

**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**February 4, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Julie Balmelli-Powe expressed concerns regarding several topics, including proposed bills at the Legislature and the county's use of the East County Journal as its paper of record. She criticized the county for not posting legal notices in other newspapers, and she accused Community Development of not responding to her emails about the Airport Road property being considered for tax title sale.

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-032. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-032:** Call for bids for official newspaper to publish all of Lewis County's legal and other official notices for one year beginning July 1, 2025.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said bids are due to the Clerk of the Board by 3 p.m. March 13.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the January 28, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-033. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## **DELIBERATION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-034 through 25-038. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-034:** List the bids received and contractor selected for four new pickup trucks.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received two bids and that Shelton CDJR was the low apparent bidder at \$39,593.87 per vehicle. He said the trucks are scheduled for replacement in 2025.

**Resolution 25-035:** Approve Lewis County Sheriff's Office fee schedule and mileage rates.

**Chief Gabe Frase** discussed the resolution. Chief Frase noted that the Sheriff's Office fees were last updated in 2017.

**Resolution 25-036:** Approve Consolidated Contract #CLH32057 Amendment #1 between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Lewis County.

**Public Health & Social Services Director Meja Handlen** discussed the resolution. Meja said the three-year agreement provides \$2,901,744 to cover WIC, SNAP and other programs.

**Resolution 25-037:** Approve Personal Services Agreement Amendment A with Lewis County Community Health (a.k.a. Valley View Health Center) for project management services related to the Lewis County homeless shelter's construction.

**Public Health & Social Services Director Meja Handlen** discussed the resolution. Meja said the amendment increases funding by \$30,000 – for a revised maximum consideration of \$90,000 – and extends the contract through May 31, 2025.

**Resolution 25-038:** Reappoint six existing members, appoint one new member, and remove one member from positions on the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Panel.

**Public Health & Social Services Director Meja Handlen** discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution reappoints Sam Groberg, Caroline Garibay, Jonathan Meyer, Chris Sweet, Andrew Toynbee, and Stephanie Miller; appoints Teresa Ekdahl-Johnson; and removes Mindy Greenwood from the CJTA panel.

*Motion passed 3-0.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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