

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

January 28, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the agenda an executive session discussion regarding a new executive order. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written public comment for the record.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-025 and 25-026. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-025: Notice of hearing regarding Lewis County 2024 budget amendment. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Feb. 11, 2025.

Budget Administrator / Risk Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky reviewed the steps for public testimony and noted that the hearing will take place Feb. 11.

Resolution 25-026: Request for qualifications for engineering and design services for the proposed Equestrian Center at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 1901 S. Gold Street in Centralia.

Budget Administrator / Risk Manager Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said submissions for the fairgrounds work are due online (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) Feb. 24.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the January 21, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-027. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-028 through 25-031. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-028: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Barnes Drive, CRP 2201, & Foster Creek Road, CRP 2207C, project.

Public Works Director Josh Metcalf discussed the resolution. Josh said the resolution would award the project to the lowest responsive bidder, Granite Construction Co. of Olympia, which submitted a bid of \$969,798.75. Josh noted that the engineer's estimate for the project was \$974,110.00.

Resolution 25-029: The proposed vacation of Lindley Road #204-2 in Doty.

Public Works Right-of-Way Agent Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said an adjacent property owner has requested the county vacate the right of way. She said the resolution instructs the county engineer to evaluate the request.

Resolution 25-030: Update the Lewis County Cash Handling Policy.

Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing discussed the resolution. Graham said the resolution updates the county's cash handling policy in accordance with applicable laws.

Resolution 25-031: Declaration of surplus personal property.

Interim IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe said the resolution identifies property no longer of use or value to the county and authorizes the disposition of those items.

Motion passed 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:08 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:18 a.m. to discuss with Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Meyer an executive order shutting down federal funding.

At 10:18 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:28 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:28 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock noted she would be out of the office for a CRAB meeting Jan. 29.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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