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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

Questions should be directed to The Board Office Specialist 3, ext. 4203.

October 2, 1991
7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Leaburg Community Center
4287 McKenzie Hwy.

Chair Jack Roberts presided with Marie Frazier and Jerry Rust present. Steve Cornacchia and Ellie Dumdi excused. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

15. PUBLIC WORKS

a. PUBLIC HEARING/Bridge Street Bridge

Ollie Snowden, County Engineer, presented this item. He introduced John Goodson, Public Works Director; Brad Lemhouse, Engineering Technician; and Gayle Harley and Larry Fox from OBEC Consulting Engineers. Snowden reported that the trusses from the Bridge Street Bridge had been hit several times by log trucks and that some of the overhead cross bracing had been damaged. He stated that the guardrail was not particularly crashworthy and that some of the approach spans need replacement. He stated that OBEC had been hired to tell Public Works whether the truss was structurally sound. He commented that this public hearing was a way of determining how the residents felt about the bridge and the current width.

Harley described the construction and problems with the current bridge. Fox discussed the condition of the current bridge and presented four alternatives for improving it. He stated that all four alternatives serve fairly equally structurally and that alternatives 3 and 4 would be the best functionally, though they were the most costly. Alternative 1 is the most cost effective and is the recommendation of OBEC.

Roberts opened the Public Hearing.

E. G. Skeen, 46585 Goodpasture Road, commented that he realized that this bridge needed repair, but that he was more interested in a new bridge somewhere up on Goodpasture Road. He stated that there were

more than 100 families on this dead end road now and a way out was needed other than the current bridge.

L. C. Buffington, 41843 Holden Creek Road, asked if the person who designed the old bridge was still around and Snowden stated that the bridge was based on a design from the State Highway Division from 1925. Buffington commented that this should not have been designed so that a person has to come down Holden Creek Lane and then turn back downriver to get on the bridge.

Don McClure, commented that he was on the Board of the McKenzie Fire Department and that he would like the County to replace the bridge so that emergency vehicles could get through without a delay. He testified that the potential is there for an accident and suggested that the County widen the bridge.

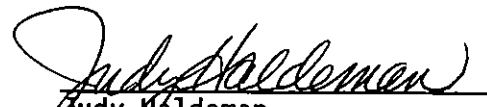
Bob Haas, Deerhorn Road, commented that visibility was very poor on this bridge. He stated that there could be a serious problem if an RV towing a vehicle was unable to back up for an emergency vehicle.

Chet Sewcyck, 41595 Madrone Street, testified that a new bridge would be in order and suggested that it be tied into a road project to eliminate some of the curvature. He suggested that the County use pre-stressed concrete to eliminate maintenance problems in the future, with any and all woodwork pressure treated. He commented that the truckers and the timber industry should be contacted to help pay for the construction of a new bridge.

There were a number of questions and comments from the audience. Roberts commented that those present would be able to express their concerns regarding the width, log trucks, structural safety and traffic. 31 raised their hand that width was a concern; 9 for log trucks; 12 for structural safety; 0 for traffic and 25 for visibility. Roberts asked those present to vote for one of the four alternatives: 1) 10; 2) 0; 3) 5 and 4) 16. There were 33 votes for a new bridge. There were 35 votes for making the repairs to the bridge without narrowing it.

Roberts commented that the County clearly needs to examine an alternative which allows for the minimum repairs without narrowing the bridge and see if that is feasible. This issue will be discussed further by the Board on October 22, 1991.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.


Judy Baldeman
Recording Secretary