

March 21, 2016

The Chehalis city council met in a special session with the Lewis County Commissioners on Monday, March 21, 2016, in the Lewis County Commissioners Chamber. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Commissioner Bill Schulte. Chehalis Councilmembers present included: Mayor Dennis Dawes, Mayor Pro-tem Terry Harris, and Councilor Daryl Lund. City staff present included: Merlin MacReynold, City Manager; and Judy Schave, City Clerk. Members of the Tacoma Rail Group present included: Centralia Mayor Bonnie Canaday, Centralia City Manager Rob Hill, LC Board Administrative Assistant Candace Hallom, Larry McGee, Toby Van Altvorst, and David Hartz.

1. **Review Feasibility Study on Tacoma Rail Line.** Ann-Marie Lundberg with Tangent Services, Inc., presented the final report on the Feasibility Study and Business Plan for potential purchase of the Tacoma rail line from Chehalis to Maytown. Ms. Lundberg reported on the purpose of the study and the study components, to include:

- Condition of the rail infrastructure
- Cost to upgrade the rail line
- Market analysis
- Financial analysis
- External funding
- Environmental risks
- Operating and management models

In conclusion, Ms. Lundberg stated there was not a strong case to promote economic development. She noted the financial sustainability would be a stretch, but they did see that local control would be a benefit. Ms. Lundberg suggested it would be a risky purchase for the county, and given the competitive nature and the demand for rail improvements in the region it would be tough to get any grant funding.

Commissioner Schulte reported the draft termination notice of the Interlocal Agreement and Option to Purchase had to be executed by the representatives of the City of Chehalis, Lewis County and the City of Tacoma.

Because the council did not have a quorum, no action was taken by the city council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the council approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 21, 2016.