

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**February 25, 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.

Rob Maricle shared concerns regarding his property taxes in the White Pass area. He noted that his property taxes total more than \$1,000 per month.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the February 18, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-054. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-055 through 25-065. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-055:** Accept a bid on tax title property off of Taylor Road, Chehalis.

**Public Works Director Josh Metcalf** discussed the resolution. Josh said the county received two bids for the property, which has been deemed unbuildable. Josh said the amount of unpaid taxes is \$2,504.38 and miscellaneous Treasurer fees and that the county received two offers for the property: one for \$2,810.50, and the other for \$7,810.50. Josh said the resolution would approve the sale to the individual who provided the higher offer.

**Resolution 25-056:** Extend the existing interfund loan from REET II fund no. 3120 to the Homeless Shelter Capital Fund No. 3500.

**Budget Administrator Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution is for cash-flow coverage only until grant funds are received.

**Resolution 25-057:** Execute a contract with the State Department of Commerce to fund engineering and design for the proposed Fair Equestrian Facility project, located at 1909 South Gold Street, Centralia, Washington, 98531.

**Budget Administrator Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the grant amount is \$199,820.

**Resolution 25-058:** Approve a personal services agreement with Lewis County Community Health (a.k.a. Valley View Health Center) for project management services.

**County Manager Ryan Barrett** discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution expands the scope of project management services Valley View is providing the county.

**Resolution 25-059:** Award on-call critical area review services contract to Raedeke Associates and authorize Director of Community Development to sign.

**Community Development Director Mindy Brooks** discussed the resolution. Mindy said the resolution approves a contract with Raedeke Associates to assist in reviewing critical area reports for wetland delineations and streams assessments.

**Resolution 25-060:** Accept grant funds from the Department of Commerce EE2024 Grant to fund the Jail LED Upgrade Project.

**County Manager Ryan Barrett** discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution approves funding totaling \$571,200.

**Resolution 25-061:** Appoint Marika Bertolini to the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Marika Bertolini, who serves as the Project Manager of Outreach & Recruitment Initiatives for Providence Centralia Hospital, to the PacMtn Workforce Development Council through June 30, 2027.

**Resolution 25-062:** Appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.



**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints the following individuals to the .09 committee:

- Lewis County Commissioner Lindsey Pollock, representing the BOCC
- Port Commissioner Paul Ericson, representing the Port of Chehalis
- Port Commissioner Kyle Markstrom, representing the Port of Centralia
- East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) board member Fred Morton, representing the ELCPDA
- Chehalis Councilman Bob Spahr, representing the county's large cities
- Napavine Mayor Shawn O'Neill, representing the county's small cities
- Industrial Commission board member Kirk Vigre, representing the Industrial Commission
- Economic Alliance (EA) Chair Stuart Cavness, representing the Economic Alliance (Committee Chair)
- CPA Ben Kostick, serving in the at-large position

Rieva noted that the positions would run through Dec. 31, 2025.

**Resolution 25-063: Appoint Ross Petersen to the Fair Advisory Board.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Ross Petersen to the Fair Advisory Board through May 31, 2029.

**Resolution 25-064: Reappoint Kevin Ryan to the Civil Service Commission.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution reappoints Kevin Ryan to the Civil Service Commission through December 31, 2030.

**Resolution 25-065: Reappoint three individuals to the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) Board of Directors.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution reappoints F. Lee Grose, Fred Morton and Amy Besunder to the ELCPDA.

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Swope noted there would be no Directors' Update on Feb. 26 and no Business Meeting on March 4.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

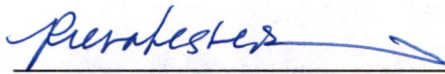
## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured>). Video footage also is available at no charge at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/>.

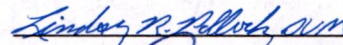


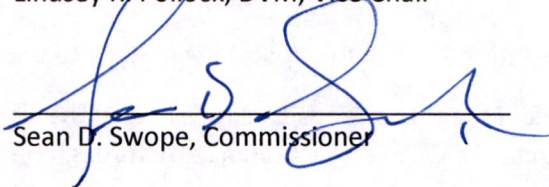
ATTEST:

  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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