



Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)

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BENTON COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

April 17, 2018

Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Ed Gerding

Members Present: Ken Dryden, Ed Gerding, Keith Hastings, John Luna and Rick Robinson

Members Absent: Chuck Kratch, George Long and Kenny Reynolds

Guests: Jackie Robinson

Staff Present: Laurel Byer, Kathy Goss (Recorder), George Looney and Jim Stouder

- I. Approval of February 20, 2018 Minutes: Rick moved to accept the revised February Minutes; Keith seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Old Business:
 - Engineering Monthly Activity Report: LByer reviewed the report.
 - Corvallis – Albany Bikeway Update: LByer is working with ODOT on their preliminary plans for Hwy. 20. It will go back to the task force who will meet with the property owners. This fall, the Commissioners will determine if the project should continue to be pursued. The North Albany portion of the bikeway is moving forward.
 - TSP Update: Since the last meeting, the County held three work sessions with the public in Monroe, at Mary's River Grange and in North Albany. They were well attended. In the fall, another set of workshops will focus on projects and how to fund them. Individuals can attend a workshop or go online to fill out a comment. At the June RAC meeting, LByer will have a lot more details to share.
 - Agency Reports: LByer reviewed the report.
- III. New Business:
 - Construction Projects 2018: JStouder handed out the 2018 Activity and Project List
 - The bridge projects for Tum Tum and Mary's River won't be big ones, but will extend the life of the bridges.
 - Chinook Road District: They are working together with the Parks Dept. to improve their roads. The road district did the ditching, the County helped with the culverts. The cost is approximately \$100,000 (60% is from the road district, 40% is from the Parks Dept.). Questions were raised about road districts, how they are formed and how they are governed. A lengthy discussion followed.
 - Priest Rd. in Philomath will receive a double chip seal this year. The State paved it in the 1970's. The foundation was not great, so the County will be grinding it up. The County is becoming very specific about what products to use, depending on the road conditions.

- Fog Seals: The County is pushing for a “rapid set” fog seal.
- Traffic Program: The County does lots of striping, including other counties.
- Sign Activity: It is a big and busy program which is never done. It is federally mandated, but not federally funded.
- Dust Control: The County is working well with the two contractors who make the program run more smoothly each year. (JLuna would like a copy of the Power Point presentation from the Earthbind representative.)
- Starr Creek Road in Monroe: The County has received some help from the BLM to connect it to Hells Canyon Road.
- Question: Are we benefiting from helping out other counties? Yes, because it helps pay for equipment, etc. We are covering our costs, plus a little more.
- HB 2017 Update: The \$0.04 fuel tax became effective January 1st. The money should start coming in soon. Does the State have a certain amount of time to get the money to the Counties; answer is no.
- PERS Update: GLooney went to a conference in March and carpooled with Pat Cochran, Budget Chairman. The County’s medical benefits are increasing 18% in August 2018; but dental may not change. In 2018-19, there will be no changes in PERS. In 2019-20, Tier 1 & 2, will have a 36% increase; Tier 3 is going up 66%. In 2020, the Road Fund will pay about \$230,000 more.
- Public Works Director Update: We are interviewing two final candidates tomorrow. There will be a barbeque lunch with the staff and a public meeting in the evening from 6-7 pm. Additional interviews will take place on Thursday.
- Avery Facility Status: A temporary occupancy permit has been issued for this side of the building.
- Agenda Item for Next Month: What is the function of this Committee? Let’s delay this discussion until the new Public Works Director is here. If anyone has a topic to put on the agenda, please contact Laurel, Chuck or Ed. A request was made for the meetings to start later.

V. Next Meeting: May 15, 2018.

VI. Adjournment at 5:05 pm.