

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

DATE: July 26, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Cramer, Bob Rieke, Ray Streeter, Norm Myers, Bob Reed, Irene Ertell, Marlin Clark, Bill Howard

STAFF: Jon Oshel, Time Josi, Pat Oakes, Bob Willhite, Gayle McMullen

PUBLIC: Janet Trueblood, Dora Norwood, Bob Christie

**ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA:** Meeting called to order at 3:00pm. No changes to the Agenda.

**ITEM 2 MINUTES:** June 29, 1999 minutes approved as written.

**ITEM 3 ODOT PARTNERING REPORT - BOB REED:** Bob Reed said that the objective of the trip to ODOT HQ and Jackson County was to see how some of the counties in the state have instigated a partnership with ODOT. This trip was arranged by ODOT. Bob represented CRAC and was accompanied by Jon Oshel, Mo Dichari - Clatsop/Tillamook District Manager, Tim Josi, Bob Willhite, Doug Moncreif - Tillamook Maintenance Supervisor. A roundtable discussion was had that concentrated on ODOT partnership efforts with the City of Salem, Yamhill, Marion, Polk and Jackson Counties. Chip Seal, Screed Paving, Striping, Mowing, Sweep Cleaning, Planning and Design and Emergency responses have been some of their successful efforts. He felt that ODOT is supporting all the partnering efforts. Jackson County has a \$4.4M facility with an ODOT building adjacent to them which aids in the communications with customer complaints. The engineering departments of both the agencies share the same office and the sign shop shares the same truck. Both agencies work on each other strengths and share their equipment when needed for efficiency. They had problems initially with staff accepting the changes but as time went on it was more acceptable. There are differences in staff training and classifications of the positions but they can be worked on. Studies have been done in Jackson County showing what has been successful and the challengers to overcome

Tim Josi thanked Bob Reed for coming on this trip. Tim mentioned his past experiences as a State Representative dealing with this issue and Jackson County. At this point due to slight differences partnering is what they are aiming for and eventually a merging of their services may be possible when the cultural differences are sorted out. Jon said that Tillamook County has a written agreement with ODOT and in addition there are sandpile sharing and striping contracts. Mary asked Jon for a list of the informal ways that the road department has worked with ODOT and also the present agreements and a list of potential sharing. Mary said that she would like to meet with Jon to talk about the paint striping agreement and the questions she has. Jon said that Jackson County trades on man-hours and equipment hours. The realities by Jackson Co. policy that it is appropriate that the county is helping to fund the state highways. At the end of the year typically the county provides more of the services than the state. Bob Willhite pointed out that the county would be supporting the state since Tillamook County has more equipment. He added that for the last 3 years the state and the county have

been sharing equipment as needed.

**ITEM 4 ROAD REVENUE UPDATE - TIM JOSI:** Tim mentioned that he would be talking about this topic in Paul Levesque's absence. Discussed the meeting with the City of Garibaldi. Paul talked about the 2 tax options and went through the question and answer sheet. Jon talked about the monetary angle and mentioned the recommendations of the County Road Advisory Committee to raise \$2M a year. Tim at the meeting talked about the history of the legislature, the funding issues. He mentioned that at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour that the gas tax had passed. Tim Josi talked to the City about the different options available to them as indicated in tables handed out with today's agenda. Tim discussed the different options to the committee as well. Tim added that \$1.45 and \$1.08 per thousand is too high and he feels we should either go for \$1.5M aggregate or \$2M aggregate and that would take us to \$.71/thousand considering the increase in revenue allocations from state timber and a gas tax. Discussion ensued on the tables handed out. Jon summarized what the legislature came up with. The first two years the gas tax allocation will yield approximately \$200,000, then \$240,000 and thereafter \$230,000. Another option is that the BOC can initiate without an election a \$10.00 registration on passenger cars, which will generate \$240,000 annually. The BOC will need to meet with ODOT and the Cities and then figure out how to allocate the funds. AAA is planning to run a referendum on this so this is not a given yet. Mary said that she did not envy the decisions the Commissioners are faced with. One of them is how much to go for a county road levy, because if they go for road districts it will cut into the county general fund.

**ITEM 5 TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIR BOOTH AUGUST 11-14, 1999:** Jon said his sense after talking to various people that the focus should be "need" and why we are in our current financial situation. Jon presented and handed out draft graphs. Discussion ensued about the public perceptions of the displays. Bob Willhite expressed his concern that the paving list of 14 miles per year may not sit well with citizens whose road is not on the list. Bob Reed asked for clarification of the \$2M resolution. Jon said that his read is that basically the improvements would include the widening, some shoulder work and paving. Mary would like the fair booth display to be clear but dramatic. Sign up sheets were handed for volunteers to man the booth.

**ITEM 6 UPDATE ON ROAD CONDITIONS - JON OSHEL:** Wilson River Loop flood project bid opening came in at \$3.3M, the Contractor is Holm II and Jon added that he is optimistic that the job will go smoothly which will start early fall.

**ITEM 7 CITIZEN CONCERNS:** No concerns

**ITEM 8 ADJOURN:** Next meeting is to be held on August 30, 1999 at 3:00pm. Norm Myers gave an update on Sign Vandalism grant. The Traffic Safety Committee liked the idea and since time is short will work on it next year. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.