



**Media Release**  
**Port of Chelan County Board of Commissioners**  
**Meeting of October 29, 2014**

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**Meeting Highlights**

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**Port Approves Annexation Petition**

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners reviewed the recent request by businesses located in the Olds Station area to be annexed to the City of Wenatchee. Executive Director Mark Urdahl summarized the impacts to the Port if annexed and stated that the Port's property has been within the City's urban growth area for a number of years. Bart Clennon and Clay Gatens spoke to the Commission regarding the Wenatchee City Sustainability Committee's recommendation that annexation of the Olds Station area is one of several key components for the City's future. Mr. Clennon noted that the property owners seeking annexation represent approximately 50 percent of the total area proposed to be annexed (based on assessed values). Chelan County Assessor, Deanna Walter, raised a question regarding valuation of public property in light of recent legislation. Upon reviewing the urban growth boundary, mapping of the area proposed for annexation, the annexation process, and public comment on the topic, the Commission authorized Mark Urdahl to sign the 60% Annexation Petition if the proposed annexation is accepted by the City. For more information, contact Mark Urdahl, Executive Director at 509-663-5159.

**Cashmere Mill Site Woodwaste Removal Project Update**

Phase 2 of the Cashmere Mill Site Woodwaste Removal Project is wrapping up with final removal of waste materials, grading, hydro seeding, and road restoration. The Cashmere Mill Site Woodwaste Removal Project is funded by a grant received from the Department of Ecology.

**Port of Chelan County 2014 and 2015 Draft Budgets Review**

The Port of Chelan County Commissioners reviewed the 2014 Supplemental and the 2015 Draft Budgets. These budgets will be reviewed further at the November 6<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled Commission Meeting and are expected to be placed on file for public inspection. It is anticipated the public hearing on the budgets will occur at the November 20, 2014 regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. For more information or timeline, contact Judy Bradford, Business Operations Director at 509-663-5159.

**GWATA Presents 2014 Successes**

Jenny Rickel, President of the Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance (GWATA), and Amy Lewis, former GWATA Program Manager, presented the highlights of GWATA events and activities in 2014. Highlights included the Innovator Awards Luncheon, Social Media Club, Technology Luncheon Series, and other business networking and technology events. President Rickel thanked the Port of Chelan County Commissioners for their support of GWATA and look forward to seeing them at the Holiday Social scheduled for December 9, 2014.

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