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## Survey, meetings give public chance to help shape county's future

With their Vision 2025 outreach effort in full swing, the Lewis County Commissioners are excited to invite the community to attend one of their planned informational sessions to learn about the county's strategic planning effort and to weigh in on Lewis County's future needs.

Comments received during the presentations – as well as those made through an online community survey – will help shape the county's plan, said Commissioner Gary Stamper, who serves as



board chair. "The commissioners want the community to know that Lewis County listens," he said. "We need you to attend the meetings or take the survey so you can be heard."

The commissioners are holding two presentations – an afternoon session and an evening session – in an effort to involve as many community members as possible. The meetings – planned for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 – will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the historic courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis.

As part of their strategic planning groundwork, the commissioners launched Vision 2025, through which they ask the public to provide feedback about county-provided services and to help identify what county leaders should prioritize for the future. The short survey, which is open to residents, business owners and visitors alike, is available at <a href="https://lewiscountywa.gov">https://lewiscountywa.gov</a>.

In addition to the commissioners' two informational meetings, a seven-member committee of volunteers and consulting firm Tanner LLC are facilitating other public presentations as well as a series of meetings with area professionals and service groups. A list of those meetings – and a link other interested groups can use to request a presentation – can be found with the survey at <a href="https://lewiscountywa.gov">https://lewiscountywa.gov</a>.

The Vision 2025 community survey will be available on the county's website through the first week of March. Paper copies also are available at area libraries and other public venues within Lewis County.

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