



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 23, 2012

PRESENT: Rod Runyon, Chair of County Commission
Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner
Scott Hege, County Commissioner
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer

At 9 a.m. Chair Runyon called to order the Special Session of the Board of Commissioners.

Also attending: Marty Matherly, Public Works Director and Arthur Smith, Project Manager.

Special Work Session to Tour County Roads in Need of Repair

The group departed Public Works in a van for a Road Tour of selected County Roads for the purpose of evaluating the Road Department recommendations. Conversation ensued with regards to the selected roads that the Commission would be seeing and the type of work being proposed for some of the road sections. The tour began in Mosier: On Hood River Road we stopped to view a projected area of concern to the Road Department and new signage. We also drove Carroll Road, Digger Road to Mosier Creek, Wyss Road, Mosier Creek Road, Godberson Road and Wilson Road. The tour then briefly circled the Mosier Public Works yard and went up the hill on State Road and over 7 mile to The Dalles. Sections were pointed out that are on the correction list.

In The Dalles, the Commission was shown several road areas within the City limits. Among those were portions of West 10th - Chenoweth Loop to Home Depot - that was built to City standards, but not taken by the City; Hostetler and Emerson were also noted as County Roads; Pomona, built to City standards, but never taken by the City. The tour continued down Snipes; 8th Street in that area was noted as a County Road, as was 7th Street heading West from Snipes.

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At The Dalles, the tour made a brief stop at the Public Works building and then proceeded to Lower 8-mile off east 2nd past Big Jim's and into the Columbia District out 15 mile near the Fulton Ranch. Mr. Matherly noted some heavy maintenance overlay was planned for a section here. The tour continued to Kelly Cutoff and Emerson Loop. Wrentham Market Road took us to Mason Road where we forded Jamison Creek. The tour then went to Fax Road and Ward Road to US 197.

As the tour proceeded, the group discussed projects on Dufur Valley Road and South Valley Road and headed for Maupin where the group made a brief survey of concrete barriers that may undergo some change near the Imperial River Company and a future Maupin City project to widen a portion of Bakeoven Road near the park. The County may be able to assist in the preparation of documents etc., but will wait until the Maupin City Council completes plans they are developing with the assistance of Brad DeHart, ODOT District Engineer.

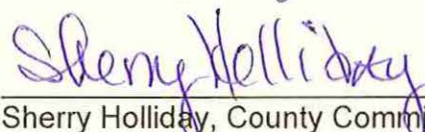
Heading back, the tour went down Paradise Road into Tygh Valley, then up Wamic Market Road to the Wamic Grade project. The tour stopped to have Mr. Matherly discuss where the work stands and how it got to that point. He described several cuts in the hillside and further intentions. The tour then went back down the hill onto Fairgrounds Road and into the Fairgrounds to look at progress on the Hunt Park RV project. Finally, the tour left Tygh Valley by way of Shadybrook Road to Highway 97 returning to the Wasco County Public Works Building.

The tour ended. Marty asked if we had any questions or concerns. There were none and the session adjourned at 3:45 p.m.


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