by jobs showed that Local Access Roads were in a separate District 4. Mary had asked Jon to get a report together showing the LAR's in their individual districts, which he did. She added that she had just received the report so had not had a chance to review them.

**ROCK CRUSHING PLANT:** Mary had asked Jon to come up with cost savings derived from closing the Rock crushing and Asphalt plant. Mary handed out the explanation submitted from Dave Krebs and gave the members some time to read the piece. Mary asked Dave Krebs what happened to the three FTE's (full time employees) who worked at the Plant. Dave stated that they have been integrated into the road maintenance crew and was not included as savings. Curt wanted to know if the trucking, fuel costs were included. Dave stated that they were all added into the cost of the product. Dave Krebs also added that the sale of the plant monies was used for aggregate purchase and maintenance activities. Mary thanked Dave Krebs for his hard work and appreciated him taking into considerations the assumptions that were made when the decision to sell the plants was made.

**PAINT STRIPING:** Mary handed out the paint striping memo from Dave Krebs indicating comparisons and facts of what other counties do. Dave Krebs explained that Tillamook County was a pioneer in partnering with another agency. The decision was made because of the initial expense to purchase the paint equipment, which ranged from \$280,000+ and also the change in paint regulations, which would make the equipment outdated. Members agreed that

the prices were very comparable.

BUDGET: Mary handed out an updated budget submitted by Jon Oshel. Bob Reed noticed that the anticipated was higher than budgeted, Pat confirmed that the figure also included grants.

The next budget committee meeting will be on May 3 at 1:30pm at the Courthouse.

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE: Diane Waldron read the minutes of their last meeting (copy attached). The committee formally thanked Pat Oakes for his excellent work on the County Roads web site. Mary asked for confirmation on the public perception of ODOT and DMV fiascoes. It was clarified that the 101 Hwy construction is incorrectly linked to the County road department in the public minds and the DMV computer fiasco as governmental inefficiency. Mary Cramer asked for clarification where Clatsop and Lincoln counties get their funds. Pat stated that Clatsop gets it from their road tax base and did not know about Lincoln County.

Education Committee to meet next on May 3 at 4:00pm at the Courthouse.

BRAINSTORM AND REVENUE COMMITTEE: Curt stated that Marlin had written a list of possibilities, which were good ideas but would not generate enough money. He added that the committee is still looking at different options.

Mary also stated that the committee, before making a decision to ask the public for \$1M needed to understand that when the 3% spotted owl guarantee goes away the Road Department will need more revenue. She added that the committee might want to bear that in mind when a decision is being made as to how much money to ask for. Norm Myers also mentioned that if the state gas tax passes it might make up the deficit.

**ITEM 4 ROAD CONDITIONS:** Pat updated the committee on road conditions in Jon's absence. The *Tierra Del Mar Slide* construction will begin once the 3rd property owner signs the access permission. At this point the schedule is a week behind. He added that the web is updated regularly and email updates are being sent to all that are interested in the project. *Shorty Farmer Bridge:* Ross Bros started work and are on schedule for completion this fall. *Tillamook River Bridge:* Except for a few minor details most of the work is completed. *Sandlake/Galloway Road:* Project due to start in the year 2001. They are currently working on environmental and right of way issues. *Wilson River Flood Detour:* Obtained new data that made the Design Team recommend that the two bridges be expanded to ensure that there is no negative impact to the north of Doughty Slough. They need to now go to ODOT to see if additional funding available. This is a 2-construction season project. Bob Reed asked what the anticipated *work crew load* now is. Pat said that the crews are concentrating on immediate complaints, storm damages, preventive maintenance, shoulder work and signs. The *Cape Lookout Slide* will be addressed as soon as it gets dry. *Sign Vandalism:* Pat mentioned a conversation that he had with Leanne of the Headlight Herald who may be interested in doing an article. *Trucks Usage:* Pat addressed this issue brought up by Bill Howard who is concerned about the damage done to our roads. Pat said that the trucks have the right to use the public roads, they

pay their share.

**ITEM 5 CITIZEN CONCERNS:** Dora Norwood asked about the article that was in Headlight Herald stating that \$1.6M was awarded to the Road Department. She wanted to know if that was the case, why were we still looking for more money. Pat clarified that the article was very misleading. The funds awarded are for the TDM (Sandlake) slide. Dora was also concerned about the huge amount carried over (balance forward) in the budget of 1999-2000. Pat stated that funding sources do not work in the same fiscal year that the county does. He said that Jon could offer more clarity.

Mary Cramer mentioned that she would be touring the shop on 05-03-99 at 2:15pm. Bob Reed is to join her.

**ITEM 6 ADJORN:** Meeting adjourned at 4:12pm. Next meeting scheduled on Friday, May 28, 1999 at 3:00pm at the BOC Meeting room.