

## **TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Curt Schonbrod, Jerry Dove, Robert Garrigues, Gus Meyer, John Gettman, and Gary Hanenkrat

**STAFF:** Liane Welch and Jeanette Steinbach

**GUESTS/PUBLIC:** Doug Olson, Kathleen Newton, Dora Norwood, Jack Bloom, Dianne Bloom, Alene Allen, Norm Myers, Carol Myers, Roger Tracey and Bill Goodman

**Item1.** Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Schonbrod

**Item2. Minutes Approval:** Jerry Dove motioned to accept the minutes as written, Robert Garrigues seconded, unanimously approved.

### **Item 3. Tillamook Co. Citizens for Sustainable Roads:**

1. Update on recent activity
  - a. **Signatures:** 721 signatures obtained.
  - b. **Status of bills at Oregon Legislature:** The reason for the election delay was that the Transient Room Tax (TRT) was going to be introduced to the legislature that would change the allocation, which would have brought in some funding to the Road Department. The TRT did not pan out in the legislature.
  - c. **Financials:** \$1247.33 is the balance. The post box and fair booth bills have been paid. The fairbooth will be in the same location as last year.
  - d. **Fundraising:** Sen. Johnson offered \$1000, and to also support through her contacts.
2. **Schedule:**
  - a. **Presentation to the County Commissioners** July 2011 as planned.
  - b. **Formation of Political Action Committee (PAC):** Documents to be prepared for the PAC to be formed.
  - c. **Bond Counsel:**
  - d. **Deadline for ballot...**61 days prior...August 29 +/-..will verify

Kathleen Newton is relocating to Sacramento, California; however, she has agreed to continue to update the website. Newton will be writing off the monies owed to her by the committee. Olson added that Newton has done tremendous work, and is appreciated for her efforts. Those in attendance applauded her and wished her well. Doug asked for volunteers for public relations.

### **3. Discussion of County General Fund Support:**

General fund consists of property tax, state and federal forest timber revenues, and some mandated assigned funding. The question was asked if general fund monies could be allocated to the Road Department. If Road Department receives monies from the general fund, it will be at the expense of other departments. The departments that receive general funding include the Assessors, Clerks, Sheriff's, Board of Commissioners, Treasurer, and Human Resources. Olson asked Dye if the BOC could assign monies to the Road Department. Dye, County Treasurer, said yes, and suggested that Strategic Planning

is needed to prioritize services in preparation for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 budget. Olson read a portion of Dye's report that will be presented to the budget committee tomorrow. "It is been a long standing practice of the County that special reserve funds designated for specific county departments operations do not receive revenue transferred from the county general fund instead special revenue funds receives revenues from specific serial levies, fees, grants or other special appropriates. The general fund does indirectly support these special revenues for indirect costs..." Dye said that the County has an \$85 million budget, which includes \$15 million bond and \$14.5 million to \$20 million for operating which has some discretionary methods. Even if \$1 million were taken from general fund this would not solve the problem. Olson, on the recommendation of those in attendance will present it to the BOC to revisit the priorities of services. Dove said that it will give the public the wrong impression, and Newton said it would give the voters an out. Dye said that the discretionary funds available are the safety net and state forest, which peaks and flows, and is not guaranteed. Goodman agreed that this would only confuse the public.

Tracey said that the bond is a positive but passing it is highly impossible. He agreed that dependable funding is needed, and applauds the great leadership in Liane Welch. He believes that the roads need to be reclassified and distribution targeted.

\$3.35 a mile in Washington County

\$2.48 a mile in Multnomah County

\$0.10 a mile in Tillamook County

If distributed equitably it will raise \$1.5 million and in 20 years that will equal approximately \$30million. Tracey willing to work with Senator Johnson and State Representative Boone. Tracey would like to talk with them Olson said that if Tillamook County gets more of the distribution the other counties would get less. If you take on the other counties, it will be tough. Olson asked the group for their consensus. Olson said if success was possible this would not help the Road Department funding issue. Norm Myers said that the \$15 million bond is not enough so we need to look for other supplemental funding. Schonbrod would like BOC to set aside monies for the road department for special project match. The BOC should look at some options to help fund the road department and Olson will bring it up to BOC for their decision to pursue it or not. Hanenkrat said that BOC should look at it – we were told that these funds would not be available to the Road Department, and now we find out they can. He agreed that the BOC should be approached. Citizens have approached the Road Department, the Sustainable Group and the BOC on this matter. Olson said that this is still a \$40 million issue, and asked if anyone had an objection if Tracey took it further. Schonbrod asked that this information be verified by TCCSR before any contact is made. Tracey handed off the information to Olson. Tracey believes this is a misappropriation of public funds. Olson to make informal contact with Senator Johnson and Welch will check with ODOT.

**Item 4. Asphalt Budget:** Welch reported that last year \$600,000 was expended FY2010/2011, \$100,000 has been budgeted for FY 2011/2012. . The plan, with the approval of CRAC, is to hot patch some of the worst roads. Welch asked for a list from the members. Liane noted that she is managing a system to further failure. Welch mentioned that three staff have left, and are not being replaced. Garrigues noted that the public would pay either by damaging their vehicles or by voting for the Bond. Welch stated that this infrastructure is not going to sustain a viable economic and the county will suffer. The spring paving is to include Kiwanda Dr. at this time, Welch plans on writing a letter to the Nedonna property owners that paving might not occur. Myers stated that the condition of the road lowers the value of a home especially for emergency services protection. It was noted that the Jail bond is due to retire FY 2013/2014, the Hospital FY 2015/2016.

**Item 5: Summer work plan:** Patching is being done. Liane mentioned that 10 new temporary worker positions have been obtained through Management Training Corporation through a grant that they obtained. The group suggested writing an article to the paper about the MTC temp positions.

**Item 6: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Flood Updated:** Liane said that the Road Dept. hopes to receive from FEMA \$250,000 and from FHWA \$200,000. January 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 Flood update spreadsheet passed out

**Item 7: Project update:**

**Roy Creek Culvert Replacement:** In partnership with several agencies, two culverts are being replaced.

**Salmonberry:** The railroad tracks are being removed so contractors can commence construction.

Construction completed summer 2012.

**Lommen Bridge:** IGA signed, design process to start

**Wyss Bridge:** Scope of work in process.

**3<sup>rd</sup> St:** Construction planned for 2012.

**Slab Creek Rd Culvert Replacement MP 4.1** Jeanette working on documentation

**Blaine Rd:** Chip seal due to be completed in July 2011

**Farmer Creek: Culvert failure.** Letters sent to all residents notifying them of the issue. Stimson to obtain a railcar as a temporary measure. A grant has been applied for the design, and Nestucca Watershed is applying for a construction grant.

**Slab Creek Rd. South:** A grant has been submitted for \$4.9 million to rebuild the road. A decision is to be made in the fall.

**Item 8 Next meeting:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Rm. A

**Item 9: Public Comments:** The Blooms said that they were impressed by the efforts of CRAC and the Road Department. Meyer's thanked TCPW for filling holes on Wilson River Loop and 3<sup>rd</sup> St. He suggested watching last week's BOC meeting on ODOT funding. Larry McKinley made a good presentation. Allen thanked the crew for patching Netarts Bay Dr. Jeanette to send information to Bloom's on ODOT's contact information.

**Item 10: Meeting Adjourn:** 4:20 pm

Minutes transcribed by Kelcey Stein and Jeanette Steinbach