

Solid Waste Feasibility Study

May 5, 2021

1:36 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Josh Metcalf, Lara McRea

Guest(s): Member(s) from the Chronicle, Tom Rupert

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Josh Metcalf said the county commissioned a feasibility study to explore possible sites for new and / or additional sites for a solid waste transfer station. The idea behind the feasibility study was to determine sites for a new transfer station for Lewis County. The study speaks to the current transfer station and addresses how areas were selected in Lewis County.

Lewis County hired HDR, Inc. to develop a feasibility study. The site screening included size, location, outside of agriculture lands, outside of forest designated lands, not in the 100-year flood plain, no endangered or protected flora or fauna, no historical, archeological or cultural significance. This saves money in the long run. Other criteria included legal and regulatory requirements such as FFA height requirements, level of service, safety requirements, site size, utility availability, efficiency and cost, and rail access. Of all the sites considered, four sites were evaluated as potential locations between Centralia and Chehalis.

1. 560 Centralia Alpha Rd
2. 2726 Jackson Highway
3. 1206 Rush Rd
4. 1054 Rush Rd

Commissioner Swope did not like the Harrison Avenue site and expressed his concerns about that specific site. Josh Metcalf noted there were different options of use for each of the sites and also included keeping the current facility for a recycle center. Josh would like to see an area further south than the sites selected due to ease of access. Josh would like to control the negative public feedback by securing a site that wasn't prime real estate and within the UGA area. Josh said he is still on the lookout for potential sites. Commissioner Pollock suggested keeping the W. Main St. site on the list of potential areas and Commissioner Swope suggested keeping the National Avenue site. Josh Metcalf said there will be a full feasibility report available for all sites.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.