

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

February 11, 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

Greg Cole expressed concerns regarding the urban growth areas (UGAs).

Scott Tennant urged the commissioners to consider expanding the Board of County Commissioners to a five-member board.

Ray Chapman Wilson requested the commissioners to move the Business Meeting to evening times. He also urged the commissioners to consider expanding the board to a five-member unpaid board.

Peter Lahmann invited the public to the museum's annual dinner and meeting planned for Feb. 18.

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the February 4, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-039. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-040 through 25-048. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-040: Authorize placement of casual Public Safety Telecommunications Officer on the current Lewis County Salary Grid (Grade 120 Step 6) for Non-Union Extra Help.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said a county employee is shifting to a casual position and that the resolution would allow them to continue receiving their current pay.

Resolution 25-041: Designate Lewis County representatives on the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution updates the county's Risk Pool representatives, naming Sam Allen as the Claims Administrator and Nathaniel Barr as the Safety Officer.

Resolution 25-042: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Bunker Creek Road HMA Project, CRP 2209.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution selects Lakeside Industries Inc. as the contractor for the county's Bunker Creek Road HMA project.

Resolution 25-043: List the bids received and contractor selected for the 2025 Base Stabilization Project, Bunker Creek Road, CRP 2209.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution selects West Coast Soil Solutions as the contractor for the county's Bunker Creek Road Base Stabilization project.

Resolution 25-044: List the bids received and contractor selected for the 2025 Rock Purchase, Bunker Creek Road, CRP 2209.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution selects Sterling Breen Crushing Inc. as the contractor for the county's Bunker Creek Road Rock Purchase.

Resolution 25-045: Authorize request for amendment to Community Development Block Grant General Purpose Grant #21-62210-032 from the State Department of Commerce on behalf of Lewis County Water District 1.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the amendment increases the grant on the behalf of Lewis County Water District 1 (LCWD1) to a total of \$2,000,000 for LCWD1's new 158,000-gallon water reservoir and extends the agreement to January 31, 2027.

Resolution 25-046: Continuing support for a basin-wide solution to flooding and aquatic species restoration.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution outlines the county's support for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority's flood mitigation and aquatic species restoration work.

Resolution 25-047: Update parameters for the Lewis County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (Salary Commission).

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution updates guidelines for the county's Salary Commission to match changes in state law.

Resolution 25-048: Appoint three individuals to the Lewis County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (Salary Commission).

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints the following three commissioner-district representatives to the Salary Commission:

- District 1: Kayla Macewen of Centralia
- District 2: Colby Moore of Chehalis
- District 3: Terry Petty of Toledo.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 25-049: Lewis County 2024 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Budget Administrator / Risk Manager Becky Butler gave the staff report.

Becky said the hearing was noticed in the East County Journal on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. Becky said the amendment reflects expenditure increases totaling \$204,750 and revenue increases totaling \$194,700, resulting in a decrease in the estimated ending fund balance in the amount of \$10,050.

Commissioner Brummer asked if there were any questions. In response to a question from a member of the media, Becky said the revenue increases came from banking fees and a Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant.

Commissioner Brummer then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Becky asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Brummer asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-049. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock suggested her seatmates look into HB 1743 regarding medical malpractice.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss HB 1743. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The commissioners said they are in favor of HB 1743. Commissioner Pollock said she will attend the Feb. 12 hearing on the bill.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

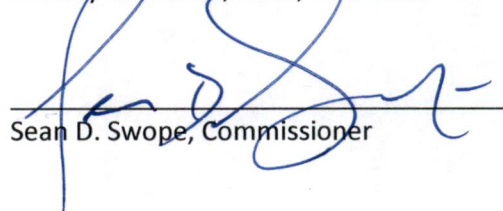
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