

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

DATE: June 29, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cramer, Marlin Clark, Norm Myers, Bill Howard, Ray Streeter, Irene Ertell, Curt Schonbrod, Bob Rieke, Ray Streeter, Rich Gitschlag

STAFF: Jon Oshel/Director, Tim Josi/Commissioner, Paul Levesque/Executive Assistant, Dave Krebs/Services Supd't, Pat Oakes/Engr Project Supervisor, Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood, Owen Nicholson, Frank Schumaker

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. Norm Myers asked if a discussion could be had on Sign Vandalism. Agenda accepted.

ITEM 2 MINUTES: June 22, 1999 minutes approved as corrected. Page 3 Item 5 Public Comment to read Jon answered ...\$1.5M for 5 years would buy a quarter of the road system's paving.

ITEM 3 SERVICE LEVELS RECOMMENDATION: Jon handed out the summarized spreadsheet that was based on the members' recommendations of proposed service levels. He said that looking at the figures most of the members want \$1.5M towards paving and the other services to stay the same. Mary stated that clarification is needed to develop consensus on figures to define the service levels. Discussion on the figures ensued and what would be required to ensure visible improvements are done so that the Public can see how their money is being spent and also how much is needed.

ITEM 4 REVENUE RECOMMENDATION: Discussion on how money the road department actually needs and what services the level should be at. Mary asked the committee to decide if the road department should go for \$1.5M, \$2M or somewhere in between. **Norm Myers motioned to go for \$2M per year for increased revenues, Bill Howard seconded.** Norm added that this is where the committee should start and then check and see how much it would actually cost the taxpayers. Jon thought it would cost \$1.50 per \$1000. Tim said if the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is \$2M the board will look at the proposed increased timber revenues, a potential gas tax and then the board will come to a decision on the \$2M recommendation. **Mary asked those who are in favor of the motion to raise their hands. All members present approved the motion with the exception of Curt Schonbrod who opposed.**

ITEM 5 TAX LEVY RECOMMENDATION: Marlin motioned that the committee reconsiders the decision regarding the kind of tax, Norm seconded, motion passed.

Paul Levesque reiterated that if the county goes for a general road levy it will have to share it with the cities, the amount shared is half the amount received. It could be a hard sell. Norm Myers remarked that we all drive on each other's roads. Rich Gitschlag said that most road users don't distinguish between the different jurisdictions and the county has roads in the cities that are being maintained. Jon said that he would rather get all

the cities involved or none at all. The cities if they wish can go for a tax and keep all the proceeds. Paul suggested forming a third district to coincide with the north maintenance area, so each area has their own district. Each district will need to come with a proposal indicating what they would do with the allocated funds. Paul Levesque added that forming a district may not take an election but without a levy with voter approval there is no sharing of the state timber revenue. **Norm Myers made a motion to put in for a levy with the three road districts. Bob Rieke seconded. Members present in favor, Curt opposed, Motion passed.** Mary asked the committee if they wanted to go for a serial levy or a permanent tax base. **Norm made a motion to go for a serial levy for 5 years, Bill seconded.** Paul reminded the committee that if the serial levy passes the road districts cannot go for a permanent tax. Jon said that if needed a county service district can be formed. Norm added that in 5 years things may change and voters are more apt to vote for a fixed term. Discussion ensued about what changes could occur in 5 years which would make it prudent to have a fixed term. In response to Norm's query as to why he was opposing the motions, Curt said that he thought \$2M is too high and the voters wouldn't go for it and also the districts issue is too complicated. **Members present in favor, Marlin opposed, Motion passed.**

ITEM 6 RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION: The draft resolution was handed out. Members perused it and word-smitted it. This resolution will be presented at the BOC meeting on July 7 and all members are encouraged to attend. **Norm Myers motioned to accept the resolution as written, Bill Howard seconded, members in favor, motion passed.**

UNSCHEDULED SIGN VANDALISM: Norm said that vandalism of road signs cause safety accidents and sometimes fatalities. He mentioned that the Traffic Safety Division is applying for a grant in August and \$3000 of that could be turned over to the County to use as a reward system for people turning in sign vandalism abusers. Pat said that it would be rather hard to judge whether the person getting the reward is not the offender. Norm stated that he is open to ideas and would appreciate any input from the members so he can present it to the Traffic Safety Committee at their meeting on July 13, 1999.

ITEM 7 CITIZEN CONCERNS: Jon said that he would give Owen more information about road districts.

ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING: Jon mentioned that he would be meeting with the

City Managers together with Paul, Gina and Tim on July 14. Paul stated that BOC have to make a decision as to how much money to ask for by September 14. Mary said that the committee members have to look at the pavement condition index of all the districts and prioritize roads for each district for the BOC and the Campaign Committee. Tim said that he applauds the committee for all the work they have done so far and he didn't think it was fair to ask them to sell this tax, it would be the Commissioners job, but he would appreciate volunteers. Norm would like a list of county roads in the city, he would like the roads to be handed over to the City once they up to their standards. Next meeting scheduled for July 26, 1999 at 3:00pm.